



Windham Ridge P.S. Community Newsletter



Week ending: **January 19, 2024**



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*What's Up
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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.

January 27, 2024

International Holocaust Remembrance Day

January 27, 2024 is International Holocaust Remembrance Day. This date was designated by resolution of the United Nations General Assembly in November 2005.

The day reaffirms “that the Holocaust, which resulted in the murder of one third of the Jewish people along with countless members of other minorities, will forever be a warning to all people of the dangers of hatred, bigotry, racism and prejudice” (UN General Assembly A/60/L.12).

This day serves as an international memorial day for the victims of the Nazi Holocaust, which saw the murder of 6 million Jews, 250,000 to 500,000 Roma people, 200,000 to 250,000 persons with disabilities, and 15,000 people who were LGBTQ+. January 27 marks the date when the Nazi concentration and extermination camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau was liberated by Soviet troops in 1945.

[Click here to explore more information about this today through the UNESCO website](#)

Arrival times



Windham Ridge PS school hours are from 8:40am-3:10pm. Students should be in classes and ready for learning after the last bell that rings at 8:40am.

Please note that when students arrive late in the mornings, students miss important routines and content offered at the start of the day.

If your child is late, please ensure that they check-in to the office before heading to class to avoid inaccurate attendance data for your child.

School Bus: delays and important information



Important information and reminders:

- Parents should know the school and bus company phone number in the event of an emergency;
 - [School: 905-773-5443](tel:905-773-5443)
 - [Student Transportation Services: 1-877-330-3001- press '0' to speak with an attendant until 5:00pm](tel:1-877-330-3001)
- Parents are reminded to refer to the Late Bus Report on the Student Transportation Services website at www.schoolbuscity.com prior to leaving for the bus stop in the mornings and afternoons.
- Parents should review the STS Late Bus Report each morning and afternoon and understand the need to make alternative arrangements for their child/children if the school bus is late or cancelled

More information about [Student Transportation policy and procedure is available online.](#)

January 29, 2024

National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia

January 29, 2024 is the [The National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia](#). YRDSB joins Muslim communities across York Region and Canada in mourning, commemorating and standing together against Islamophobia and anti-Muslim hate.

The National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia serves as a reminder of the importance of taking an unwavering stand against all forms of hate, racism, and discrimination and the work needed to recognize and eradicate anti-Muslim hate.

To support Muslim students and families, please see mental health supports available for YRDSB students and families:

- [Cedarway Therapy](#): trained and experienced clinicians from diverse backgrounds, speaking different languages (English, French, Arabic, Urdu, Gujarati, Hindi, Punjabi), and offering culturally and spiritually responsive services.
- [Naseeha](#): provides an anonymous, non-judgmental, confidential and toll-free peer support helpline for youth experiencing personal challenges. Naseeha's services are open to all regardless of age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, family makeup, social status, income, ability, physical and mental health, and religion.

Centre for Black Student Excellence Newsletter - January 2024



The Centre for Black Excellence www.yrdsb.ca/blackexcellence

Welcome to a new year! We are continuing to share information that supports families of Black children and stay tuned for other events coming up in February for Black History Month throughout the community and the YRDSB.

[Click here to access the full January newsletter!](#)

Extra Clothing & Student Checklist

As students continue to be outdoors for recess, it is important to send warm clothing with your child including **extra** clothing to be kept at school on your child's hook or in their lockers. **Have I packed these items in my bag today before leaving for school:**

lunch/extra snacks/ Utensils	extra masks (if needed)
water bottle	indoor shoes, if possible
agenda	extra clothing- including socks/pants
homework/assignments/ projects	snow Pants/hat/mittens

Grade 1 French Immersion Registration for 2024-2025



Welcome to 2024-2025 grade 1 students!



Registration will take place from January 19 - February 5, 2024. An in-person information session will be offered at Windham Ridge PS on January 18, 2024 at 7 p.m.

Registration is not first-come, first-served. Late registrations are those submitted after February 5, 2024. Late registrations will be treated on a first-come, first-served basis and will be considered subsequent to registrations received during the registration period, should overflow be necessary.

Parents/guardians of Senior Kindergarten students **currently enrolled in a YRDSB school** entering Grade 1 in 2024 and wishing to enroll in the FI Program:

- can email or call their home school office (where your child currently attends) and declare their intention to register in FI.
- WRPS office will contact parents by email requesting that you forward **ONE** piece of identification showing your address to complete the registration. (see acceptable documents below)
- Please forward your documents by email to Windham Ridge at Windham.ridge.ps@yrdsb.ca. See below a list of acceptable documents.

