



<b>Monday, April 24 (Day 5)</b> Scholastic Book Fair- all week Swim to Survive- Group A Pause to Play Challenge begins!	<b>'Pause to Play' Challenge!</b>	<b>Monday, May 1 (Day 5)</b> Swim to Survive- Group A
<b>Tuesday, April 25 (Day 1)</b> Pizza lunch Clean Up, Green Up		<b>Tuesday, May 2 (Day 1)</b> Pizza lunch
<b>Wednesday, April 26 (Day 2)</b> Astoria Lunch Swim to Survive- Group B		<b>Wednesday, May 3 (Day 2)</b> Astoria Lunch Swim to Survive- Group B
<b>Thursday, April 27 (Day 3)</b> Subway Lunch		<b>Thursday, May 4 (Day 3)</b> Subway Lunch
<b>Friday, April 28 (Day 4)</b> Kids Kitchen lunch Grad picture retake day (am) Sports/Teams yearbook picture day		<b>Friday, May 5 (Day 4)</b> Kids Kitchen lunch



The Every Student Counts Survey will be administered between April 24th and May 10, 2023. [Click here for more information.](#)

**Save the date-** School Council Meeting- May 11, 6:30-8:00

## Multifaith Observances



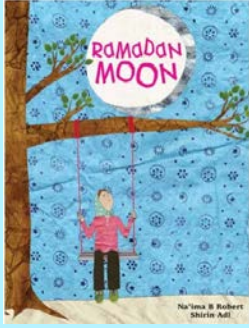
Our planet is like a giant aquarium sharing it with countless other creatures whose home it is also. Tip the balance, and the outcome is well known. So, let the victory be ours and look after our planet, thus building our future together.": lansburylinda@gmail.com

Jainism **23** Akshaya-tritiya  
 Bahá'í Faith **28** Jamál  
 Buddhism **28** Nichiren Foundation Day  
 Bahá'í Faith **29** Ninth Day of Riqván  
 Zarathushti (Zoroastrianism) **30** Ghambar Maidyozarem begins

### May:

Indigenous Spirituality **1** Planting Moon (local Oneida)  
 Wicca **1** Beltane  
 Bahá'í Faith **2** 12th Day of Riqván  
 Zarathushti (Zoroastrianism) **4** Ghambar Maidyozarem ends  
 Buddhism **5** Wesak (Buddha Day)  
 Astronomical Event **5** Penumbra Lunar Eclipse  
 Full Moon **5** Full Moon  
 Judaism **8** Eve of Lag Ba'Omer  
 Judaism **9** Lag Ba'Omer

## This week's learning on our virtual morning announcements



This week, on our morning announcements, WRPS students learned about observances and celebrations occurring this week. We learned more about Ramadan through a viewing of the story 'Ramadan Moon'. The end of Ramadan culminated in the celebration of Eid-ul-Fitr on April 20th.

We invite families to join in this learning together by exploring the sites below that were viewed at school this week:

- ▶ Ramadan Moon 🌙 - By Na'ima B. Robert C\*
- ▶ Diamond Day Video Series: Eid-ul-Fitr
- ▶ Diamond Day Video Series: Ridván

## Autism Acceptance Month at Windham Ridge

Over the course of the month of April, WRPS has continued to engage in learning about Autism and acceptance. We have engaged all staff and students in a school wide activity about exploring our strengths as unique individuals. [Click here to watch a brief video about the activity.](#)



We will be installing the collective WRPS 'strengths chain' in the main foyer of the school to highlight the numerous strengths across the school, as we continue to build on a culture of acceptance of difference. We celebrate

strengths, find commonalities between each other, and validate the beauty that each staff and student brings to the WRPS community.

## 'Pause To Play' Challenge

In partnership with York Region Public Health

School-wide Initiative



Research indicates that physical activity can help support mental health and wellness in children and youth. It can also promote positive emotions and self-esteem.

We will be encouraging students to power down all electronic devices. Reducing recreational screen time (outside of school or homework) is important to decrease sedentary behaviour, increase physical activity and improve concentration and the ability to learn.

This school-wide challenge will take place from **April 24-28.**



Students will be bringing home a one-week tracking sheet to track their screen time in comparison to physical activity time.

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

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 **Tuesday, April 25th throughout the day.**

Students will be receiving small bags, gloves, and clothespins to collect litter on our school property to be picked up for disposal by Richmond Hill services.

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

## 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.](#)

You're the Chef!



On the menu this week:

- ★ Broccoli & Cheddar Frittata
- ★ Fantastic Fruit Crisp

Thanks again to our wonderful WRPS parents who have made this opportunity available to the school!

School Immunizations

Grade 7 & 8 students

York Region

### 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](http://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](http://york.ca/immunization)

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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.



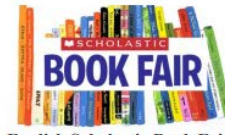


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[Click here for access to Episode 5.](#)

## 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)

