



# Windham Ridge P.S. Community Newsletter



Week ending: **March 22nd, 2024**



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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.

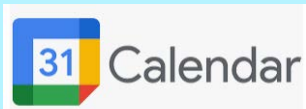
## What's Up Windham Community Calendar

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## Windham Community Calendar- Updates



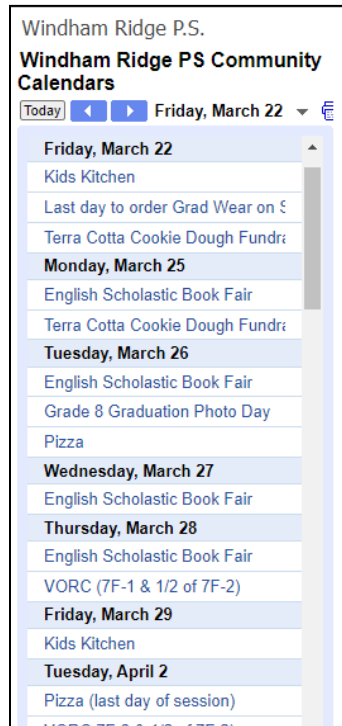
Now also on the [Windham Ridge PS Website!](#)

For your convenience, you may find the **Windham Community Calendar** either by:

- 1) Clicking on the link [What's Up Windham Community Calendar](#) (listed each week on the first page of the Community Newsletter);

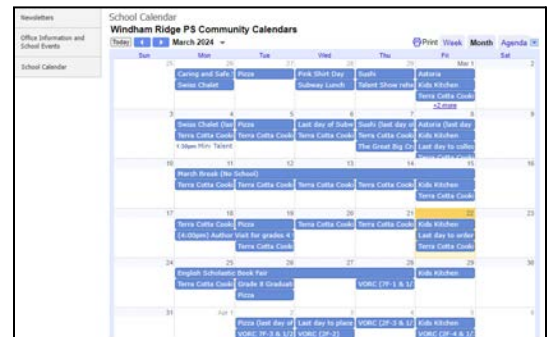
**OR**

- 2) Visit our school's [website](#) . Events are listed on the left hand side of the home page:



When visiting our school's [website](#), go to the **News & Events tab** and click on **School Calendar** listed on the left hand side of the page to get a [full months calendar](#):

Please be sure to save the [Google Calendar](#) on your phone to get up-to-date reminders for lunch items, school trips and other school events.



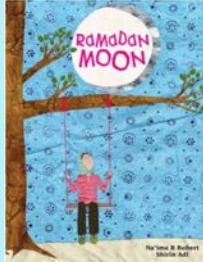
## Learning with Author Eboni Morgan



Students in grades 4-8 had the privilege to work with former YRDSB student Eboni Morgan [@EboniCurlsBlog](#) !

Students learned about Eboni's artistic/writing journey as she shared inspirational messages. Students learned how to write their own affirmations. Eboni shared her recent book with us and students were deeply engaged in learning with her about being an author and working with others to reach personal goals!

## Learning about celebrations on our virtual morning announcements



We will continue our learning over the course of March and April on our morning announcements,

WRPS students will continue to learn about observances and celebrations. We will be viewing more about Ramadan through a viewing of the story 'Ramadan Moon'. The end of Ramadan will culminate in the celebration of Eid-ul-Fitr on the evening of April 9th, 2024.

We invite families to join in this learning together by exploring the sites below that we will view over the course of the next few weeks:

▶ Ramadan Moon 🌙 - By Na'ima B. Robert C\*

▶ Diamond Day Video Series: Eid-ul-Fitr

## Terra Cotta Frozen Cookie Dough Drop Fundraiser



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>

WRPS Grade 8 Fundraising Team

## Hot Lunches

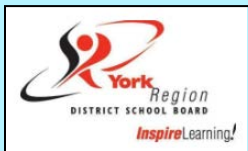
The next round of hot lunches will begin the week of April 8th and end the last week of May, with the exception of pizza that will proceed until the last week of school. Orders can be placed on School Cash Online until Wednesday April the 3rd, 2024.

