



Windham Ridge P.S. Community Newsletter



Week ending: **December 2nd, 2022**



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| Monday, December 5 (Day 5) Gingerbread house Fundraiser begins VORC - 4C and ½ of 4B | Monday, December 12 (Day 5) |
| Tuesday, December 6 (Day 1) Pizza lunch | Tuesday, December 13 (Day 1) Pizza lunch |
| Wednesday, December 7 (Day 2) Afterschool Numeracy Program (gr. 8) | Wednesday, December 14 (Day 2) Afterschool Numeracy Program (gr. 8) |
| Thursday, December 8 (Day 3) Subway lunch King City Open House After School Numeracy begins (gr. 4,5) | Thursday, December 15 (Day 3) Subway lunch Gingerbread house Fundraiser ends |
| Friday, December 9 (Day 4) | Friday, December 16 (Day 4) |

**Stay tuned for more information about our
WRPS Spirit Week- December 19-23!**

Multifaith Observances



"Looking to a New Day"
by Ann Hilton

Buddhism 7 Sanghamitta Day
Buddhism 8 Bodhi / Rōhatsu (Awakening) Day
Full Moon 8 Full Moon
Bahá'í Faith 12 Masá'il
Islam 13 Birth Date of the Aga Khan
Mexican Culture 16 Las Posadas
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

WRPS Winter Giving

supporting

[360 Kids](#)



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.”

We are excited to partner with our WRPS School Council to support 360*Kids:

| WRPS homeroom classes | WRPS School Council/ full student body |
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| <p>Each classroom will receive a profile of a youth in need, provided by 360*Kids. Each class will review the profile and decide how they will collectively donate items to meet the needs identified on the profile.</p> <p>The package, for the specific profile of a youth supported by 360*Kids and each class, will be donated by December 16, 2022 to the Richmond Hill main site.</p> | <p>Our WRPS School Council will set up a Hat, Scarf, and Gloves Giving Tree in our main foyer.</p> <p>Students and families are invited to bring in hats, gloves, and scarves that will be delivered to 360*Kids before the winter break!</p> |



Thank you in advance to all families who are able to donate to our Windham Ridge Winter Giving initiatives.

Gingerbread House Creations

benefitting



Windham Ridge staff will continue with the tradition of creating beautiful works of art through gingerbread house creations. Students can donate money to get tickets, that can then be placed into the buckets of their choice, to get a chance to win that specific gingerbread creation.

Donations will be accepted and tickets will be distributed beginning on Monday December 5th until Thursday December 15th.

The draw will take place on Friday December 16 and the gingerbread houses/ creations will be sent home with the lucky winners the same day. Parents will be called to help transport the gingerbread houses/creations home.

**1 ticket for \$1 donation
7 tickets for \$5 donation**

All donations will go towards the [Yellow Brick House](#), which has been researched and decided upon by student members of our Social Justice Committee. The [Yellow Brick House](#) ‘provides life-saving services for women and children escaping domestic violence in York Region.’

Well Being Wednesday

At

Windham Ridge PS!

November 30, 2022

Dreamers | FIFA World Cup 2022
Soundtrack

정국 Jung Kook (of BTS) featuring Fahad Al
Kubaisi -

Look who we are, we are the dreamers
We make it happen 'cause we believe it
Look who we are, we are the dreamers
We make it happen 'cause we can see it
Here's to the ones that keep the passion
Respect, oh, yeah
Here's to the ones that can imagine
Respect, oh, yeah

Wellbeing Wednesday



정국 Jung Kook (of BTS) featurin...

On Wednesday, November 30, 2022, our students and Well Being Committee incorporated a song by Jung Kook from BTS.

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

This song was performed live at the opening ceremony at this year's FIFA World Cup. Let's listen to a short preview of the song. This song is called Dreamers and we felt the message connects to the Windham Ridge phoenixes.

Words like respect, dreams and passion are part of our school motto.

Phoenixes, wherever you are today, just remember: dreams are important and to always believe in yourself, like our touchstone: Dare to Dream.

Parent/Caregiver Series

Supporting Students of Chinese Heritage

Community Building and Engagement Event

Dec 14th, 2022 at
6:00pm-8:30pm

Armada Community Centre

2401 Denison Street,
Markham, ON L3S 1E7

[Registration for Cantonese](#)
[Registration for Mandarin](#)



Community Building and Engagement Event 共建美好家庭座谈会 / 共建美好家庭座谈会

Please join us at our 2022-2023 community building event! We are thrilled to build connections with the Chinese Heritage parents and students, and engage meaningful conversations that help students thrive at school.

我們渴望對話，了解學生的情況並分享有關家庭關係和情感健康的技巧。我們誠邀您加入對話，好讓華裔學生的情況能夠得到更多的支持。

我们渴望对话，了解学生的情况并分享有关家庭关系和情感健康的技巧。我们诚邀您加入对话，好让华裔学生的情况能够得到更多的支持。

To register for this Cantonese/ Mandarin session:

[点击这里报名出席](#) or scan the QR code



[扫描下方二维码](#) or scan QR code



Parents, Guardians, Caregiver and Students

Join us to learn and share with your community how the families are supported!

Date: **Wednesday, Dec 14th, 2022**

Time: **6-8:30pm**

Location: **Armada Community Centre**
2401 Denison Street, Markham, ON L3S 1E7

Presenters:

Charmaine Tong (M.S.W., R.S.W.)

