



Windham Ridge P.S. Community Newsletter



Week ending: **April 19th, 2024**



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Multifaith Observances

Best wishes to all families observing celebrations!

[Here is the link](#) to the Multifaith calendar.

[Here is the link](#) to the YRDSB list of significant faith day observances.



Wishing staff, students, and families a
Happy Passover
on April 23, 2024!

[Click here to view YRDSB's Diamond Day Series about Passover](#)

What's Up Windham Community Calendar

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Alpha Rhythm Roots at WRPS

As a part of a French as a Second Language grant, we were able to invite West African Drummers, Alpha Rhythm Roots to perform at Windham Ridge for all students.



The performers were engaging and had the entire school making beautiful rhythms and moving all as one!

Students and staff were invited to learn about African drums and participate in dancing to the sounds of the live drums! It was delivered in French and learning continued about francophone countries in the continent of Africa.



Girls and Boys Junior Basketball!

Congratulations to our boys and girls junior basketball teams!

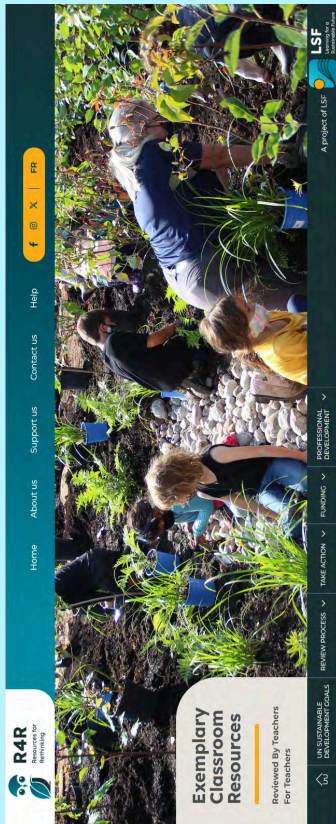
Both teams represented Windham proudly and had a memorable area tournament. The girls team placed 2nd overall!



Thanks to coaches and staff for providing these opportunities for WRPS junior students!

April is Earth Month

April 22 is Earth Day!



Small Steps Can Make Big Change This Earth Month

It's Earth Month and there are steps we can all take to help reduce our environmental footprint.

- Use active travel. Taking the school bus and walking, riding or biking to school helps reduce pollution and traffic congestion in our neighbourhoods. It's also great for your mental health, well-being and academic performance.
 - If you drive, consider parking near the school and walking the rest of the way (obeying all neighbourhood parking rules). Even this small change can make a difference.
 - The walk to school is also a great time to connect, look for signs of spring and appreciate the changing season.
- Reduce your energy and water use.
 - ◆ Turn off lights, TVs, computers, when you do not need them
 - ◆ Turn off the tap when you're not using the water.
- Reduce your waste.
 - ◆ Using a refillable water bottle for example, helps to reduce the use of plastic water bottles.
 - ◆ Bring your own bags to the store. Reuse whatever items you can. Repair items that are broken instead of throwing them away.
 - ◆ Recycle wherever possible instead of contributing to the landfill.
- Plant a tree, native plant or vegetable garden.
 - ◆ Learn about native species and plants that attract birds, bees and butterflies.

Explore the outdoors! There is no better way to celebrate Earth Week than going for a walk.

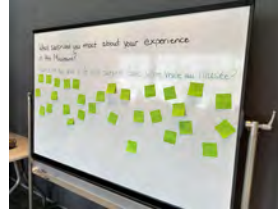
Check out [York Regional Forest](#) to discover nature in your backyard. Want to take your Earth Day celebrations out of the classroom? Why not visit one of Ontario's 290 conservation areas? [Here's a map](#) to help you locate the one nearest to you.

Don't forget to check [Whose Land](#) to acknowledge whose territory you are on.

Working together, we can all help to take steps to protect this beautiful planet we live on.

Grade 6s Visit Toronto Holocaust Museum

A second group of grade 6 students visited the Toronto Holocaust Museum as an extension of their learning about the Holocaust in the grade 6 Social Studies curriculum.



Students had an opportunity to reflect on the Holocaust and the Canadian identities while being supported by museum representatives. Impactful learning was experienced by all students.

Jump Rope for Heart

Kick off assemblies took place this past week!

Jump Rope event:

May 31, 2024



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our school is excited to participate in Jump Rope for Heart this year! Students will discover fun ways to get active, practice healthy habits and learn about helping others while raising money to beat heart disease and stroke.

We love participating in Jump Rope for Heart because:

Students learn life-long habits:

Jump Rope for Heart is more than a fundraiser. It teaches students EASY Healthy Habits to help protect their heart and brain health – for a lifetime!



Students can earn Thank You Gift Cards:

As our heartfelt thank you for your support, students can earn one of five Thank You Gift Cards, plus a chance to win two great contests! Gift cards are from Toys 'R' Us, Indigo, Amazon or Walmart – based on the fundraising levels. Learn more at jumpropeforheart.ca.

Jump is customizable for all abilities:

On our Jump Event Day kids can move their way by jumping, dancing, wheeling and more!

Kids feel good by doing good:

Students learn the importance of giving back as they collect donations that help fund critical research that saves lives, prevents heart disease and stroke, and supports survivors and their families. The funds collected help other kids like Julian, who suffered a pediatric stroke following his heart surgery.



Jump gives back:

Schools that raise a minimum of \$500 will receive 8% of their fundraising dollars back to put towards what we need most or we can donate it back to Heart & Stroke to make an even bigger impact.

