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Weeks

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Glance

<b>Monday, April 10</b> Easter Monday (no school)	<b>Monday, April 17 (Day 5)</b> Swim to Survive- (3B)
<b>Tuesday, April 11 (Day 1)</b> Pizza lunch	<b>Tuesday, April 18 (Day 1)</b> Pizza lunch Pioneer Village (3A & 3D)
<b>Wednesday, April 12 (Day 2)</b> Astoria Lunch <a href="#">International Day of Pink</a>	<b>Wednesday, April 19 (Day 2)</b> Astoria Lunch
<b>Thursday, April 13 (Day 3)</b> Subway Lunch Pioneer Village (3B & 3C)	<b>Thursday, April 20 (Day 3)</b> Subway Lunch
<b>Friday, April 14 (Day 4)</b> Kids Kitchen lunch <a href="#">YRDSB Diamond Day Series-Holy Friday</a> <a href="#">YRDSB Diamond Day Series- Vaisakhi</a>	<b>Friday, April 21 (Day 4)</b> Kids Kitchen lunch <a href="#">YRDSB Diamond Day Series Eid-ul-Fitr</a> <a href="#">YRDSB Diamond Day- Ridvan</a>

**Save the Date:** Friday April 28th (a.m.) - Grad retake day

*Best wishes to all our families observing  
Passover and Easter celebrations this weekend.*

## 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>Christianity 10 Easter Monday (W)</i> <i>Christianity 10 Holy Week begins (E)</i> <i>Jainism 11 Shrimad Rajchandra Dehvilay</i> <i>Judaism 12 Seventh Day of Pesah</i> <i>Buddhism 13 Saka New Year</i> <i>Eastern / Old / Orthodox Christianity 13 Holy Thursday (E)</i> <i>Judaism 13 Eighth (Last) Day of Pesah</i> <i>Diamond Days 14 Vaisakhi</i> <i>Diamond Days 14 Holy Friday (E)</i> <i>Islam 14 Jum'at al-Wada</i> <i>Buddhism 14 Saka New Year</i> <i>Eastern / Old / Orthodox Christianity 14 Holy Friday (E)</i> <i>Hinduism 14 Vaisakhi (Solar New Year)</i> <i>Sikhism 14 Vaisakhi</i> <i>Eastern / Old / Orthodox Christianity 16 Pascha</i></p>	<p><i>Islam 16 Laylat al-Qadr (beginning at sunset to sunset of the next day)</i> <i>Eastern / Old / Orthodox Christianity 17 Easter Monday (E)</i> <i>Judaism 17 Eve of Yom HaShoah</i> <i>Judaism 18 Yom HaShoah</i> <i>Astronomical Event 20 Hybrid Solar Eclipse</i> <i>New Moon 20 New Moon</i> <i>Diamond Days 21 First Day of the Festival of Riqvân</i> <i>Diamond Days 21 'Īd al-Fīr (End of Ramaḍān)</i> <i>Bahá'ī Faith 21 First Day of the Festival of Riqvân</i> <i>Islam 21 'Īd al-Fīr</i> <i>Jainism 23 Akshaya-tritiya</i> <i>Bahá'ī Faith 28 Jamál</i> <i>Buddhism 28 Nichiren Foundation Day</i> <i>Bahá'ī Faith 29 Ninth Day of Riqvân</i> <i>Zarathushti (Zoroastrianism) 30 Ghambar Maidyozareem begins</i></p>
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## Sikh Heritage Month



To build on our learning, we enjoyed a read-aloud for Sikh Heritage Month “The Many COLORS of Harpreet Singh. You can access this story in the link below:

  Kids Book Read Aloud : The Many COLORS of Harpreet Singh

As a school, we continue to learn about the rich diversity in our community and how we can build on our knowledge and create more inclusive environments for everyone.

## International Day of Pink

April 12, 2023



Hundreds of students and anti-bullying advocates wear their pink shirts in Vancouver to mark Pink Shirt Day in 2015. (CBC)

April 12, 2023 is the International Day of Pink. The International Day of Pink is a day when communities across Canada and across the world unite to celebrate diversity and raise awareness about the need to stop homophobia, transphobia, discrimination and all forms of bullying.

On this annual day in April, individuals wear pink to show respect for diversity and to demonstrate support for learning and working environments which are safe and inclusive of people from all different backgrounds.



Visit this link to get more information about how the International Day of Pink started in 2007:

<https://www.cbc.ca/kids/watch/video/2171199043584>

We invite all students and staff to show support by wearing pink on April 12, 2023.

## April is World Autism Acceptance Month



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AxWGi7BFFzk>


This year on April 3, 2023, the York Region District School Board (YRDSB) is officially launching a month-long World Autism Acceptance campaign alongside our community partners from [Autism Ontario](#), a member of our Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC).

The purpose of [Autism Ontario's Celebrate the Spectrum](#) campaign is to bring attention to the triumphs, contributions and experiences of people from the Autistic community. By fostering acceptance we can build stronger and more inclusive communities and learning environments for students with Autism.

We continue to move away from raising awareness for Autism to increasing acceptance. Awareness seeks to highlight how dissimilar we are and emphasizes the differences and distance between our ways of being. Acceptance looks at commonalities we share and at the strength inherent in diversity. ([Autistic Self Advocacy Network, 2014](#))

Some students self-identify as an Autistic person as part of their social identity. At the YRDSB, the way we recognize World Autism Acceptance Month is through consultation with our students with Autism, their families and by using our professional judgment.

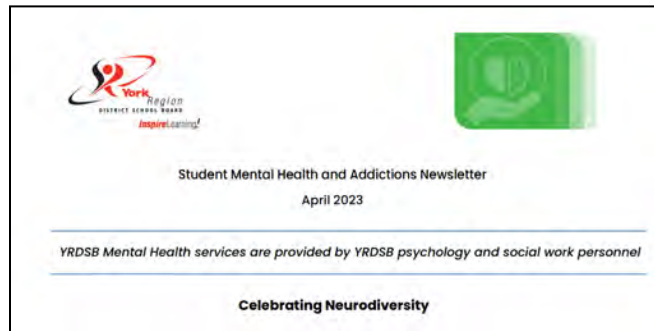
The most important thing to remember is that when you're talking about Autism, you're talking about a person.

 Meet Brady: a YRDSB student  
Autism Awareness Month: Meet Brady



April 2023

## 'Celebrating Neurodiversity'



Dear Families,

In this edition we will focus on celebrating neurodiversity within our student population.

We recognize [Autism Acceptance Day](#) through

highlighting strengths, characteristics, resources, and celebrating the spectrum; we want to acknowledge that families are the core support. There are many ways of thinking, learning or acting and we know that the uniqueness between us as people is to be celebrated and acknowledged. This year, we are moving to increasing acceptance. [Click here to access the full newsletter.](#)

## 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](http://www.yrdsb.ca). **Registration opens March 29, 2023 at 4:00pm. Families can register online.**

## You're the Chef Program



We had a successful launch of the 'You're the Chef' program at Windham Ridge PS!



Students had a wonderful time applying new skills to make 'Yummy in the Tummy' muffins and Breakfast Burritos!

Thank you to our Parent volunteers who have generously offered their time to prepare for a successful first session. We look forward to many more awesome food creations to come!



## 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](mailto:asha.rathod@yrdsb.ca), [kala.henry@yrdsb.ca](mailto:kala.henry@yrdsb.ca), and [rashmee.karnad-jani@yrdsb.ca](mailto:rashmee.karnad-jani@yrdsb.ca)

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#### 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:

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