



Windham Ridge Public School Community Newsletter



Week ending: February 17th, 2023



Monday, February 20 (Day 0) Family Day (no school)	Monday, February 27 (Day 2)
Tuesday, February 21 (Day 3) Pizza lunch	Tuesday, February 28 (Day 3) Pizza lunch
Wednesday, February 22 (Day 4) Astoria Hot Lunch Pink Shirt Day School Council Meeting- 6:30pm	Wednesday, March 1 (Day 4) Astoria Hot Lunch
Thursday, February 23 (Day 5) Subway Lunch	Thursday, March 2 (Day 5)
Friday, February 24 (Day 1) Kids Kitchen Carnaval	Friday, March 3 (Day 1) Kids Kitchen



Save the date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Multifaith Observances

New Moon 20 New Moon
Christianity 21 Shrove Tuesday (W)
Buddhism 21 Losar - Tibetan New Year
Christianity 22 Ash Wednesday (W)
Bahá'í Faith 26 Ayyám-i-Há
Christianity 27 Great Fast begins (E)
Indigenous Spirituality 1 Half Days Moon (local Oneida)
Bahá'í Faith 2 19-Day Fast begins
Bahá'í Faith 2 'Alá'
Christianity 3 World Day of Prayer
Islam 6 Laylat al Baraat (Nişf Sha'bān)



Every Student Counts Survey

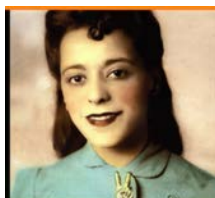
All YRDSB students from Kindergarten through Grade 12 will be invited to participate in the ESCS during April 24 - May 10 2023. This survey is voluntary and confidential and will take 20 minutes to complete.

Families of students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 will complete the survey with their child at home, and students in Grades 4 to 12 will complete the survey during class time. Further details to come around important dates and the administration.

February is Black History Month



Over the course of this week, our students have continued to celebrate Black excellence in their daily programs. Our virtual morning announcements included a focus on:



[Viola Desmond](#)



[Tracy Moore](#)



[D.O. Gibson](#)



[Jean Augustine](#)



[Elijah McCoy](#)

Carnaval is Coming!



Friday, February 24, 2023

What is Carnaval?

If the winter festival has lasted for so long, it's because locals have made it their own. Québec City residents join in the activities in droves, inviting family and friends to visit during the carnival and supporting the event financially by buying passes and candles. The event's deep roots in Québec traditions is another of its strengths. Ice canoes, snowshoes, dog sledding, snowmen, snow forts, slides, skating, and other winter sports have long been part of Québec culture. They are all a key part of the carnival and help it feel authentic to visitors for whom ice-cold winters are more of a novelty.

https://www.ville.quebec.qc.ca/en/citoyens/patrimoine/quartiers/saint_jean_baptiste/interet/carnaval_hiver_quebec.aspx

On Friday, February 24th, students at Windham Ridge will be enjoying a fun-filled day with outdoor games, hot chocolate or apple cider and indoor activities to celebrate Carnaval 2023.

Please ensure that your child is dressed for the weather (i.e., snowpants, hats, mittens, boots) so that they can enjoy the activities outdoors with their classmates. This outdoor fun day will be led by our Student Leadership Team, our Carnaval Committee and our School Council volunteers and is a favourite event at Windham Ridge PS!

Dental Screening March 6th, 2023



York Region Public Health will be at Windham Ridge for the **Dental Screening** program on Monday **March 6, 2023** for Grades 2 and 8 and possibly Grades 4 and 7 as requested by parents/guardians.

A graphic titled "HOW TO ACCESS ENCRYPTED EMAIL FROM PUBLIC HEALTH" from the Community and Health Services Public Health Branch. It includes a cartoon tooth character and provides instructions for parents/guardians on how to access an encrypted email from dental_screening@york.ca. The instructions are divided into three steps: Step 1 (Read the message), Step 2 (Select preferred option: Google Account or one-time passcode), and Step 3 (Access the document). It also includes tips, troubleshooting, and contact information for the Child and Youth Dental Program.

HOW TO ACCESS ENCRYPTED EMAIL FROM PUBLIC HEALTH
Community and Health Services
Public Health Branch

Dear Parent/Guardian,

You will be receiving a **secure** (encrypted) email from York Region Public Health. It will include important information about your child's school dental screening results.

When you receive the next email from dental_screening@york.ca, follow the steps below to access it (sent via Microsoft Office Outlook encryption).

Step 1 - Select the "Read the message" tab.

Step 2 - Select the preferred option:
Option 1: Sign in with a "Google Account" or
Option 2: Sign in with a one-time passcode

Step 3
If you selected Option 1: access the document or
If you selected Option 2:

- Go back to your inbox and check for a new email with the subject: "Microsoft Office 365. Your one-time passcode to view the message"
- Get your passcode and go back to the original email to enter the code
- Enter the passcode and select **Continue** to access the document

Tips

- Open an encrypted email from your desktop, not a mobile device and close multiple tabs open to the internet
- Use the One-time passcode method

Troubleshooting

- Click [here](#) for further help on "How Do I Open a Protected Message" or
- Watch this [short video](#) about opening an O365 Encrypted Email

Questions/concerns?
If you have any questions or concerns opening the email please contact us at 1-800-735-3365 ext. 74388. Visit york.ca/dental anytime for oral health tips and information.

CHILD AND YOUTH DENTAL PROGRAM
The Regional Municipality of York, 17150 Yonge Street, Newmarket Ontario L3Y 6Z1
1-877-464-9675 ext 74388 | TTY: 1-866-512-6228
childrens.dental@york.ca
23-5645

York Region

Dance-A-Palooza 2023!

The WRPS Dance-a-Palooza was a wonderful success! Thank you to our dedicated team of School Council volunteers for their time and dedication to making it a successful fundraiser and exciting event for students.

Fun and excitement was enjoyed by all!



Pink Shirt Day February 22, 2023

<https://www.cbc.ca/kids/articles/what-is-pink-shirt-day>

What is Pink Shirt Day?

Pink Shirt Day is a globally recognized day in support of anti-bullying, upstanding behaviour and simple acts of kindness. **On February 22, 2023, we are encouraged to practice kindness and wear pink to show that we do not tolerate any form of bullying and uphold these values throughout the year!**



On February 22nd, we invite all students to wear pink to show support for this internationally recognized day.

[Click here to learn about the Canadian story behind Pink Shirt Day.](#)

PLAY Leaders At Windham Ridge



This week, 32 students from Grades 6-8 were trained by York Region Public Health as part of our Peer Leadership for Active Youth (PLAY) program. Students took part in 3 one-hour training sessions during lunch this past week to learn more about how to involve our younger students in active games during recess times. On our last day of the training, students learned how to play some outdoor games that they will be leading outside with our Grade 1-3 students. We look forward to bringing this amazing program to life in the coming weeks at Windham Ridge!



Let's Walk!



Ontario Active School Travel:
[Winter Walk Day](#)
[Activity Ideas](#) -
[ParticipACTION](#)



School Council February 22, 2023

School Council Meeting: Wednesday, February 22nd, 2023
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Virtual or In Person- WRPS Library

Virtual link: Join on your computer, mobile app or room device
[Click here to join the meeting](#)
Meeting ID: 269 736 504 166
Passcode: rHyi6h
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Child-minding will be available by registration:
[Please click here to advise if you will be needing this option.](#)

We look forward to our continued partnership with the School Council as we collaborate to serve each student and family of Windham Ridge PS.