



Windham Ridge Public School Community Newsletter



Week ending: June 9, 2023



Monday, June 12 (Day 3)	Monday, June 19 (Day 3)
Tuesday, June 13 (Day 4) Pizza lunch Transition visit for new grade 1 families 1:30 School Council 6:30pm	Tuesday, June 20 (Day 4) Last Pizza lunch End of Year BBQ
Wednesday, June 14 (Day 5) Astoria Lunch	Wednesday, June 21 (Day 5) Last Astoria Lunch National Indigenous Peoples Day
Thursday, June 15 (Day 1) Subway Lunch Gr. 8 Jungle Book Performance- see info below	Thursday, June 22 (Day 1) Last Subway Lunch Gr. 8 Graduation
Friday, June 16 (Day 2) Kids Kitchen Lunch Fun Day! Last Day to order food items for the School BBQ on School Cash Online!	Friday, June 23 (Day 2) Kids Kitchen Lunch

<p align="center"><u>June Multifaith Observances</u></p> <p align="center">Eastern / Old / Orthodox Christianity 11 All Saints Day (E) Sikhism 16 Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Ji Buddhism 18 Jamyang Khyentse Chokyi Lodro Anniversary New Moon 18 New Moon Indigenous Spirituality 21 National Indigenous Peoples Day (Canada) Wicca 21 Litha Astronomical Event 21 June Solstice Islam 28 Day of Hajj (Day at 'Arafat) Diamond Days 29 'Id al-'Adhá (Festival of Sacrifice) Zarathushti (Zoroastrianism) 29 Ghambar Mailyoshem begins Islam 29 'Id al-'Adhá</p>

Office News



Lost & Found items *Lost & Found* items have been displayed on a table in the main hallway. Please encourage your child to walk by the table to claim a lost item that may have been lost or misplaced since January.

Early vacations in June The last day of school is Friday June 30th. As we are approaching the end of the school year, families may be planning early summer vacations. Parents may report a *planned absence* in Edsby once they have confirmed their child's last day. Don't forget to also advise the homeroom teacher.

Planning on Moving? If your child/ren grades 1 to 7 will not be returning to WRPS in September, please notify the school office by emailing windham.ridge.ps@yrdsb.ca.

June is Pride Month



June is Pride Month around the globe. It's a time when people in the 2SLGBTQI+ community (two spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex and additional identities) recognize 2SLGBTQI+ history and leaders in activism. Pride Month allows schools to embrace inclusion and celebrate diversity.

On June 1st, we raised the Progress Pride Flag at Windham Ridge PS.



https://twitter.com/WRPS_YRDSB/status/1664339050977697795?s=20 .

The Progress Pride Flag allows schools to show representation of marginalized identities in the community. The significance of the colours in the new flag are as follows:

- yellow background with the purple circle recognizes intersex experiences
- pink, white and blue represent trans experiences
- black and brown represent the intersectional racialized experiences

Indigenous History Month

Land Acknowledgement and Treaties

What is a 'Land Acknowledgement'?

YRDSB Land Acknowledgement (Part 1)

Our school is part of York Region. First Nations people have been living on the land now called York Region for thousands of years. The First Nation peoples and the settlers who arrived here made promises to share this land. These promises are called treaties. In what we now call York Region, there are two treaties:

Treaty 13, The Toronto Treaty	The Williams Treaties
Signed by the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation	Signed by seven nations: The Mississaugas of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Alderville ● Curve Lake ● Hiawatha ● Scugog Island the Chippewas of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Beausoleil ● Rama ● Georgina Island



The Chippewas of Georgina Island are our closest First Nation community and are our partners in education.

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First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Team; Curriculum and Instructional Services

We are responsible for the treaties (Part 2)

Treaties teach us that all who live here should be respectful of one another.

They also teach us that the land is our responsibility.

All of nature, the earth, the waters, the plants, the animals are important to Indigenous peoples. Treaties remind us that we must care for mother earth to keep her healthy for those who will live here in the future.