<https://yrdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

Please mark the following dates in your calendar:

<b>Mondays</b>	Swiss Chalet	April 15 to May 27
<b>Tuesdays</b>	Pizza	April 9 to June 25
<b>Wednesdays</b>	Astoria	April 10 to May 29
<b>Thursday</b>	No hot lunch on this day	
<b>Friday</b>	Kids Kitchen	

## 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.

## 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).

## Budget Survey and Consultations

YRDSB is inviting staff, families, and community members to participate in the annual budget consultation process taking place until April 12, 2024. These opportunities for staff and public input provide the Board with important information about how staff and the broader community would like the budget to be allocated to continue supporting student achievement and well-being in York Region. The [online survey](#) will be available until April 12, 2024.

# York Region Public Health Immunization Information



Community and Health Services  
Public Health

February 2024

## **AN IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL YORK REGION FAMILIES ABOUT IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION**

For many families, March break is a time for travel and getting together with family and friends. Whether staying home or planning a vacation outside of Canada, York Region Public Health offers this reminder about the importance of staying up-to-date and healthy with immunizations.

### **Vaccines required to attend school in Ontario**

If your child needs vaccines, such as those [required by law to attend school in Ontario](#), York Region Public Health provides free [student catch-up immunizations](#) to all eligible students in **JK to Grade 12** by appointment only. You may also contact your health care professional or visit a walk-in medical clinic to receive any required or recommended publicly funded vaccines.

York Region Public Health student immunization clinics offer routine childhood immunizations to protect against the following diseases: Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis, Polio, Meningococcal Disease, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Varicella (chickenpox). Also, York Region Public Health is offering immunizations against Hepatitis B, Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Meningococcal ACYW-135 to any eligible student in Grades 7 to 12 who may have missed getting these vaccines at one of our school-based vaccine clinics.

### **Vaccines for travel**

Right now, **measles** outbreaks are occurring in many regions of the world, including the United States. In York Region, measles is less common because of high vaccination rates. Still, cases can occur after travelling outside of Canada and most of the recent measles cases in Ontario have been linked to international travel. The [Public Health Agency of Canada](#) recommends that children get their second dose of the Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) vaccine earlier than the recommended age of 4 to 6 years if they travel outside of Canada.

It is recommended that families consult with a health care professional or visit a travel health clinic at **least six weeks before travelling** to review their vaccination history and ensure they are up-to-date with required vaccines before travelling. Vaccine requirements and recommendations vary by country.

### **Report your child's vaccination**

Every time your child gets vaccinated, you need to report it to York Region Public Health to ensure your child is protected and that an accurate immunization record is maintained. **Doctors do not report vaccinations to Public Health.** You can report and view your child's vaccinations [online](#). Additional information is available on our [website](#).

York Region Public Health wishes everyone a safe and enjoyable March Break

The Regional Municipality of York | 17150 Yonge Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 8V3  
1-877-464-9675 | [york.ca](#)

Click [here](#) for more information on the Public Health Community Immunization Clinics

## Korean Community Engagement Night



# NEKS

The Network of Educators for Korean-Canadian Students

## Korean Community Engagement Night

Connect with experienced Korean educators to ensure effective support for your child's academic journey and future success.

자녀들의 성공적인 학교생활과 진로를 위해 현직에 계신 한국인 선생님들을 만나보세요

Presented jointly by NEKS, and CCSYR Settlement and Education Partnership in York Region, this event offers valuable insights into YRDSB's diverse programs. Parents and families of Korean students are invited to join us for an informative session where they can learn how to help their child be successful in Ontario's education system.

