



Windham Ridge P.S. Community Newsletter



Week ending: **December 16th, 2022**



Monday, December 19 (Day 5) Spirit Week Begins! Schedule below Gingerbread houses go home!	Monday, January 9 (Day 5) School resumes
Tuesday, December 20 (Day 1) Pizza lunch	Tuesday, January 10 (Day 1) Pizza lunch
Wednesday, December 21 (Day 2)	Wednesday, January 11 (Day 2)
Thursday, December 22 (Day 3) Subway lunch	Thursday, January 12 (Day 3)
Friday, December 23 (Day 4) Last day of school	Friday, January 13 (Day 4)

Multifaith Observances



"Looking to a New Day"
by Ann Hilton

Judaism 18 Eve of Hanukkah
Judaism 19 First Day of Hanukkah
21 Pancha Ganapati
Shinto 21 Tohji-taisai
Wicca 21 Yule
Astronomical Event 21 December Solstice
New Moon 23 New Moon
24 Christmas Eve (W)
25 Christmas (W) Christianity & (W, E - New Calendar)
Zarathushti (Zoroastrianism) 26 Anniversary of the Death of Prophet Zarathustra
Judaism 26 Last Day of Hanukkah
Bahá'í Faith 31 Sharaf
Zarathushti (Zoroastrianism) 31 Ghambar Maidyarem begins

Spirit Week @ Windham Ridge P.S.!

vendredi le 16 décembre	lundi le 19 décembre	mardi le 20 décembre	mercredi le 21 décembre	jeudi le 22 décembre	vendredi le 23 décembre
 <p>Sports Day/ Fifa World Cup Day!</p> <p>Portez des vêtements sportifs, comme des maillots ou des casquettes, pour montrer ton 'look' Fifa ou sportif!</p>	 <p>Inside Out Day</p> <p>Wear an item of clothing inside out as a way of making us all stop and think. Be kind- you never know how someone is feeling inside.</p>	 <p>Vacation Day!</p> <p>Imaginez la chaleur du soleil de l'été à la plage ou le soleil d'hiver en faisant du patinage! Choisissez votre tenue préférée pour une journée de soleil!</p>	 <p>Festive Winter Hat Day!</p> <p>Avez-vous une tuque festive ou une tuque préférée pour célébrer l'arrivée du congé? Phoenixes- montrez vos esprits hivernale!</p>	 <p>Superhero Day!</p> <p>Chacun de vous est un super héros!</p> <p>Portez des costumes de vos super-héros préférés.</p>	 <p>Pyjama/ Cozy Clothes Day!</p> <p>Finissons l'année 2022 ensemble, enveloppés dans nos vêtements préférés et chaleureux!</p>

Student participation in these Spirit Days is voluntary.

Lost & Found Items



Lost and Found items will be displayed on tables in the grand hallway starting on Monday December 19th. Please encourage your children to stop by to claim their personal items. Items will be displayed until Friday December 23rd at which time, unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity.

Student absences And Reporting Extended Absences and Vacations

Please notify the school office if your child/ren will be leaving on an early vacation before the start of the winter break or will not be returning to school on Monday January 9th. An absence can be reported by parents, in advance, by one of the 2 methods:

- 1) enter a planned absence on Edsby or the Edsby App
- 2) report through the iNFORM system by calling 905-773-5443 (press 1)

If students are absent more than 15 days, a **Notification of Expected Return to School** form will need to be filled out by parents and handed in to the school before the student starts on the extended leave. Please contact the school to get a copy of this form.

If the parents/guardians do not report the absence before January 9th and if the office is unsuccessful in reaching parents or emergency contacts, the school is required to call the police to ensure the safety and location of the student.

Families and educators can support children and youth in understanding and coping with the impact of the protests in Iran. Most children and youth will cope well with the support and caring of their families, teachers, friends, and other caring adults, however some may require additional support.

YRDSB has collaborated with Family Services of York Region (FSYR) to offer three supportive mental health gatherings for Iranian parents/caregivers, students grades 6-8, and students grades 9-12.