The Jungle Book
has arrived at
Windham Ridge PS!

June 15, 2023

The time has come for our Grade 8 performance of the *Jungle Book*!

This Thursday, June 15th, our amazing Grade 8's will put on a theatrical performance of *The Jungle Book*! They have been working very hard for months! Families of students in grade 8 have received tickets in advance for the evening performance at 6:30pm.

If your child is not in grade 8 and you would like to see the performance, you are welcome to join us at 1:20pm in the gym. Please note that the evening performance is reserved for families with tickets.

Good luck to all our amazing Grade 8's, can't wait for SHOWTIME!

**Anti-Racism for
Families 101**

**Workshop for
Parents/Caregivers**

[Click here to register](#)

Anti-Racism for Families 101
with Dr. Vidya Shah



Thursday June 15, 2023
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Dr. Bette Stephenson
Centre for Learning

Do you ever wonder how you might support racial justice in your home, school, and community?

In this workshop, Dr. Vidya Shah will share tips and strategies for having conversations about race with children and youth and explain how parents/caregivers can support racial justice in schools.

To Register



All participants in this FREE in-person workshop must RSVP using the link below.

[Register here](#)

Presented by Inclusive School and Community Services



**School Council
Meeting**



School Council Meeting: Tuesday, June 13, 2023
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
WRPS Library

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

Year End BBQ

Tuesday June 20th,
2023



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School Council invites all Windham Ridge families to our Year End BBQ on Tuesday June 20th, 2023 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Rain or Shine.


Join us for a night of fun & food including BBQ and DJ. Summer beverages and an ice cream truck will be available for purchase on site by local vendors.

Be sure to log into your [School Cash Online](#) account by **June 16th** if you would like to purchase food & beverage items.

Promoting Racial Literacy in Schools Virtual Event

[Register here](#)

Promoting Racial Literacy in Schools
Differences That Make A Difference
with Dr. Howard C. Stevenson




Monday June 19, 2023
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Virtual Event

Parents/guardians and students are invited to attend a virtual workshop with Dr. Howard C. Stevenson, author of *Promoting Racial Literacy in Schools: Differences That Make a Difference*.


Join the conversation on how to help children learn healthier ways to resolve racial stress.

All participants in this FREE workshop must RSVP using the link below.


[Register here](#)



Presented by Inclusive School and Community Services
Workshop funded through the Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant



PROMOTING RACIAL LITERACY IN SCHOOLS Differences That Make a Difference



HOWARD C. STEVENSON

**Girls Inc.
York Region**

To register:
registration@girlsincyork.org

Website:
www.girlsincyork.org



**GIRLS INC. OF YORK REGION
SUMMER CAMP JULY – AUGUST 2023**

WHAT:

Girls Inc. of York Region offers a fun and unique, 6-week long, summer camp experience for ages 5-13. Each week follows a different theme with a variety of activities, crafts, games and more. Each week also includes a field trip. Trip locations are to be determined and will vary each week.

WHERE:

Summer Camp Locations:

Regency Acres Public School 123 Murray Dr, Aurora, ON L4G 2C7
Poplar Bank Public School 400 Woodspring Ave, Newmarket, ON L3X 2X1

Call: 905-830-0776 for more information.
To register, please email registration@girlsincyork.org or
visit our website www.girlsincyork.org

Girls Incorporated of York Region is a non-profit youth organization that is dedicated to empowering all individuals who identify as female, to seek the highest quality of life possible. We actively strive to enhance confidence and self-esteem in our participants while giving them the skills and tools they need in order to be empowered, productive and contributing members of society.

**Every Student Counts
Survey**



The Every Student Counts Survey was scheduled to close on Friday, May 19, 2023. In order to ensure families have enough time to complete the survey, we are extending the deadline for the **Kindergarten - Grade 3 survey until June 23, 2023.**

During the week of June 5, families of students in Kindergarten - Grade 3 will receive another invitation letter to complete the survey. If you have already completed the survey, or do not wish to complete the survey, please disregard the invitation letter.