

WENDAT WEEKLY

FROM THE PRINCIPALS' DESK

It has been a wonderful week at Wendat Village!

The snow has arrived! Students have been playing in the snow, sliding and building forts. In order to ensure that students remain safe while enjoying the fun of winter, we welcome buckets, small shovels and small containers but ask that all snowball makers remain at home.

Junior boys and girls volleyball teams have been having a great week. Yesterday, the Junior Boys volleyball team played in a mini-tournament against Oscar Peterson and Summitview. The team demonstrated strong play against their opponents, winning 3 of their 4 games. Way to go Hawks!

The Reach for the Top Trivia team participated in a game against Cornell Village. The team represented Wendat well, showcasing their knowledge in pop culture and geography!

Congratulations to the Free Throw Contest Winners! They will be representing our school at the council competition in January.

We had two exciting games this week, Staff vs. Student Volleyball games! Intermediate boys and girls demonstrated exceptional effort and grit! We had a wonderful group of spectators as well. Thank you to all teachers and students who participated in this event!

The Holiday Heroes Team would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone at Wendat for your generous donations. All of your contributions are going to make a BIG difference in the lives of so many people in our community. Your participation in this campaign each year is very appreciated and we are so proud of our community coming together to help families in need. Well done Wendat!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Sheryl Gray
Principal

Kelly Maggiras
Vice-Principal

PARENT / FAMILY CHECKLIST



Know how to reach us
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Student Mental Health & Addictions December Newsletter

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BUILDING HEALTHY KIDS



Supporting healthy, confident kids and teens!

Resiliency is not just about surviving tough times; it's about thriving despite them. Resilient kids and teens are better equipped to manage stress, build healthy relationships, and succeed academically and socially. Resilience comes from supportive relationships, emotional awareness, competence, and realistic optimism.

Help kids bounce back from stress by giving them tools to manage stress in different environments. These tools might include strategies such as breathing, visualization or listening to music. Try a variety of activities, and practice strategies together as a family to see what works best for you and your child.

You can also encourage optimistic thinking by listening to your child and respecting and confirming their experiences. Foster positive interactions and support and help them to make connections – encourage your child to talk to others. Parents, caregivers, coaches and teachers all have a role to play in building a child's resilience and confidence. Everyone can contribute to a child or teens resiliency by believing in them and encouraging them to try new things and achieve their goals.

Don't forget it is also important to build your own resiliency – taking care of you helps you support others. Your self-care can help improve your energy, focus, ability to cope with challenges and you will be a role model for your children. Practice self-care by staying active, getting enough sleep, keeping connected with friends and family, taking time to pause and reflect and treating yourself with compassion and gentleness. You may want to try journalling, mindfulness, practicing gratitude and kindness or listening to music. Find what works for you.

Building positive relationships with children is important for them to grow up healthy and confident. York Region Public Health is here to support you with information and resources. If you would like more information on how you can help build healthy kids and teens visit york.ca/HealthyKids.

Public Health
1-877-464-9675
TTY 1-866-512-6228
york.ca/HealthyKids

York Region



NESJL invites you to...

Menorahs & Mingle 2024

A Pre-Hanukkah Gathering
for Jewish YRDSB staff and allies

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

4:00–6:00 P.M.

Rosedale Heights P.S. Library

300 Rosedale Heights Dr.

Thornhill

- Activities will be provided for children of staff
- Snacks and Refreshments will be served

Register:



Integrated Elementary Arts @ Baythorn!



At YRDSB, we are committed to continuous improvement, and we continue to focus on **Student Achievement**, promoting and supporting high expectations for all, **Health and Well-Being**, building healthy environments and positive relationships, and **Human Rights and Inclusive Education**, learning and growing together, and affirming our diverse identities.



There are 4 Regional High School Arts Programs and 1 Regional Arts Elementary Arts Program in YRDSB. The Arts@Baythorn invites students to explore Dance, Drama, Visual Arts and Music integrated into learning each and every day in a collaborative and cooperative learning environment.

Applications are open on [Edsby](#) from January 13 – 26, 2025.

Please note that late applications will not be accepted.

Collaborative workshops are being held February 18 – 20, 2025.

These dates are firm.

To apply or for more information

Please visit the [Baythorn Arts webpage](#).

*The [Edsby application link](#) will open on January 13, 2025.