The series:

**YRDSB in Collaboration with FSYR (Family Services of York Region):
Mental Health Event for Families and Youth
in Light of the Protests in Iran :**

**An event to
“Acknowledge - Bridge - and Connect” During Global Protests**

The events are open to Iranian parents, caregivers, and families acknowledging that we all may have different experiences in relation to the protest in Iran.

At the events, Iranian families will hear about common reactions to stress and trauma as well as potential ways to cope and support their mental health and their child using the ABCs (i.e., Acknowledge, Bridge, Connection) of Mental Health.

Youth will hear about common reactions to stress and trauma as well as potential ways to cope and support their mental health using the ABCs of Mental Health. Each event will end with a brief panel discussion responding to pre-submitted participant questions.

- **Elementary (Grades 6-8):** December 16, 2022 (Red Maple PS, 155 Red Maple Rd, Richmond Hill, ON L4B 4P9) *Gym A – from 4:00 – 6:00 pm*
- **Parent /Caregiver Session**(for parents/caregivers of **elementary** students): (Red Maple PS, 155 Red Maple Rd, Richmond Hill, ON L4B 4P9) *Gym B - from 4:00-6:00 pm*
- **Secondary (Grades 9-12):** December 19, 2022 (Alexander Mackenzie HS, 300 Major MacKenzie Dr W, Richmond Hill, ON L4C 3S3) *6:00 – 8:00 pm*
- **Parent/Caregiver Session** (for parents/ caregivers of **secondary** students): December 19, 2022 (Alexander Mackenzie HS, 300 Major MacKenzie Dr W, Richmond Hill, ON L4C 3S3) *from 6:00– 8:00 pm*

Session information and registration for the parents/caregivers session and the student session is available on [the registration form](#).

Registration closes on December 18, 2022.



**After School and
Evening
Mental Health
Supports
in Light of the
Protests in Iran 2022**

WRPS Winter Giving-
supporting
360 Kids



Food Drive
- date extension -

Our **Student Social Justice Committee** has researched needs in our YRDSB community and have determined that, as a school community, we will be donating to the York Region [organization 360*Kids](#) who “support at-risk youth and surrounding them with care, recognizing that these kids need a wide range of supports to help them rebuild their lives.”

Windham Winter Giving- Updated!

Classroom Giving

Each class will receive a box to fill with non-perishable food items to support 360Kids. Here is a list of items that they are currently needing to stock shelves at their drop-in center in Richmond Hill:

- Dry Goods (bags of rice, lentils)
- Cereals, granola bars, cookies, crackers, chips, peanut butter, jam
- Canned meats (tuna, salmon, corned beef)
- Cup of soups/Cup of noodles (Mr. Noodles Cups)
- Canned stews and chilies
 - eg. Chunky Beef, Healthy Choice, Campbells, Puritan brands)
- Individual cups of KD (Kraft dinner microwaveable), regular boxes of KD
- Packages of Sidekicks pasta, Uncle Bens Rice
- Frozen individual meals for youth
 - Michelinas, Healthy Cuisine, Stouffers, Swanson (we have freezers at Home Base to store items for youth meals.)
- Snack foods
 - pudding cups, fruit cups, crackers, cookies, fruit snacks, juice boxes, instant oatmeals (preferred flavours are maple/brown sugar, apple cinnamon), variety of teas, goldfish crackers and variety cracker boxes, chips, popcorn
- Cans of Tomatoes and tomato sauce
- Canned vegetables
- Condiments – ketchup, mustard, soy sauces, hot sauces, BBQ sauces

UPDATE - THE LAST DATE TO DONATE TO - this Windham Winter Giving initiative, IS MONDAY DECEMBER 19TH

Gingerbread Houses



The amount raised was
\$1166.00

The staff at WRPS would like to thank all our families and students for their support in our Gingerbread house ticket sales. All donations will go towards the [Yellow Brick House](#). The [Yellow Brick House](#) ‘provides life-saving services for women and children escaping domestic violence in York Region.’ The draw took place on December 16th. Parents may pick up the gingerbread houses starting on Monday the 19th.

