



# Windham Ridge P.S. Community Newsletter



Week ending: **March 1st, 2024**



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## What's Up Windham Community Calendar

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## Multifaith Observances

Best wishes to all families observing celebrations!

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

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

## February is Black History Month

On the virtual morning announcements, leaders of Black excellence were highlighted including:

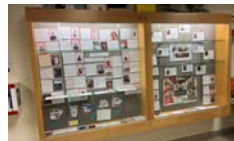


→ Tracey Moore:

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/CpL0IDFJPTV/>



→ Dwayne the Rock Johnson and Rocky Johnson: [Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson honors his father Rocky Johnson as part of Black History Month](#)



→ Grade 8 writing activity: Time Person of the Year: grade 8s have researched Black changemakers and Black excellence to present their choices for 'Time Person of the Year'!

Visit our main hallway display case to read a collection of the grade 8 persuasive pieces about who should be considered for this designation. We look forward to updates about the voting process across the grade 8 classes to see which person of Black excellence will be awarded the title of 'Time Person of the Year'.

Click below to access a video compilation of some of the other learning experienced by WRPS students: [https://youtu.be/SIZ1mqS\\_mqA](https://youtu.be/SIZ1mqS_mqA)

We look forward to students' continued learning and unlearning throughout the school year.

## WRPS 2024 Talent Show!



Talent Show part 2-  
Monday March 4,  
1:30pm

We are excited to have celebrated the unique talents of our Windham Ridge PS students!

Each WRPS student shines uniquely every day at WRPS but on Friday, March 1st, we learned a bit more about each other!

From stand-up comedy, music, martial arts, dance routines to playing musical instruments such as the trumpet, violin and piano to name a few, students demonstrated a wide variety of talents!

The Talent Show was a phenomenal representation of WRPS Phoenix perseverance and dedication.

A huge shout out to our tech and stage crew as their role was as equally as important to ensure a smooth and well supported event for all. Without the support from all teachers involved, the Talent Show would not have been



possible!

On Monday March 4th at 1:30 pm., we are pleased to announce a mini talent show to showcase more WRPS talent! Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend this performance. A reminder that all visitors need to sign in the office on arrival before proceeding to the gym.

## Terra Cotta Frozen Cookie Dough Drop Fundraiser



### Back by popular demand!

We are partnering with **Terra Cotta Cookies Co.** to offer the delicious **frozen cookie dough drop** boxes once again. Bake them as you need and enjoy!

Each package contains **40 frozen cookie dough drops** (100% peanut and nut free) that can be stored in the freezer. With many different options, there's something for everyone!

\$5.00 from each box sold goes to support Windham Ridge PS Grade 8 graduation events.

- Orders can be placed from **Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> through Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**.
- Payment will be made directly to *Terra Cotta Cookies Co.*
- No cash or cheque payments will be accepted. This is a 100% online fundraiser.
- Orders **must** be picked up on **Wednesday, April 10th from 3:30-5:30 pm** at the school.
- Please make sure that you can make arrangements to have the cookie dough picked up on that day.

**Due to limited freezer space, any orders that are not picked up on April 10th, will be discarded.**

**Click below to place your order:**

<https://fundraising.terracottacookies.com/current-fundraisers/windham-ridge-public-school/>

With thanks,

WRPS Grade 8 Fundraising Team

# Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter- YRDSB

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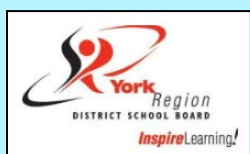
## Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter - March 2024



In this edition, **we will focus on the value of taking a break**. While we acknowledge that taking a break can be difficult due to busy schedules and the demands of multiple responsibilities, we encourage everyone to recognize that breaks can be hugely beneficial in a variety of ways. Breaks can be a chance to slow-down, reflect, have fun, and connect with loved ones, or cultural groups. Breaks may even allow us to rejuvenate and feel better equipped to take on life's stressors. We want to remind you that breaks don't have to be big to be effective. Take some time to consider what kind of break is possible for you and your family. We acknowledge that everyone will take breaks in different ways and that is OK!

For some helpful tips on fun March break activities, please see the end of this newsletter. **[Click here to access the March newsletter!](#)**

## YRDSB Arts Camp 2024



### What is Arts Camp?

Celebrating over 30 years on the shores of a private lake in the Haliburton Highlands, Camp White Pine is host to a unique yearly camp for Grades 7-12 YRDSB students.

Arts Camp is an intensive week-long immersion in visual, studio and performance art programs and experiences. At camp, each camper is encouraged to discover and explore their identity through supported risk-taking and positive collaboration with peers, staff artists and camp leaders through intensive and extended opportunities to explore and discover new and creative talents. Arts Camp fosters rich opportunities to gain self-awareness, self-confidence and a distinct identity, while supporting the growth, individuality and potential of all participants.

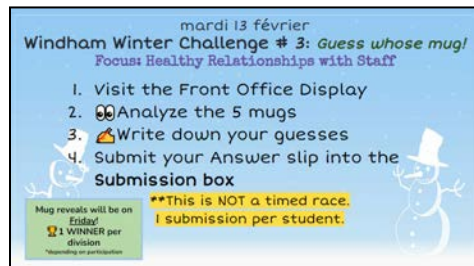
- Students/families should first download the [Application Information Package](#) from the board website which outlines the application process for elementary students wishing to attend YRDSB Arts Camp 2024.
- The application process will be completed via [Google Form](#).
- Applications open **February 29th at 9:00 a.m. and close March 22, 2024, at 11:59 p.m.** Late applications will not be accepted.
- Students are selected through a random lottery process.

## Lost and Found Items

*Lost and Found* items will be on display outside the gym doors until Friday March 8th. After this date, the items will be bagged and donated to a local charity.



## WRPS Winter Challenge #3!



WRPS staff decorated their own paper mug with pictures of things they enjoy and students have had the chance to guess who the mugs belong to!

Students have been excited to guess the owner of the mugs and the Well Being Spaces committee announced winners on the virtual morning announcements on the past three Fridays.

Congratulations to all students for learning a bit more about their teachers and to those who made correct guesses and were able to choose a prize!

## English Scholastic Book Fair



WRPS will be hosting an English Scholastic Book Fair from **March 25th to 28th**. All proceeds are directed back to purchasing resources for the WRPS library!

If you choose to send money with your child to purchase items from the book fair, **please speak with your child(ren) about keeping their money secure while at school.**

We do not encourage students to share money with their friends and we ask families to review this with their child(ren).

## March Break March 11th to 15th



- Please notify the school office if your child/ren will be leaving on an early vacation before the start of the March Break or will not be returning to school on Monday March 18th. A **PLANNED ABSENCE** can be reported by parents In [Edsby](#) at any time before your departure.
- If the parents/guardians do not report the absence and If the office is unsuccessful in reaching parents or emergency contacts, the school is required to call the police to ensure the safety and location of the student.

**Grade 8  
Grad Photo Day**

Grade 8 families:

Please note March 26, 2024 as photo day for the grade 8 graduating class. Retakes will take place on April 16, 2024.

