

Week of October 31, 2022

Upcoming Dates	
Oct 31-Nov. 4	Power of One exhibit
Oct. 31	Diamond Dance
Nov. 2-9	Holocaust Education Week
Nov. 2	School Council Meeting 7:00 pm in the library Gr. 8s Visiting Alexander Mackenzie High School Walking Wednesday - walk, wheel, or ride the bus to school Pizza lunch starts
Nov. 9	Photo Day - Individual photos only.
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day ceremony 11:30 am
Nov. 17 & 18	Parent Teacher Conferences. More details to follow.
Nov. 18	PA Day (school closed to students)
Nov. 28	Gr. 7 and 8 Public Health Immunizations

Holocaust Education Week

The week of November 2nd to 9th marks the annual Holocaust Education Week. Learning about the Holocaust in classrooms, schools, and workplaces across the YRDSB is critical to countering antisemitism and other forms of hate.

The Holocaust was the systemic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of six million Jewish people by the Nazi regime and its allies, and it's critical that we not allow this cruel chapter of modern history to fade from memory. During Holocaust Education Week, we also want to acknowledge that people of colour, the Romas, people with physical disabilities, and those who identify as 2SLGBTQI+, among others, were targeted and murdered by the Nazis. As one means of working towards a world free of intolerance, racism, discrimination, and hatred, educators are encouraged to discuss the Holocaust and the many people who put their lives on the line in the face of antisemitism and other forms of hate.

Our junior and intermediate students will participate in age appropriate virtual presentations during Holocaust Education Week.

Power of One Exhibit

We are proud to be hosting the *Power of One* exhibit from October 31 – November 4 through the Abraham Global Peace Initiative.

“The Power of One is the first exhibit in our Museum for Human Rights collection. Thought provoking, it is meant to inspire and empower all people to take action to make the world a better place.

The exhibit features notable figures like Martin Luther King Jr., Mahatma Gandhi, Anne Frank, Helen Keller, Mother Teresa and Malala Yousafzai - among others - who have each contributed to making the world a better place.

The exhibit forces its audience to ask: What would you do if you were in the same situation? What choices would you make? Would you risk your life to save others? Would you speak out? How can you help change the world for the better today?”

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held in person on November 17th (after school) and 18th (morning). You will have an opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher and learn more about the classroom.

Families will use Edsby, an online platform, to schedule a meeting time with their child’s teacher. You will receive an invitation to sign up for a meeting time once the schedules are available.

[Edsby](#) is a cloud-based platform that lets families easily reserve times to meet with your child(ren)’s teachers. YRDSB in partnership with Edsby have created a secure platform that protects the privacy of information for families.

Families that already have an Edsby account may use their previously created account. Families who **do not have** an Edsby account will need to create one to access the online appointment scheduler for their child’s teachers for the virtual conference. **An up-to-date and valid email address must be provided to your child’s home school.** For help creating an Edsby account, [instructions can be found on the Board website](#). An email from York Region District School Board with instructions on how to create an Edsby account will be sent to your email inbox. If you do not receive the email, please check your junk mail folder to ensure you do not miss this opportunity.

Below is the sample invitation email sent to parent(s)/guardian(s) on behalf of YRDSB.

Edsby has been chosen by [school board name] to provide a modern way for parents and guardians to follow their children's progress at school, receive school updates, and much more.

You are receiving this Edsby invitation because you are listed as a parent or guardian of Lily Goddard.

To activate a new Edsby account, or to connect this student to your existing Edsby account, please [click here to accept](#).

If you have any questions regarding Edsby please contact the school office.

To watch a video that describes how to set up your parent account please use the following link:

<https://vimeopro.com/edsby/edsby-help-videos-for-school-administrators/video/144798060>

If this message was sent to you in error, or you do not wish to join Edsby, please [click here to decline](#).

If you have any questions about this process, please contact our main office. Families who do not wish to book a time online can contact the school office.

For help signing up for Parent-Teacher interviews, please visit [our board website](#).