If you have any further questions, please reach out to baythornarts@gapps.yrdsb.ca



Understanding and Navigating the Education System



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THE CENTRE FOR
BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Families of YRDSB Black Students Monthly Information Session

Monday, December 16, 2024

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Families, parents, caregivers, please join us for our monthly virtual meeting where families with Black children come together to learn about resources and upcoming programs for Black students in both elementary and secondary schools.

Agenda:

- Presentation - Ways to support our children
- Upcoming Programs and events
- Question and answer session

Please register ASAP.

A Zoom meeting link will be sent after registration.

Let us come together to empower our students and build a stronger community.

We look forward to seeing you there.



[Register now.](#)



If you require further information, please contact
BlackStudentExcellence@yrdsb.ca

Kwanzaa Celebration



Students, staff and families, please join us as we come together to celebrate Kwanzaa! This special event will honour African heritage, unity and culture and will be a time to reflect on the seven principles of Kwanzaa, enjoy cultural traditions and foster community spirit.

Date: Monday, December 9, 2024

Time: 6:00 – 8:30 P.M.

Location: Dr. Bette Stephenson, 36 Regatta Avenue, Richmond Hill

Event Details:

Storytelling on Kwanzaa's history and principles

- Music and performances celebrating African heritage and culture

Crafts and activities for all ages

- A community feast

We look forward to celebrating this cultural holiday with you.

To Register

- Please fill out a [registration form](#) by **December 2, 2024**.
- If you have any further questions, please reach out to Blackstudentexcellence@yrdsb.ca



SAFE ARRIVALS AND PARKING LOT TIPS

Student Safety Is A Community Effort.

1.

Walk, bike or scooter

Wendat Village P.S. is proud to be a 100% walking school. We encourage families to leave the keys, and walk when possible! Parking is free on side streets where signage is posted.



3.

Have a meeting spot

End of day dismissal can be a busy time. We encourage families to create a family "meeting spot" near the edge of the school property to alleviate congestion, and to help avoid creating a parking lot backlog.

2.

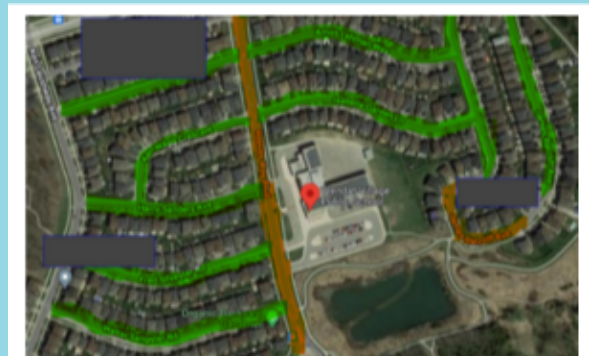
Front loop fines

Beware of standing or parking in the front loop along Reeves Way Blvd. This is an emergency fire route and is subject to ticketing and fines as per Whitchurch-Stouffville Bylaw. If you are entering the loop for any reason, you may be subject to costly tickets. **Wendat Village P.S. is not responsible for town issued parking tickets incurred while on school property.**



FREE AREA PARKING

Please note that on-street parking is available within walking distance of Wendat Village P.S. All streets marked in green on the map below offer free 3-hour parking. Please obey town signage and parking bylaws when parking your vehicle.



December

Monday December 9 Day 1	Tuesday December 10 Day 2	Wednesday December 11 Day 3	Thursday December 12 Day 4	Friday December 13 Day 5
<p>Jr & Int. Lego Robotics 10:40 am</p> <p>Jr. Girls Volleyball Practice 3:30pm</p> <p>Jr. Boys Volleyball Away game Barbara Reid P.S 3:30pm</p>	<p>Jr. Boys Volleyball Practice 8AM</p> <p>Int. Girls Basket Ball Tryouts 1:10pm</p>	<p>Indian Student Association 10:40 am</p> <p>Reach for the top 1:00pm</p> <p>Int. Girls Basket Ball Tryouts 1:10pm</p> <p>Grade 8 Concert Band Practice 3:30 pm</p> <p>Jr. Boys Volleyball Practice 3:30pm</p>	<p>Jr. Girls Volleyball Practice 8AM</p> <p>Jr. & Int. Lego Robotics 10:40 am</p> <p>Grade 8 Concert Band Practice 1:10pm</p>	<p>Jr. Girls Volleyball Practice 1:10pm</p>

Upcoming Events

December 18
December 23-January 5
January 6
January 17
January 31

Winter Concert 6:00pm
Winter Break
Back to school
PA Day
PA Day