



# Windham Ridge P.S. Community Newsletter



Week ending: **December 22nd, 2023**



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## What's Up Windham Community Calendar

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## Multifaith Observances

Best wishes to all families observing celebrations over the next two weeks!

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

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

## Gingerbread House Donation

Thank you to families for your donations to the Gingerbread House charitable donation fundraiser. **\$443.29 was raised!**

All monies raised will be donated to [COSTI](#) Immigrant Services, a community-based multicultural agency providing employment, educational, settlement and social services to all immigrant communities, new Canadians and individuals in need of assistance. COSTI is a community partner with York Region District School Board.

Best wishes to all YRDSB families!




On Friday's virtual announcements, students shared results from the Winter Challenges & ended with the school touchstone: 'We believe that every day is a new beginning'. As we finish '23, we wish Windham Ridge families a wonderful break & we look forward to beginning 2024 together!

Grade 8 students

Current YRDSB Grade 8 students who plan to attend a YRDSB secondary school must select secondary school courses in My Pathway Planner between **February 15, 2024, to February 23, 2024.**


If you have any questions, please email Mr Raha at [surit.raha@yrdsb.ca](mailto:surit.raha@yrdsb.ca)

Arts@Baythorn



## Integrated Elementary Arts@Baythorn!

Current Grade 4 or 5 students can APPLY for the Arts@Baythorn full-time school program 2024-2025 (For students going into Grade 5 or 6 in Sept 2024).



The Arts@Baythorn allows students to explore **Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, and Music** Integrated into learning each and every day in a Collaborative and Cooperative learning environment.

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/baythorn.ps/arts/Pages/default.aspx>

REMINDER Check the website for updated information.  
Application Registrations opens January 15, 2024 and closes January 29, 2024 (late applications not accepted)  
Collaborative Workshops held: March 4, or 5, or 6, 2024 (these dates are firm)

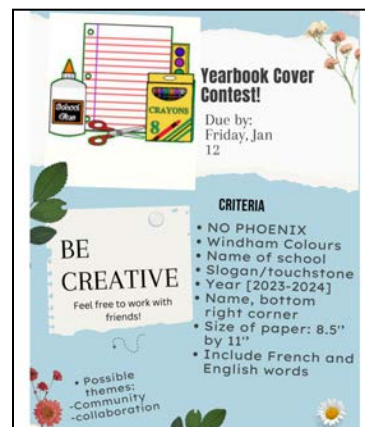
Registration opens:  
January 15, 2024

Registration closes:  
January 29, 2024

## Yearbook Cover Contest

We are thrilled to inform you that there will be a **Yearbook Cover Contest** in our school. Students are welcomed to share their creativity and take part in this event. Participants can work individually, in partners or in a group. Please take a look at the criteria listed below. Two individual students' cover's will be chosen to be on the front or back of the 2023-2024 yearbook.

Students will be able to drop off their cover at Mme Saadati's room, room 119 by **Friday January 12th**. Please encourage your child (children) to read the criteria if they are interested in participating.



### SUCCESS CRITERIA

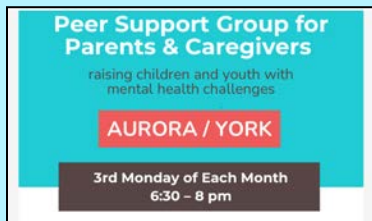
- Date for submission : Friday January 12th
- Windham Ridge colours
- Name of school
- Slogan "Dare to dream"/touchstone
- Year (2023-2024)
- Your name at the bottom right corner
- Think outside the box + be creative
- Possible themes : community and collaboration
- Size of the paper 8 and 1/2 x 11
- French + English
- Images that don't include a Phoenix

## Hot Lunches Fundraiser

Windham Ridge PS Council is happy to announce the following Hot Lunch Fundraising Programs. If you are interested in ordering any of these lunches, please log into your [School Cash Online account](#).

Swiss Chalet	Monday January 15th to Monday March 4th
Pizza	Tuesday January 16th to Tuesday April 2nd
Subway	Wednesday January 17 to Wednesday March 6th
Sushi	Thursday January 18th to Thursday March 7th
Astoria	Friday January 26th to Friday March 8th

## Mental Health and Well-Being Supports



See below resources to support YRDSB families:

1. Children's Mental Health Ontario organizes a peer support group for parents & caregivers raising children and youth with mental health challenges every third Monday of each month. Information found via this link:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn%3Aaid%3Ascds%3AUS%3Ab5a82f18-b3e4-3f2b-84b9-d7211ba71a93>

2. York Hills offers a variety of groups designed to meet the needs of children, youth and families.

This website <https://www.yorkhills.ca/services/group-services/> offers information about:

- The **Take ACTION Group**, which aims to create an action plan for anxiety. *There is currently a waitlist for registration, which begins Monday, January 25, 2024.*
- The **Mindful Teen Group** webinar, which is designed to equip adolescents (13-17) with vital skills of becoming attuned to their thoughts, feelings, and physical sensations in the present moment.



## School Council Meeting

The next **WRPS School Council Meeting** will take place on

**Wednesday January 10, 2024**

**6:30pm-8:00pm**

**Virtually and in person (school library)**

Virtual login information: Microsoft Teams meeting

**Join on your computer, mobile app or room device**

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 220 088 822 549

Passcode: prqAxN

[Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#)

[Click here to access the January School Council Meeting agenda.](#)



## Kids Kitchen - January Specials

# JANUARY SPECIALS

Our specials are sure to bring smiles.



Butter Chicken



Chickpea &  
Spinach Curry

Gluten-friendly, vegetarian and other menu  
options available online!

Online orders can be completed  
up until 10am the previous  
business day.

We're here to help!  
information@kidskitchen.ca  
905-944-0210 (M to F 8:30am-2pm)

 [www.kidskitchen.ca](http://www.kidskitchen.ca)



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