



# Windham Ridge Public School Community Newsletter



**Week ending: March 10th, 2023**



<b>Monday, March 20 (Day 2)</b>	<b>Monday, March 27 (Day 2)</b>
<b>Tuesday, March 21 (Day 3)</b> Pizza lunch (1st day of new session) Naw Ruz	<b>Tuesday, March 28 (Day 3)</b> Pizza lunch
<b>Wednesday, March 22 (Day 4)</b> Grade 8 grad photos	<b>Wednesday, March 29 (Day 4)</b>
<b>Thursday, March 23 (Day 5)</b> Make up date for Subway lunch	<b>Thursday, March 30 (Day 5)</b> Spring Immunizations for gr 7 & 8 students (HPV & Hep B) and for students who missed first dose in the Fall
<b>Friday, March 24 (Day 1)</b> Kids Kitchen	<b>Friday, March 31 (Day 1)</b> Kids Kitchen

## Multifaith Observances

*Bahá'í Faith 20 19-Day Fast ends*  
*Buddhism 20 Spring Ohigan*  
*Zarathushti (Zoroastrianism) 20 Ghambar Hamaspathmaedem ends*  
*Wicca 20 Ostara*  
*Shinto 20 Shunbun-no-hi*  
*Astronomical Event 20 March Equinox*  
*Zarathushti (Zoroastrianism) 21 Nowruz*  
*Islam 21 Nowruz*  
*Bahá'í Faith 21 Naw-Rúz*  
*New Moon 21 New Moon*  
*Hinduism 22 Navvarsha*  
*Hinduism 22 Ramayana Week begins*  
*Islam 23 First of Ramaḍān*  
*Zarathushti (Zoroastrianism) 26 Birth Anniversary of Prophet Zarathustra*  
*Jainism 28 Aymbil Ori (First Half) begins*  
*Hinduism 30 Ramanavami*

## March is



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## Bangladeshi Heritage Month



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## Greek Heritage Month

### **Bangladeshi Heritage Month:**

Ontario is home to a large and vibrant Bangladeshi community. Bangladeshi Canadians from across the province have made significant contributions to Ontario's scientific, athletic, cultural and political development, and they continue to help foster growth, prosperity, and innovation throughout Ontario. Every year on March 26th, Bangladeshis around the world celebrate Independence Day in commemoration of their nation gaining independence in 1971.

By proclaiming the month of March as Bangladeshi Heritage Month in Ontario, the province honours the many significant contributions Bangladeshi Canadians have made throughout the province, and highlights their important role in strengthening the multi-cultural fabric that keeps Ontario's communities strong.

### **Hellenic Heritage Month:**

More than 270,000 people of Hellenic descent live in Canada today and over half of them live here in Ontario. Canadians of Hellenic descent have contributed to every field of life in Ontario, have enriched our culture and have strengthened our economy. Hellenes, also known as Greeks, began to arrive in Canada in the early nineteenth century, with the vast majority coming after 1950. They have made significant contributions across many fields, including education, law, medicine, science, politics, business, sport and many more.

The history and heritage of Greece, historically known as Hellas, extends back thousands of years, with Greek cities being the first to govern themselves as democracies, a legacy that extends through history to Canada today. The heritage of philosophy and learning of Ancient Greece underpins the societies of the nations of the West as well as the Islamic world and others.

## **Naw Ruz/ Now Ruz greetings!**



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Naw Ruz ("New Day") is the Baha'i and Iranian new year, which falls on the date of the vernal (spring) equinox and symbolizes the renewal of the world after winter.

For most Iranians, Naw Ruz is the first day of Farvardin, the first month of the Iranian solar year. Since ancient times, it has been the great national holiday of Iran, the only holiday celebrated by more than one religious group. During this day people join in making a fresh start, full of joy and hope for the coming year. Families and friends may gather at a celebratory dinner wearing new clothes and offering gifts to the children present. The table is decorated with fruit, coloured eggs, sweets, as well as symbolic objects such as holy book and a mirror.

Well wishes to our families observing Naw Ruz!

## Windham Phoenixes at Area Competitions



The Intermediate Boys and Girls Basketball Teams competed this week at Area Tournaments. Both teams placed 3rd in the competition! They showed solid teamwork and gave it their all making Windham Proud! Go Phoenixes!!

## Talent Show

Wednesday,  
March 8, 2023



We are excited to celebrate the talents of our Windham Ridge PS students! From singing to dancing to playing musical instruments such as the cello, violin and piano, to demonstrating gymnastic and taekwondo routines, our students demonstrated a wide variety of talents! The Talent Show was phenomenal and we are extremely proud of everyone for their courage and confidence in performing in front of a large group. We are so proud of each student's unique talents and the time that they took to share them with the school! Also, without the support from all teachers involved in auditions, practices, and the Talent Show, this would not have been possible! We would also like to thank all our parents, grandparents and other family members that attended our Talent Show to support our students! Your support was greatly appreciated.



## Grad Photos- grade 8 students



## Tune In YRDSB



It's time for the [#TuneInYRDSB](#) Monthly News Wrap-Up! Check out this quick episode to stay up to date on what's coming up at [#YRDSB](#) in the month of March.

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## Hot Lunch programs



**Subway make up date:** Subway was cancelled on Thursday February 23rd due to an inclement weather day. The make-up date will be Thursday March 23rd.

Order forms for the new **Astoria and Subway** lunches will be available the week of March 20th. Please look out for these emails to ensure your orders are placed before the due date to avoid disappointment.

- Subway - beginning Thursday April 13th
- Astoria Greek Food - beginning Wednesday April 12th

**No late orders will be accepted after the due date.**