



Windham Ridge P.S. Community Newsletter



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What's Up Windham Community Calendar

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

Multifaith Observances

Best wishes to all families observing celebrations!

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



Sending wishes for a prosperous and fulfilling Lunar New Year to families! Thank you for the contributions from WRPS families and students to our school display!

February is Black History Month



<https://iamdogibson.com/>



Over the course of next week, WRPS will continue to celebrate Black excellence in daily programs and through the virtual morning announcements which will included a focus on:



[Viola Desmond](#)



[Tracy Moore](#)



[D.O. Gibson](#)



[Jean Augustine](#)



[Elijah McCoy](#)

Our school will be having a visit from Hip-Hop artist and speaker Duane "D.O." Gibson on Tuesday February 13, 2024!

Gibson is a Guinness World Record-setting rapper who has visited thousands of schools since 2001. He will be delivering his Black Canadian 365 program, which has been profiled in Globe and Mail, City TV, Entertainment Tonight Canada and more.

In this program, Gibson talks about Viola Desmond, who stood up for her rights by sitting down at a movie theatre in Nova Scotia. He will delve into Bob Marley's Canadian connection and the story of how Black Canadians migrated to Sierra Leone. The presentation is interactive, and he gets the students rapping along – even in a virtual space!

Student Events and Family Engagement		
Date and Time	Event Information/Details	Location
February 27, 2024 7:00-8:00pm.	Anti-Blackness in Schools - Virtual Affinity Session for Black Students, Families and Black Staff with Presenters Dr.Joi Spencer and Dr.Kerri Ullucci Register Here	Online Register to Receive Link
February 29, 2024 5:00pm - 6:30pm	Family Cookout with Chef Maxine Knight - Open to All: Student & Families Light refreshments will be served. Register In person Experience Details to be shared upon registration. Register Here	Dr Bette Rm 113

Carnaval 2024 at WRPS

February 9, 2024



The WRPS 2024 Winter Carnival was a unique experience this year!

The spring-like weather didn't stop students, staff, and parent volunteers from enjoying a day filled with crafts, outdoor activities, hot chocolate and hot apple cider, and the culmination of a week long, school wide Bingo! Congratulations to Mme Walls' class for getting 'Bingo'!

WRPS is grateful to the dedicated staff who planned an exciting day and the parent volunteers who supported throughout the day!

School spirit, in the form of a traditional Quebecois experience, was strong at Windham Ridge PS!

Booster Juice Grade 8 Fundraiser



For the first time ever at Windham Ridge, our Grade 8 students are excited to be selling **Booster Juice** smoothies!

The smoothies will be delivered during lunch time on Tuesday February 20th. The Booster Juice smoothies will be available in 355ml (snack size) for \$5.75 each.

100% of the proceeds will go towards supporting grade 8 end-of-year events.

Booster Juice follows the YRDSB PPM150 guidelines for Nutritional Standards and the smoothies are nut and dairy free.