York Region District School Board
School Social Worker (Chinese Heritage Community)

Hannah Xu (MPH)

Hong Fook Mental Health Association
Youth Program Worker

For more information, please contact:

Community Care Team
School Social Worker
Charmaine Tong
charmaine.tong@yrdsb.ca

Light refreshments will be provided

Registration will be closed after we have reached the maximum number of registrations for the event. This free session is brought to you in partnership with Hong Fook Mental Health Association and Community Care Team of York Region District School Board



Parent/caregiver series supporting students of Chinese Heritage.

The series will provide a number of parent/caregiver in-person events to build community, support mental health, and promote healing. The second session in the series is offered for any parent/guardian of students of Chinese Heritage.

Parents, caregivers and students are invited to come together to engage meaningful conversations that help students thrive at school. Tips on ways that help strengthen family relationships and emotional wellbeing will be shared. This will be a free in-person event. Light refreshments will be provided.

Caregiver Orientation: New Autism Diagnosis

[Click here to access
registration link!](#)



In collaboration with
York Region District School Board
SAAAC Autism Centre Presents

Caregiver Orientation: New Autism Diagnosis

To be delivered in Tamil and English

Join us to chat about:

- Next steps after diagnosis
- Types of funding available
- Services and programs available in the community
- SAAAC Cares Program
- YRDSB Autism Supports
- Cultural perspectives on children with disabilities
- Your experiences as a caregiver of a child with Autism

December 13th 2022 | 6:30-8:30pm
Markham District High School
89 Church St, Markham, ON L3P 2M3

Register here on our [Google Form](#)

For questions or accommodation requests please
email: njatha.subramaniam@yrdsb.ca



Letter of Appreciation from the Sunnybrook Veterans Centre



Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
2075 Bayview Avenue, L1-108
Toronto, ON Canada M4N 3M5
T 416.480.6100
www.sunnybrook.ca

November 2022

Dear Students of Windham Ridge PS:

On behalf of the 275 WWII and Korean War Veterans and its Allied members who live here at Sunnybrook Veterans Centre, I would like to thank you for the postcards of thanks and gratitude. We have displayed some of postcards in Warrior's Hall, a common area where many veterans pass through and can enjoy them. We have also handed some out to individual veterans to enjoy.

Although this past few years have been a tough one for all as we cannot gather together like we normally do, we are truly touched by the efforts that are being made to remember the Veterans.

We are always appreciative that our fellow Canadians remember the sacrifices that were made to keep our country a free and uphold the values of freedom for the world. I hope that in future years you continue to remember and encourage others to remember those Canadians who endeavor to stand up for freedom in times of war and in times of peace by writing to or visiting with a Veteran, by wearing a poppy, or attending a Remembrance Day ceremony.

All the best in your future endeavors and we hope to hear from you again next year!

Richard Ratcliffe
President, Resident's Council
Sunnybrook Veterans Centre

Message From Our Trustee

Crystal Yu

December 2022

I am happy to serve as your trustee on the 2022-2026 Board of Trustees.

As a trustee, my role includes being an advocate for quality public education in York Region, and I want to assure you that I am committed to that work. Every one of our students deserves to be learning in an environment where they feel safe, valued and supported in learning and achieving success.

Part of our role as trustees includes making [policy](#) and [budget](#) decisions, and setting our priorities as an organization through a [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#). Our board will work hard to keep students at the centre of our decision making, and to build collaborative relationships with the families and communities we serve. The education of our students, your children, is a partnership and the relationships we have with families is an essential one.

Communicating with families and members of the public is also an important part of our role, and I look forward to connecting with members of the school community in the coming weeks and months. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I will be sharing information with you throughout the school year, and letting you know more about our work and priorities as a school board. You can also visit the board website at www.yrdsb.ca or follow on social media.

As we head into December, I also want to wish you a safe and enjoyable winter break. There are many significant dates in December for different faiths and cultures, and to all those celebrating, I wish you a happy and joyous celebration. You can find information about [significant dates and events for families](#) on the Board website, as well as information about [Board and committee meeting dates](#).

I hope everyone has an opportunity to spend time with family and friends, relax and recharge, and we look forward to welcoming you back in January.

Crystal Yu
Trustee, Richmond Hill Wards 1, 2 and 4

Extra clothing

and

My School Checklist

With the *winter* months ahead of us, the grass will get more progressively wet and muddy and the weather will become colder. As our students will be outdoors for recess, it is important to send warm clothing with your child including extra clothing to be kept at school.

Have I packed these items in my bag today before leaving for school:

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Lunch/extra snacks | Utensils for lunch |
| Water Bottle | Indoor shoes |
| Agenda | Extra clothing- including socks |
| Homework/assignments/projects | Snow Pants/hat/mittens |
| Extra masks (if needed) | |

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.

Crossing Guards needed for the City of Richmond Hill

There is an immediate opening for a crossing guard at the intersection of Red Cardinal Trail and Lupine Crescent. Please refer to this flyer for hiring information.

<https://jobs.richmondhill.ca/>

WE'RE HIRING!

Become a School Crossing Guard!

We're looking for caring individuals to help keep our kids safe on their way to and from school.

- Work up to 3 hours a day
- 5 days a week
- Rain or shine

Apply online!

RichmondHill.ca/Employment