



Week of October 2, 2023

Upcoming Dates	
Oct.	Islamic Heritage Month
Oct. 4	School Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 9	Thanksgiving (school is closed)
Oct. 11	Curriculum Night
Nov. 3	Picture Day

[VDPS Website and Calendar](#)

[YRDSB 2023-2024 School Year Calendar](#)

Message from School Council

Dear VDPS families,

We hope you are all enjoying this warm September and you are all having a great start to the school year!

We look forward to joining you at our first school council meeting next Wednesday Oct 4th at 7.00pm.

The meetings are a great opportunity to meet fellow parents and find out more about the wonderful initiatives and opportunities offered at Viola Desmond Public School.

If you have suggestions or want to support fundraising efforts to purchase items/experiences to enhance students' learning, we would love to hear from you.

To date the school council has raised over \$30,000 and hosted events such as movie nights, fall dance, card, toy and donut drives, 'kindness rocks', and organised lunch and social programs for our students and families.

VDPS Weekly



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We held our first VDPS Summer party in June and are so grateful for all your support in making it such a wonderful event.

Please note, at the first meeting positions for the Executive members of council will be chosen. Please fill the form found in the School Start Up forms if you would like to be considered for the position of co-chair, secretary, treasurer or to be a voting member of the Council.

Everyone from our school community is welcome to attend and participate in meetings. Please let us know if a translator is required.

We are looking forward to another fun filled year together!

Kindly,

Pam and Sarah

VDPS School Council Co Chairs

Agenda:

1. Welcome - Introductions
2. School Report
3. Co-chairs Report
4. Treasurer Report
5. Election of new Council and roles
6. Set dates for future School Council meetings
7. Other business

Lunch Drop Offs

Please do not order food delivery services (i.e. Uber Eats or pizza delivery) to be delivered to the school.

Terry Fox Event

Thank you so much for supporting our Terry Fox event. We had a great day in support of a great cause, and we met our fundraising goal of \$1200. We really appreciate your generous donations and all of the volunteers who were able to join us.



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School Cash Online

Please sign up for School Cash Online as soon as possible. We will soon be posting hot lunch programs and other items available for purchase.

Field trips, yearbooks, fundraisers and some **hot lunch programs** are paid for by families using School Cash Online. If you already have an account, ensure it is set up to provide you with **notifications** of new items.

If you do not yet have an account, please see the information below with instructions for setting up an account.

Workshops and Events



Celebrating Healthy, Active Living and Sport

September 26, 2023

Information Nights for Bill Crothers Secondary School

Thursday September 28, 2023 – 7:00 pm and Tuesday October 3, 2023 - 7:00 pm

Application are due: November 5, 2023

We will be accepting approximately 400 grade 8 students for the 2024 – 2025 school year commencing early August 2024 (date to be approved by Ministry). The application assessment process will take approximately 6 to 8 weeks. All application will be contacted by email on January 19, 2024, by end of day. Elementary schools will be provide with a list of students who have been accepted after students have been notified.

This information has also been posted on our website and all updates and information can be found there. www.billcrothers.com.



Meshell Lynch-James
Principal
Bill Crothers Secondary School



IMAGINING MUSLIM FUTURES

Join us at the **Islamic Heritage Month** Launch Event to celebrate our rich heritage and diverse cultures.

Our Speakers

- **Spoken Word Poetry**
- **Rania El Mugammar**
 - Liberation Educator & Anti-oppression Consultant
- **S.K. Ali**
 - New York Times Best Selling and Award-Winning Author
- **Nada Aoudeh**
 - Practitioner & Researcher of Anti-Racism Education Leadership
- **National Council of Canadian Muslims (NCCM)**
- **York Region Muslims**

Student Activities

- Basketball Workshop
- Art Workshop
- Henna
- Face Painting

Limited Spaces for Workshops

Who: All YRDSB Staff, Students, Families

Date: Thursday October 12, 2023

Time: 6:30 - 8:30pm

Location: Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School

Address: 90 Bur Oak Avenue, Markham, ON

Registration:

IHM Launch Event:

<https://forms.gle/uqUSxgRDgCvTJAwT6>

Basketball Workshop:

<https://forms.gle/FtQKzfbMNizpJWwL7>

Art Workshop:

<https://forms.gle/W9Xix2bmSjjVM6FZ9>

Deadline to Register:

October 5th, 2023



GIVE!



Get Involved. Volunteer in Education!

Develop Skills to Support School Communities

Research shows that parent and community engagement increases student achievement, well-being and success.

Learn more about:	Will help you:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Role of the Volunteer• Transferable Skills• Equity and Inclusive Education• Communication Skills• Human Rights• Employment Readiness• School Information and Community Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Build confidence• Effectively communicate with school staff• Contribute to student learning and parent engagement• Gain volunteer experience in schools• Build healthy communities• Meet new people• Boost Professionalism

Date: **Oct. 23 - 27, 2023 Monday to Friday**

Time: **9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Location: **Richmond Hill Welcome Centre, 9325 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, L4C 0A8**

OR

Date: **Oct. 30 - Nov. 3, 2023 Monday to Friday**

Time: **9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Location: **Markham South Welcome Centre, 7220 Kennedy Road, Markham, L3R 7P2**



Register For This Free Program Today!

Space is limited [Register Now!](#)

This free information session is organized by York Region District School Board in partnership with Catholic Community Services of York Region. For more information, please contact:

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