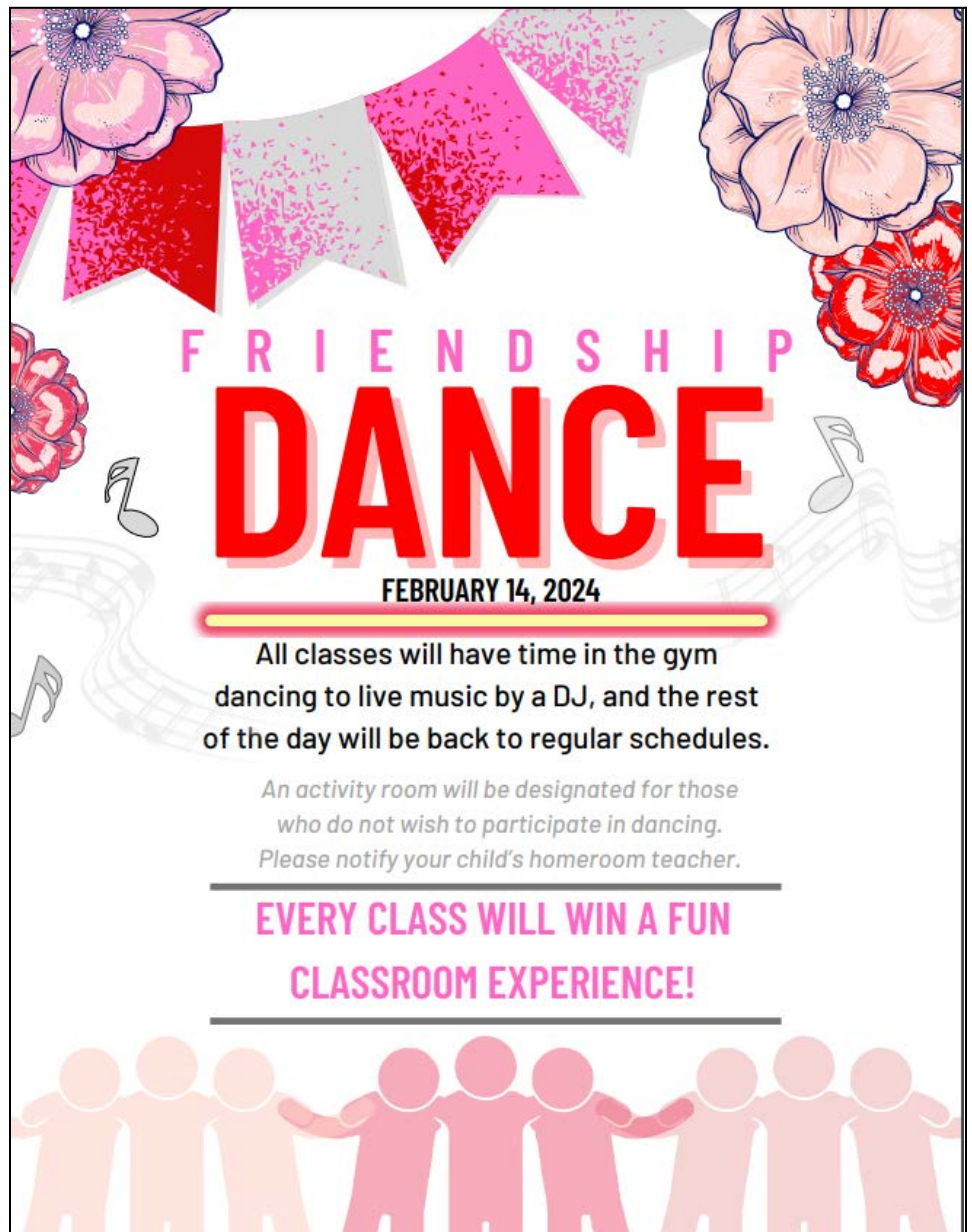
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- Mango Mania - passion fruit, guava, strawberry and mango
- Strawberry - passion fruit, guava, strawberry and banana
- Berry Blossom - passion fruit, guava, raspberry, strawberry and blueberry

Last day to order is Wednesday February 14th

**Friendship Dance
on Wednesday
February 14th**

**Thank you to the
WRPS School
Council for
organizing this
school event!**



**Friendship Dance
Treats on February
14th**

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**Last day to order:
Monday Feb. 12**

Grade 8 students are excited to present a treat to enjoy at the Friendship Dance on Wednesday February 14th! **Each option costs \$5.25** and will include a special note of kindness from our grade 8 students. Purchase on School Cash Online!

OPTION #1

Teddy Pop Candy
Motts Fruit Juice Candy
Crayola Model Magic Package
Bottle of Oasis Apple Juice

OPTION #2

PopCorners Flavoured PopCorner Chips
Motts Fruit Juice Candy
Bottle of Oasis Apple Juice

Elementary Term 1 Report Card - Message to families

You will be receiving Term 1 report cards soon and there is new information for families who would like to know more about the revised language curriculum for Grade 1-8 students and Early Reading Screening for year one and two Kindergarten students.