Important Timelines

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| November 7th | Parents' Night schedule opens at 9:00 a.m. for booking. Log into your Edsby account. An invitation to book appointments will be sent to your Edsby account and a notification to your email. Instructions for signing up for interview slots are found here . |
| November 11th | Interview Scheduler closes at (4:00 p.m.) |
| November 17 - 18th | Parent Teacher Conferences. Students are welcome to attend with their parents. |

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers for pizza lunches starting on Wednesday, November 2. To be a volunteer you must submit a recent Vulnerable Sector Check to the office. Volunteers are needed from 12:45pm-1:20 pm. If interested, please contact the office.

Halloween

Regular teaching and learning will make up most of the day on **Monday, October 31**. For students who wish to celebrate Halloween at school by dressing in costume, please keep these reminders in mind:

- No replica weapons of any kind are allowed.
- Costumes should be respectful of others. Symbols or objects representative of a person's culture or religious beliefs should not be worn as a costume.
- Students may wish to wear orange/black or autumn colours instead of costumes.
- No Halloween masks may be worn.
- Students will not be able to use washrooms to change into costumes, so they should wear something that is comfortable and appropriate for outdoor play during recess.
- Treats may not be shared.
- After Halloween, please remember to keep all snacks containing nuts at home.

During the school day classes will come to the gym for some extra daily physical activity during our Diamond Dance. A healthy snack (nut free, gluten free granola bar) will be provided to all students on Monday.

School Council

Please join us on Wednesday, November 2 for our second School Council meeting. We will be electing a new secretary and discussing all the wonderful initiatives the Council is busy working on such as lunch programs, fundraising opportunities and upcoming events.

Everyone is welcome to attend, listen, speak, or simply learn about what we do and how you can help.

Wishing you a warm and wonderful weekend ahead,

Pam and Sarah - VDPS council co-chairs

Tentative Agenda

- 1) Welcome

- 2) Election of secretary
- 3) School report
- 4) Chair report: Role of subcommittee/chair/ need to vote/Communication
- 5) Subcommittee reports:
 - Liana- Fundraising: Update on future proposals: Air dough, smelly pencils, movie night, Big box cards, pink shirt day, Kindness week, Fun fair committee
 - Pam/Sarah- Events
 - Tanya/Sarah- Lunches
 - Tanya- Lunch programs
 - Tali-Treasurer

The VDPS School Council is excited to partner with Art Cards by Kids for an exciting fundraising opportunity. Students create artwork in the classroom or at home, and transform their art into cards and other fun products. Parents can purchase their own child's cards with their art on the front and name and age on the back. Plaques, puzzles and ornaments are also available to order.

Deadline to submit artwork-
NOVEMBER 8th.

How it works:

1. Create Artwork!
2. Collect artwork at School by November 8th
3. Template of card sent back with instructions to order
4. Cards ready in time for holidays or any celebrations!

What's On at VDPS

Clubs and sports are up and running at VDPS. The following clubs and sports are



VDPS Weekly



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underway, with more to follow:

- Volleyball team
- Newspaper Club
- Primary Art Club
- Junior Art Club
- Student Government
- Morning Announcement Committee

Worth Repeating:

School Start-Up Forms

Please complete the School Start-Up forms as soon as possible. We require these forms for many aspects of school programming. They can be found here: <https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/>

Attached to the Weekly

November Parenting Sessions

level up!
Unlock your future
in the skilled trades

Opportunities ahead:
Ontario has 144 skilled trades
in the apprenticeship program.

OPEN HOUSE FOR PARENTS/ GUARDIANS
October 26 7:00pm – 8:30pm

The International Centre – Hall 2
6900 Airport Rd., Mississauga

See what students experience at the *Level Up!* Skilled Trades Career Fair.
Talk to experts about the skilled trades as a rewarding career path for your child.

Meet people in exciting industries. See hands-on
demonstrations. Explore a variety of trades.

Find out how you can Level Up to:

WELL-PAYING JOBS

IN-DEMAND SKILLS

ENJOYABLE & CONSISTENT WORK

**In skilled trades, you'll use your brain
and your hands, and earn while you learn.**

Interested? Let your teacher or guidance
counselor know you would like to attend
the career fair in your area.



Please note that space is limited.

ontario.ca/page/prepare-apprenticeship