



Windham Ridge Public School Community Newsletter



Week ending: February 24th, 2023



Monday, February 27 (Day 2)	Monday, March 6 (Day 2)
Tuesday, February 28 (Day 3) Pizza lunch	Tuesday, March 7 (Day 3) Pizza lunch
Wednesday, March 1 (Day 4) Astoria Hot Lunch School Council- 6:30pm	Wednesday, March 8 (Day 4) Talent Show Fire Department Visit/Sessions Astoria Hot Lunch
Thursday, March 2 (Day 5) Subway Lunch	Thursday, March 9 (Day 5) Subway Lunch Fire Department Visit/Sessions
Friday, March 3 (Day 1) Kids Kitchen Winter Carnival	Friday, March 10 (Day 1) Kids Kitchen Last day before March Break




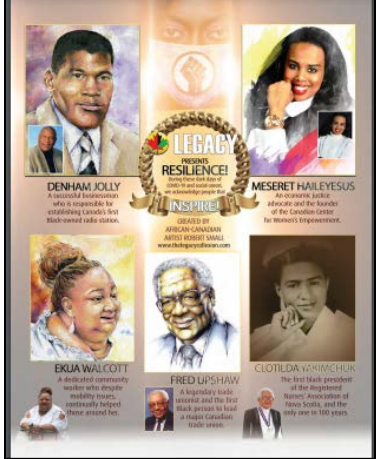


March 13th to 17th
Return to school on Monday March 20th

Multifaith Observances

- 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 (Nisf Sha'bān)*
- Judaism 6 Eve of Purim*
- Buddhism 6 Magha Puja (Sangha) Day*
- Hinduism 7 Holi*
- Judaism 7 Purim*
- Full Moon 7 Full Moon*
- Sikhism 8 Hola Mohalla*
- Buddhism 10 Birth of Avalokiteshvara Bodhisattva*
- Astronomical Event*
- 12 Daylight Saving Time begins*

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:

<p>Violet King</p>		
<p>Portia White</p>		
<p>Cameron Davis</p>		

Carnaval is Coming!



Friday, March 3rd, 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/citovens/patrimoine/quartiers/saint_jean_baptiste/interet/carnaval_hiver_quebec.aspx

On Friday, March 3rd, 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!

Talent Show

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

We are excited to celebrate the talents of our Windham Ridge PS students!

Please see information below:

- 9:15am- performances by students across all grades
- 1:15pm- performances by students across all grades



Parents/Guardians are welcome to join either performance.

A reminder that all visitors need to sign in the office on arrival before proceeding to the gym for the performances.

Social Justice Committee

February 22, 2023



The Phoenix energy was palpable at the Social Justice assembly on Wednesday February 22, 2023!

We welcomed Pam from Yellow Brick House & presented a donation of \$1542.75 which the Yellow Brick House will match!

Students sang the school song & wore pink to show their dedication to anti bullying at Windham Ridge. Students of the Social Justice Committee and the Tech Crew demonstrated exemplary leadership with thanks to staff who have supported students

in the planning and delivery of this phenomenal celebration and spirit building event.

Pizza

New session
March 21 - June 20



PIZZA LUNCH IS BACK AT WINDHAM RIDGE! (MARCH 21ST TO JUNE 20TH)

We are happy to announce that we will continue to offer pizza lunch to our students for the remainder of the school year. Pizza day is on **Tuesdays**, with the new session starting on March 21, 2023 and will run for 14 weeks until June 20, 2023.

There are 5 choices available: cheese, pepperoni, hawaiian, vegetarian, and gluten-free. **Your choice will apply to all 14 weeks**, we do not have the capability of changing the selection week to week. The cost per slice will depend on the selection. Please see below.

Orders must be processed through [School Cash Online](#). If you do not have an account set up, click the link and select **Register** to set up your account. Please contact the school office team if you have any concerns.

Deadline to order is Friday, March 3, 2023 (NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED)

Reminder

- No pizza will be distributed in the event of a bus cancellation or inclement weather day. Pizza will be rescheduled for a later date, and you will be notified by the school.

Program Details & Policies:

- Pizza House is our vendor - all selections are compliant with Ministry of Education Policy 150.
- Order is applicable for the 14-week timeframe - we do not have the volunteer base to tailor orders for select dates.
- If your child is on a field trip, their pizza will be held in the office refrigerator until the end of the day.
- If your child is absent, their pizza will be kept in the freezer **ONLY** until the following week.

Type of Pizza	# of Tuesdays	Cost per Slice	Total Cost <small>Based on 2 slices per student</small>
Cheese ONLY	14	\$3.50	\$49.00
Pepperoni & Cheese	14	\$3.50	\$49.00
Hawaiian (Ham and pineapple)	14	\$4.00	\$56.00
Veggie (Green pepper, tomato, and mushroom)	14	\$4.00	\$56.00
Gluten Free	14	\$5.75	\$80.50

Calendar Pizza Days: (Tuesdays only)

March	21	28		
April	4	11	18	25
May	2	9	16	23 30
June	6	13	20	

Please click on the following link to process your order through [School Cash Online](#).

Don't delay... to avoid disappointment, place your pizza order by Friday, March 3, 2023

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Homestay Families Needed – International Visa Students



Host families are needed to offer homestay accommodation to international visa students. The experience of hosting can be a once in a lifetime experience for your family.

Are you able to offer a caring home environment to a YRDSB international student? Remuneration (monthly stipend) is available to families to cover the cost of hosting. Hosting opportunities are available from two well-known organizations, approved by YRDSB. These organizations can support you every step of the way. Both [Canada Homestay Network](#) and [MLI Homestay](#) offer additional information online. These opportunities are available broadly to YRDSB staff, and members of school communities.

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.

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
23-5045

York Region

Let's Walk!



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

**School Council
Wednesday,
March 1, 2023
6:30pm**

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

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

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Child-minding will be available by registration:

[Please click here to advise if you will be needing this option.](#)