You can find this information on the school board website. The information posted on the website is available in multiple languages using the translation tool drop down menu on the top right corner of the webpage. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

New Grade 7/8 Mental Health Literacy Modules Support Student Mental Health and Well-being

This fall, the Ministry of Education has introduced a series of three modules per grade to support the **existing mental health literacy expectations** within the grade 7 and 8 **Health** and **Physical Education** curriculum.

This series of three 40-minute modules per grade will be delivered by educators to support the existing mental health literacy expectations within Strand D of the Health and Physical Education curriculum. They're not new learning – they offer ways to enhance the delivery of the existing curriculum and focus on mental health literacy.

This learning will help equip students with inclusive, culturally responsive, evidence-informed knowledge, skills, and strategies to support their mental health and well-being.

There are important reasons to bring these modules into the classroom:

- Students **want** to learn more about mental health at school.
- This learning helps students develop skills that support positive mental health.
- Mental health learning supports learning in all other areas.
- This learning can encourage conversations and help students in need reach support.
- As caring adults in the lives of young people, we want students to be well.

Here is an [introductory video](#) that provides more information

If you have questions about this learning or mental health supports, please contact

Youth Speak Bullying Prevention - Online Session

Thursday, February
22, 2024

6:30pm-7:30pm
online

Thank you to the
WRPS School
Council for
organizing this
event!



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND, 2024 6:30-7:30PM ONLINE

Windham Ridge PS Online Session

welcomes *YouthSpeak Charity*, for an engaging virtual session to support our well-being & equity initiatives within our school community.

Program: **Bullying Prevention**



Parents will:

1

Be inspired by personal stories of trained youth speakers

2

Increase understanding of issues related to bullying and cyberbullying

3

Learn strategies for how to support youth

4

Gain information on resources

Join here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81900427379?pwd=UIZTbk44QVl6M2tOSm9BdWovYjNXZz09>

YouthSpeak Charity is dedicated to youth mental health and well-being. In 20 years, we have reached over 350,000 youth & caring adults through 3250+ speaking events throughout Ontario.

YouthSpeak's vision is for all youth to be inspired and empowered to live resilient and meaningful lives.

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UBUNTU Healing Circle for students in grades 7-12



York Region District School Board **UBUNTU HEALING CIRCLE** **Winter/Spring 2024**



A virtual healing circle for Black identified students across YRDSB to join together in an inclusive affinity space, focused on supporting emotional well-being. This space is one that has been created to promote healing, wellness and resilience for Black identified students.

The group will be facilitated by members of the School Social Work Team. Students in grades 7-12 are invited to attend and participation will occur virtually.

Grades Served: Grade 7 to Grade 12 students from schools across YRDSB

Modality: Virtual offering

Language of Service: Services will be offered in English.

Total sessions: 8 sessions

Date: Wednesday, February 28th, 2024

Time: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm (Weekly)

For more information, or to sign up: Please ask your Teacher, Guidance Counsellor, SERT, Student Success Teacher, Principal, or Vice Principal to contact either:

Melanie Beck
at the follow

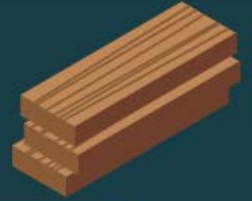
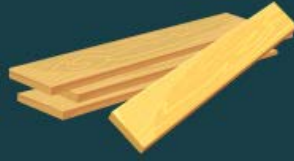


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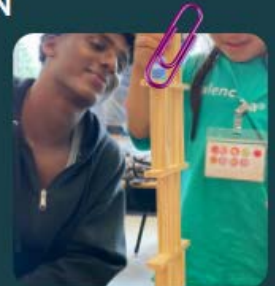
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KEVA PLANKS AND ANTI-BULLY PROGRAM

Free Participation and Gifts

YOUTH ROOM AT ANIIN
COMMUNITY CENTRE
FROM 2-3 PM



FEB 10TH 2024

FEB 24TH 2024

MAR 2ND 2024

MAR 23RD 2024

APR 6TH 2024

APR 13TH 2024

LIMITED SPOTS
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