



Monday, April 17 (Day 5) Swim to Survive- grade 3	Monday, April 24 (Day 5) Scholastic Book Fair all week
Tuesday, April 18 (Day 1) Pizza lunch Pioneer Village (3A & 3D)	Tuesday, April 25 (Day 1) Pizza lunch Clean Up, Green Up
Wednesday, April 19 (Day 2) Astoria Lunch	Wednesday, April 26 (Day 2) Astoria Lunch
Thursday, April 20 (Day 3) Subway Lunch Book Fair Previews	Thursday, April 27 (Day 3) Subway Lunch
Friday, April 21 (Day 4) Kids Kitchen lunch YRDSB Diamond Day Series Eid-ul-Fitr YRDSB Diamond Day- Ridvan	Friday, April 28 (Day 4) Kids Kitchen lunch Grad picture retake day (am)



The Every Student Counts Survey will be administered between April 24th and May 10, 2023.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Multifaith Observances



Our planet is like a giant aquarium sharing it with countless other creatures whose home it is also. Tip the balance, and the outcome is well known. So, let the victory be ours and look after our planet, thus building our future together.": lansburylinda@gmail.com

<p><i>Eastern / Old / Orthodox Christianity 17</i> Easter Monday (E) <i>Judaism 17</i> Eve of Yom HaShoah <i>Judaism 18</i> Yom HaShoah <i>Astronomical Event 20</i> Hybrid Solar Eclipse <i>New Moon 20</i> New Moon <i>Diamond Days 21</i> First Day of the Festival of Riḍván <i>Diamond Days 21</i> ʿĪd al-Fiṭr (End of Ramaḍān) <i>Bahá'í Faith 21</i> First Day of the Festival of Riḍván <i>Islam 21</i> ʿĪd al-Fiṭr <i>Jainism 23</i> Akshaya-tritiya <i>Bahá'í Faith 28</i> Jamál <i>Buddhism 28</i> Nichiren Foundation Day <i>Bahá'í Faith 29</i> Ninth Day of Riḍván <i>Zarathushti (Zoroastrianism) 30</i> Ghambar Maidyozaem begins</p>	<p><i>Indigenous Spirituality 1</i> Planting Moon (local Oneida) <i>Wicca 1</i> Beltane <i>Bahá'í Faith 2</i> 12th Day of Riḍván <i>Zarathushti (Zoroastrianism) 4</i> Ghambar Maidyozaem ends <i>Buddhism 5</i> Wesak (Buddha Day) <i>Astronomical Event 5</i> Penumbra Lunar Eclipse <i>Full Moon 5</i> Full Moon <i>Judaism 8</i> Eve of Lag Ba'Omer <i>Judaism 9</i> Lag Ba'Omer <i>Bahá'í Faith 17</i> ʿAḡamat <i>Christianity 18</i> Ascension (W) <i>New Moon 19</i> New Moon <i>Shinto 20</i> Sanja Matsuri (Three Shrine Festival) <i>Bahá'í Faith 24</i> Declaration of The Báb <i>Judaism 25</i> Eve of Shavuot <i>Judaism 26</i> First Day of Shavuot <i>Judaism 27</i> Second (Last) Day of Shavuot <i>Christianity 28</i> Pentecost (W) <i>Bahá'í Faith 29</i> Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh</p>
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International Day of Pink!



This week, for the International Day of Pink, our WRPS Tech Crew and Wellbeing Student Committee engaged our students in learning strategies to support one another and be UPstanders.

We continue to work on educating students on bullying and strategies to use when someone is teasing or engaging in behaviour that is impacting well-being. Our Student Well Being Committee and the Tech Crew are creating videos, starring our very own students, to open discussions about bullying and being an upstander. We look forward to continued discussions and learning opportunities as we continue to ensure positive spaces for everyone.

Led by our Educational Assistant, Mme Patel, the student teams created and produced a series of videos exploring ideas on how we can support each others' wellbeing. This week, we watched Part 1 of the series. Next week, we look forward to seeing Part 2.

We are all incredibly proud of the purposeful planning, dedication, and intentional thinking placed into creating this series of impactful videos!

INTL. DAY 12 OF APRIL PINK

Jesus Culture

Wellbeing Wednesday- le 12 avril

For **International Pink Day**:

Our very own **Tech Crew** and **Wellbeing Student Committee** have collaborated to create a video exploring ideas around:

What does supporting someone who is being teased/bullied, look 👁️ and sound 🗣️ like?

→ *As we watch, let's reflect on how we can be UPstanders*

'PLAY' program is well underway!

The PLAY program is well underway at Windham Ridge!

In partnership with York Region Public Health, student leaders (trained by our YRPH nurse), are leading activities during recesses to build physical activity & positive relationships between students.