Terra Cotta Cookies



*** NEW THIS SESSION***

- Individual cookie for \$2 each
- **Treat Bag** that includes a Terra Cotta cookie and an Oasis apple juice drink for \$3

The cookies and/or Treat Bags will be delivered to students during morning snack time every Thursday starting on Thursday April 18th, while quantities last. **School Cash Online will close Tuesdays at midnight so that the grade 8 teams can assemble the Treat Bag orders every Wednesday.**

These yummy cookies follow the YRDSB PPM150 guidelines for Nutritional Standards, are individually wrapped, and are made in a peanut and nut-free facility! The apple juice also follows the above guidelines.

100% of the proceeds will go towards supporting Grade 8 Graduation.

Orders must be placed in advance on [School Cash Online](#) and no cash orders will be permitted. Orders will be permitted while quantities last.

'Pause To Play' begins Monday April 22nd!

In partnership with
York Region Public Health

School-wide
Challenge is beginning!



The school-wide challenge is beginning Monday April 22- Friday April 26!

Students have brought home a one-week tracking sheet to track their screen time in comparison to physical activity time.

PAUSE TO PLAY - STUDENT ACTIVITY LOG (VERSION A)
Instructions: Write in your physical activity and screen time in the space provided—and find out how many minutes you get each day!

Name of student (optional)	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY (MINUTES) Physical Activity Tip: Get 60 minutes of physical activity per day—everyday!	<input type="checkbox"/> 30 minutes <input type="checkbox"/> 60 minutes <input type="checkbox"/> 90 minutes	<input type="checkbox"/> 30 minutes <input type="checkbox"/> 60 minutes <input type="checkbox"/> 90 minutes	<input type="checkbox"/> 30 minutes <input type="checkbox"/> 60 minutes <input type="checkbox"/> 90 minutes	<input type="checkbox"/> 30 minutes <input type="checkbox"/> 60 minutes <input type="checkbox"/> 90 minutes	<input type="checkbox"/> 30 minutes <input type="checkbox"/> 60 minutes <input type="checkbox"/> 90 minutes
SCREEN TIME (MINUTES) Less Screen Time Tip: Limit after school TV watching—get outside instead!	<input type="checkbox"/> 30 minutes <input type="checkbox"/> 60 minutes <input type="checkbox"/> 90 minutes	<input type="checkbox"/> 30 minutes <input type="checkbox"/> 60 minutes <input type="checkbox"/> 90 minutes	<input type="checkbox"/> 30 minutes <input type="checkbox"/> 60 minutes <input type="checkbox"/> 90 minutes	<input type="checkbox"/> 30 minutes <input type="checkbox"/> 60 minutes <input type="checkbox"/> 90 minutes	<input type="checkbox"/> 30 minutes <input type="checkbox"/> 60 minutes <input type="checkbox"/> 90 minutes
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York Region

We invite families, who are interested in participating, to complete the tracking sheet and initial it each evening. This school-wide challenge is one of the components of our Healthy Schools Action Plan in partnership with York Region Public Health.

Have your child return their tracking sheet by Monday April 29th to be entered into a draw to win a prize!

Clean Up
Green Up



This year we have registered once again for the City of Richmond Hill's **Clean Up Green Up** initiative for Earth Day.

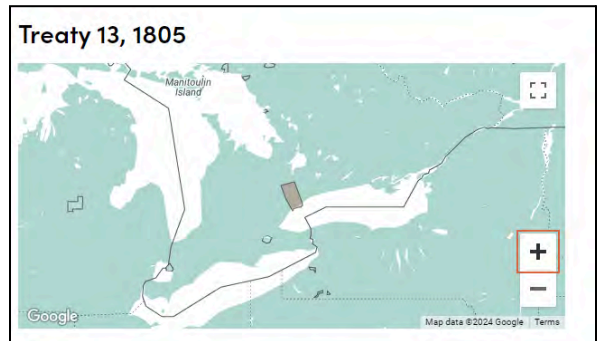
This will take place on **Friday, April 26th throughout the day.**

Students will be receiving small bags, gloves, and clothespins to collect litter on our school property.

We look forward to continued actions to demonstrate respect and care for our outdoor spaces.

Did you know that WRPS sits on Treaty 13? As we continue to learn about our impact on our lands, WRPS will also continue to learn about our partnership with Indigenous communities and our responsibilities to this land.

[Click here to learn more about treaty locations and the land occupied by WRPS and other locations in Richmond Hill/York Region.](#)



YRES Summer Camp

[Click here for more information](#)

YRES Summer Camp

YRES Camp offers **Sports, STEAM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Math), and **Team-building activities** to ensure a fun and rewarding experience for campers.

Location	School	Address	Hours
North Markham	Stonebridge Public School	168 Stonebridge Dr, Markham, ON	9am-4pm only
North Richmond Hill	Our Lady Help of Christians CES	275 Redstone Rd, Richmond Hill, ON	9am-4pm only
South Markham	St. Justin Martyr CES	140 Hollingham Rd, Unionville, ON	9am-4pm only
South Richmond Hill	St. Joseph CES	301 Roney Ave, Richmond Hill, ON	9am-4pm only

Fees & Pricing

One Week	\$195 per week
6-week Bundle*	\$1150 six-week
Lunch & Snack	\$75 per week
Before or After care	\$50 per week

*includes Lunch & Snack program