Families registering students who **do not currently attend a YRDSB school** will need to complete [full registration paperwork](#) and email it to windham.ridge.ps@yrdsb.ca

Information required for FULL registration includes:

- Proof of child's age (Birth Certificate/Passport)
- Any legal documents related to custody arrangements if applicable
- Proof of Residency of the student - **Three** documents needed, **ONE** from Category A and **TWO** from Category B:

Acceptable documentation (Proof of Address):

- *Three documents required.*
- *All documents must show home address for student living with the parent(s)/guardians(s). All documents must contain parent or guardian's name.*
- *One document from Category A. This document must be an original.*
- *Two documents required from Category B.*

Category A – one original document required

- Property Tax Bill / MPAC Notice of Assessment (*must be current – within past year*)
- Agreement of Purchase and Sale, including proof of purchase and closing date, provided before student attends school (*must be current – within past year*)
- Bank Statement / Financial letter: must be stamped by Financial Institution (financial details can be obscured) (*must be current – within two months*)
- Any CRA document (i.e. Notice of Assessment, Canada Child Benefit, Goods and Services Tax/Harmonized sales Tax (GST/HST credit), Housing Benefits, etc. (*must be current – within past year*))

Category B – two documents required

- Utility Bill/e-Bill (*must be current – within two months*):
Hydro, Water, Residential Home Phone, Cable,
Internet Service, Enbridge,
Insurance Policy: Car, Home, Tenant
- Any CRA document (i.e. Notice of Assessment, Canada Child Benefit, Goods and Services Tax/Harmonized sales Tax (GST/HST credit), Housing Benefits, etc. This document must be original. (*must be current – within past year*)
IF NOT USED FOR CATEGORY A
- Other official Provincial or Federal government document(s) that includes parent(s) or guardian (s) name and address.
This document must be an original. (*must be current – within past year*)

Documents not acceptable in Category A & B:

- Driver's License
- Health Card
- Lease or Rental Agreements
- Credit Card Statement
- Cell Phone bill/e-bill

Windham Ridge Talent Show



Our famous Windham Ridge Talent Show is fast approaching!

Auditions will begin the week of January 15th. Students will be informed as to which day their grade will audition during our morning announcements.

On audition day, students must come prepared with all necessary music and/or materials. Pianists will use our school piano to play their piece.

The Talent Show will take place on Thursday, February 29th.

We are looking forward to enjoying the phenomenal talents of WRPS students on February 29th, 2024!

Hot Lunches Fundraiser

Windham Ridge PS Council is happy to announce the following Hot Lunch Fundraising Programs. **Please mark these dates in your calendar.**

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| 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 |

Parent/caregiver series supporting learning about mental health

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The YRDSB Central Mental Health Team is proud to be offering the **Learning about Mental Health Presentation Series (LAMPS)**.

The objective of the series is to promote and enhance mental health literacy. The first session is

- “Anxiety in School-Aged Youth, a Presentation for Parents and Caregivers” and will occur virtually on February 28 from 6 - 7 p.m.
- The presentation will focus on the characteristics of anxiety, and some general strategies that may be beneficial in supporting your children and their anxiety.

These sessions are offered to any parent/guardian. Translation will be provided in a limited number of languages. If your preferred language is not offered, we recommend watching with a friend or family member who is able to translate.

To register please visit [this link](#).

Please Register by February 27, 2024

Terra Cotta Cookies

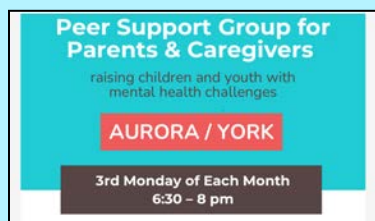


Terra Cotta Cookies - Vanilla Heart Cookies

Windham Ridge will be selling Terra Cotta (Vanilla Heart) Cookies for \$2.00 each. The cookies will go on sale on **Friday January 19th** and will be delivered during morning snack time on **Thursday February 1st**. These yummy cookies are individually wrapped, and made in a peanut and nut-free facility! 100% of the proceeds will go towards supporting school activities.

Limited quantity available.

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%3Aascds%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 February 7, 2024

6:30pm-8:00pm

Virtually and in person (school library)

Agenda to be shared at a later date

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](#)

Volunteers Needed!



Hello dear community,

The hot lunches are back up and running next week and volunteers are needed to organize and distribute the lunches.

We would love your help. Please review the form linked below and see if there are any days or slots that you can chip in. Feel free to forward to other parents that may be able to assist.

Please note that volunteers new to the school will need to submit a vulnerable sector screening form, and returning volunteers will need to sign the annual defense declaration. All volunteers also must sign a confidentiality agreement.

If you need help with any of these forms please email wrpscouncil3@gmail.com

Volunteer sign-up:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/15LMTUJu2zReumZDkZ1T9Etn7BojAoB3i5DQ2sCKnlss/edit>

WRPS School Council Co-Chairs, Jodie and Parvaz