We look forward to continued leadership from WRPS students and development of physical activity skills and positive social skills during lunch recesses.

Way to go, Windham Ridge!



https://twitter.com/WRPS_YRDSB/status/1646939737389670403?s=20

Elementary Summer School

Grade 6, 7 and 8 Summer School (In-Person and Remote Learning)

Grade 8 Reach Ahead Program

Registration is Now Open!

Grade 6, 7 & 8 Summer School program.

This 15-day literacy and numeracy program, (July 10 to July 28, 2023, 8:45 am - 3:25 pm), is designed to reinforce curriculum and is not an acceleration opportunity.

Students must register in the program for their current school grade. For example, a grade 7 student would register for the grade 7 program as it reinforces grade 7 content.

Additional resources are being added to this program to support student success in de-streamed Grade 9 programs. This program will be offered both in-person and through remote learning. Students must select their preference of learning model at the time of registration. The following programs will be offered:

- **Language and Math reinforcement** for students who may or may not have an Individual Education Plan (IEP)
- **English Language Learner (ELL) Language** for students who are ELL Stage 1 or 2 learners. The focus is on reading, writing and speaking.

[Please click here to access more information](#) about the summer school literacy and numeracy programs. We encourage you to speak with your child(ren)'s teacher also for more information about the suitability of these programs.

Grade 8 Reach Ahead Program

The York Region District School Board will once again be offering Grade 8 Reach Ahead programs where students can earn a high school credit! This course is for students who are currently completing Grade 8 and entering Grade 9 this Fall.

These 18-day acceleration courses start Wednesday, July 5 and end Friday, July 28.

Students are required to attend class from 8:45 a.m. to 3:33 p.m., with two 15-minute scheduled breaks and a 40-minute lunch period.

[Click here to access more information about the Grade 8 Reach Ahead Program.](#)

School Immunizations Grade 7 & 8 students



Did your child miss the recent student immunization clinic at school?

An immunization clinic for Hepatitis B, Human Papillomavirus (HPV-9) & Meningococcal vaccines were offered to students at your child's school this week by York Region Public Health. If your child missed the opportunity in school, it is not too late.

There are still opportunities to be immunized.

- **Make an appointment at york.ca/immunization for your child to receive the vaccines at a York Region Public Health student catch-up immunization clinic. Please note that clinic appointments are released 30 days in advance.**

For more information about the school immunization clinics or eligibility for vaccines please call York Region Public Health at 1-877-464-9675 or visit york.ca/immunization

Please visit: www.york.ca/immunization

Windham Ridge PS School Garden



In partnership with WRPS School Council, grade 3 and 4 classes will be participating in designing, preparing, planting, and caring for the WRPS School Garden.

The program, supported by [Kids Growing City](#), will be busy over the next few months with preparing the garden and starting by growing seedlings in the school before planting them outdoors.

Some of the lessons students will be engaged in include: growing marigolds, swiss chard, zucchini, lettuce, arugula, spinach, radishes, carrots, onions, cilantro, parsley, peppers, corn, squash, basil, dill, beans, sunflowers, kale and pumpkins.

This opportunity for learning supports various areas with the curriculum which includes:

- soils in the environment
- plant growth
- study of living things and their needs
- Biodiversity
- outdoor experiential learning opportunities
- social studies connections with Indigenous Education (i.e. the 3 sisters planting) and caring for our outdoor spaces.

We are looking forward to engaging in some exciting experiential learning activities in the upcoming weeks and months through connections with the outdoor environment and the harvest of their efforts in late spring and early fall.



Crossing Guard

The Community Services Division City of Richmond Hill has notified the school that the Crossing Guard for Red Cardinal & Lupine Trail will be returning to work on Monday, April 17th.

Please note that he will only be covering the 8am morning shift. As a result, the location will not have a guard from 3-4pm.

Summer Institute



Looking for summer learning and fun activities for students entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8?

Summer Institute offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum.

The program runs for five weeks during July and August. It is offered at 10 school sites around York Region. For more information on dates, programs and locations, please visit the [Summer Institute](#) webpage on www.yrdsb.ca. **Registration opens March 29, 2023 at 4:00pm. Families can register online.**

Spring Book Fair



English Scholastic Book Fair
(English Books available too)

The time has come for our spring Scholastic Book Fair! April 24 - April 28th

Dear families,

The spring Scholastic Book Fair will take place from **April 24 - April 28, 2023** in our school library.

Below are dates and times for our Scholastic Book Fair.

Monday, April 24th: 9am - 11:50am / 2:15pm - 5pm
Tuesday, April 25th: 9am - 11:50am / 3:20pm - 5pm
Wednesday, April 26th: 9am - 11:50am
Thursday, April 27th: 9am - 11:50am
Friday, April 28th: 9am - 11:10am

Looking forward to having students and families visit us at our Scholastic Book Fair! Parents are invited to come anytime the fair is open.