The lucky winners are:

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| Makayla Y - Mr. Pearson | Avery D - Mme Pirvu |
| Sean S (5C) - Social Justice | Michael S - School Council |
| Francesca B - Mme Mancini #2 | Catherine B- Mme Fried |
| Sepehr M - Mme Koka | Alex C - Mme Suleman |
| Angelina N - Mme Fried #2 | Aisha L - Mme Lacaille |
| Katerina L - Mme Gallant and Mme Vincent | Aran G - Mme Mancini #1 |
| Sebastian P - Mme Fiorido | Matthew D - Mme Seguin |
| Georgia L - Mme Gaudreau | Valentina Y - Mme Mauro |
| Ryan G - M. McInnis | Ariela B - Mme Vuia |
| Amir K - M. Raha | Nataniel F - Mme Ratchinsky |
| Carter H - Mme D’Ambrosio | Rhea I - Mme Abate |



Hat, Scarf, and Gloves Giving Tree!

- date extension -

WRPS School Council



Our WRPS School Council have set up a Hat, Scarf, and Gloves Giving Tree in our main foyer.

Students and families are invited to bring in hats, gloves, and scarves that will be donated and delivered to [360*Kids](#) before the winter break!

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Your child will be welcomed to place their items onto the Giving Tree in the main school foyer!

Well Being Wednesday At Windham Ridge PS!

At Windham Ridge
À Windham Ridge

We believe that every day is a new beginning
Nous croyons que chaque jour est un nouveau départ

We express our joie de vivre in French
Notre joie de vivre s'exprime en français

We respect ourselves, each other and the environment
Nous avons du respect pour notre personne, les autres et notre environnement

We love to learn and laugh
Nous aimons apprendre et nous amuser

We believe that character matters
Nous croyons que le caractère compte

We have the courage to tell the truth and try our best
Nous avons le courage de dire la vérité et de faire de notre mieux

We believe anything is possible and we dare to dream
Nous croyons que tout est possible et nous osons rêver

As part of today's Wellbeing Wednesday, student members of the Tech Crew have put together a slideshow of the Windham Ridge community along with the Fifa World Cup song- Dreamers. The theme we wanted to highlight is unity as we learn and work together everyday..... and as we count down to the final match of the World Cup.

Wellbeing Wednesday
le 14 décembre

Let's watch, sing along or hum the tune.... and at the end is a **surprise announcement** you don't want to miss!

Grade 8 News -Transfers-

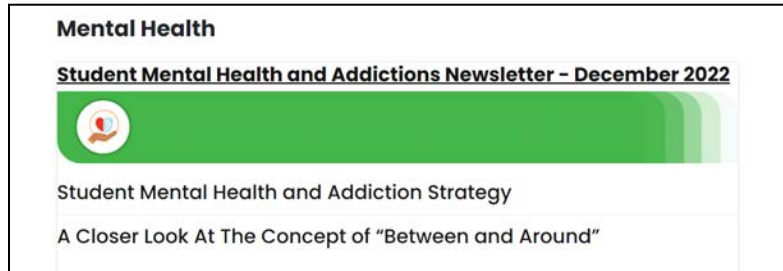
As we approach the course selection timelines for high schools in YRDSB, please make **very** careful note of the following schools both OPEN and CLOSED for transfers.

A transfer for us would mean a student that is leaving their assigned English or French high school, and *transferring* to another YRDSB school for grade 9. If this information does pertain to you and your family, take time to review the

letter sent through the office, and ensure you contact Mr. Raha and clarify any questions or concerns.
Remember, you can always check your assigned English and French school through the school locator tool on <https://schoollocator.yrdsb.ca/>.
Mr. Raha

YRDSB Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter

December 2022



In the November edition of the Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter

Addictions Newsletter

We took a closer look at the concept of Within. In this edition, we continue to focus on the [Student Mental Health and Addiction Strategy \(SMHAS\): A Holistic Approach to Mental Health, Within Us, Between Us, Around Us](#) by taking a closer look at the concept of “Between” and “Around” and the associated priority actions.

Kernels Popcorn Sales



Popcorn baggies from Kernels will be for sale on Tuesday and Thursday for \$3.00 by our grade 8 students to raise funds for graduation 2023.

Tuesday- grades 4-8 sales

Thursday- grade 1-3 sales

Please know that we cannot guarantee that all flavours are available for each of the days.