Thank you for your support!

Mme Suleman (Teacher Librarian)



Racial Literacy Family & Student Event

Racial Literacy Workshop A Master Class for Black Families & Youth

presented by
**THE CENTRE FOR
BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE**

Monday May 8, 2023
5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
@ The Venu Event Space
2800 Highway 7, Woodbridge, ON

Families of YRDSB students who self-identify as Black are invited to gather together for a master class in racial literacy for resolving racial encounters with the internationally renowned psychologist and author, Dr. Howard Stevenson.

Come learn techniques to discuss how anti-Black racism functions in a way that empowers and protects the mental health of Black children by building important racial communication skills that helps reduce racial stress and increase agency.

Dinner is available at no cost. All participants in this FREE workshop must RSVP using the link below.



[Register here](#)

Note: All YRDSB student participants must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or adult family member.



Dr. Howard C. Stevenson

**BLACK
EXCELLENCE**

5:00 p.m. Doors open
5:15 - 5:30 p.m. Dinner & mingle with community partners
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Interactive workshop



YRDSB families and students who self-identify as Black are invited to an event for racial literacy with the internationally renowned psychologist and author, Dr. Howard Stevenson.

To register for this event, please see the link attached in the flyer:

[Racial Literacy Family & Student Event](#)

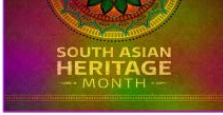
2023 South Asian Heritage Month

Register here by clicking on this [link](#)



2023 South Asian Heritage Month

Educators of Students of South Asian Heritage (ESSAH)
Invites you to engage in the celebration & professional learning around
Affirming South Asian Identities



Randall Public School
50 Randall Ave, Markham, ON L3S 1E2
May 4, 2023 from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

[Register Online by April 30, 2023](#)

This event is an opportunity for all educators and parents to network, share and learn about ways to affirm and create positive spaces for students of South Asian Heritage.

Please join us for an evening of connecting through storytelling, music, information and resource sharing. This is an opportunity to amplify South Asian student, educator and parent voices.

Light refreshments will be served.

For additional information please contact ESSAH Co-Chairs: asha.rathod@yrdsb.ca, kala.henry@yrdsb.ca, and rashmee.karnad-jani@yrdsb.ca

Follow us on [ESSAH \(@ESSAHyr\)](#) / [Twitter](#)

Who are South Asians?

According to the Canadian Encyclopedia, [South Asian Canadians](#) trace their origins to South Asia, which encompasses India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. Most South Asian Canadians are immigrants or descendants of immigrants from these countries, but immigrants from South Asian communities established during British colonial times also include those from East and South Africa, Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago, Fiji and Mauritius. [Some South Asian Canadians come from Britain, the US and Europe. In the 2016 census, 1,963,330 Canadians reported South Asian origins (1,603,000 single and 360,330 multiple responses)].

That said, the experiences of individual students and their families are so rich and diverse that they cannot be neatly packed into labelled boxes.

2023 YRDSB South Asian & Tamil Youth Conference

Students are to register through this [Google Form](#)



South Asian and Tamil Youth Conference
Grades 7 to 12

To honour South Asian Heritage Month, the York Region District School Board in partnership with [The South Asian and Tamil Women's Collective](#) invites self-identifying South Asian and Tamil, female and gender non-binary, grades 7 to 12 students to attend our **2023 South Asian & Tamil Well-Being Conference**.

Students will participate in a day of culturally responsive, identity affirming mentorship and learning in support of their agency, health and well-being. **SHSM students should note that this conference fulfills the Experiential Learning required for your SHSM certification!**

When:
Saturday, May 6, 2023 from 8:30am – 2:30 pm

Where:
[Pierre Elliott Trudeau Secondary School](#)
90 Bur Oak Ave, Markham, ON L6C 2E6

Registration:
Students are to register through this [Conference Google Form](#).
Students should also bring the completed [consent](#) for filming form to submit at the conference.

Contact:
For more information, please contact:
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sana.aliqureshi@gmail.com or ayesha.syed@yrdsb.ca

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Budget Survey And Consultation Process



YRDSB is inviting staff, families, and community members to participate in the annual budget consultation process taking place until April 26, 2023. These opportunities for input provide the Board with important information about how staff and the broader community would like the budget to be allocated to continue supporting student achievement and well-being in York Region.

Survey

The [online survey](#) will be available until April 26, 2023.

Public Consultation Dates

In addition to the survey, two virtual consultation sessions will take place on the following dates and times:

- Monday, April 17, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
 - o [Register for online access to the consultation session](#)
- Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
 - o [Register for online access to the consultation session](#)