NEKS(한인 학생들을 교육하는 교육자 모임)과 York Region 학교 정착 프로그램과 공동 주최하고 갤러리아가 후원하여 한인 학생들의 학부모를 대상으로 하는 캐나다 공립학교시스템의 다양한 프로그램 안내 및 질의 응답할 수 있는 자리를 마련하였습니다.

**Date:** April 11, 2024

**Time:** 6PM - 8PM

**Location:** Thornhill S.S.  
167 Dudley Avenue, Thornhill

**Registration:** Enrolment limited to first 100 registrants  
온라인 등록 선착순 100명  
\*Registrations end on April 8th (등록마감일 4월8일)

### Workshop Topics:

- **Opportunities and Pathways after High School (고등학교 이후의 기회와 진로):** Learn about different pathway opportunities after high school. What career opportunities are there? How do we prepare our students for life after high school?
- **Transitioning into High School (고등학교 진학-고등학교의 다양한 프로그램 및 성공 팁):** Learn about different programs at YRDSB schools. What are some tips for being successful in high school?
- **Special Education (특수교육 및 학생지원):** Learn about special education and Individualized Education Plans. How can students who are struggling in school be supported?

For additional inquiries, please contact (문의사항) [jaeyeon.kwak@yrdsb.ca](mailto:jaeyeon.kwak@yrdsb.ca)



## Registration Information

Register online using this [Google form](#)

Registration deadline is Monday, April 8, 2024

For more information, please contact: Jasmin (Jae Yeon) Kwak, NEKS Chair,  
[jaeyeon.kwak@yrdsb.ca](mailto:jaeyeon.kwak@yrdsb.ca)

# Sikh Student Association

## Sikh Student Association (SSA) Launch Event Invitation



Sikh students from Grade 6 to 12 are invited to be part of the YRDSB Sikh Student Association, a space where your identity is celebrated and supported!

**Date:** Tuesday, March 26th, 2024

**Time:** 3:30 – 4:30 PM

**Location:** Virtually (the link will be shared upon registration)

The Sikh Student Association provides YRDSB students with a platform to connect, collaborate, and explore strategies to foster inclusive environments for Sikh students. This space will provide opportunities to build on leadership skills and advocacy to support yourself, peers and the community.

### To Register

Please fill out a [registration form](#) by **March 25, 2024**.

If you have any further questions, please reach out to [SEVA.YRDSB@gmail.com](mailto:SEVA.YRDSB@gmail.com)



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## Summer Institute Registration

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Looking for summer learning and fun activities for students entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8? Summer Institute offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum.

The program runs for six weeks during July and August. It is offered at nine school sites around York Region.

For more information on dates, programs and locations, please visit the [Summer Institute webpage](#).

Registration opens March 27, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. Families can register online.

## Iranian/Afghan Educator Alliance Launch Event

### Iranian/Afghan Educator Alliance (IAEA) Launch Event

The York Region District School Board (YRDSB) is proud to announce the exciting launch of the Iranian Afghan Educator Alliance (IAEA). This initiative marks a significant step towards fostering a more equitable, inclusive, and enriched educational experience for Iranian and Afghan students, staff, and community members within our board's region.

Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning

Address: [36 Regatta Ave](#), Richmond Hill, ON L4E 4R1

Open to all YRDSB Staff. Please [register](#) by Thursday, Apr 25, 2024

As we embark on this journey, your support and involvement are invaluable. We warmly invite YRDSB staff to join the planning team and subcommittee teams to contribute to the success of the alliance. For further information or to express your interest in participating, please don't hesitate to contact [nazila.reyhani@yrdsb.ca](mailto:nazila.reyhani@yrdsb.ca)

IAEA stands as a vital voice and advocacy group, striving to ensure that the unique perspectives, needs, and aspirations of Iranian and Afghan individuals are heard and addressed within the educational landscape. By aligning with YRDSB's objectives of equity and inclusivity, IAEA seeks to create a safe and

supportive environment where all members can thrive academically, socially, and culturally.

Through collaboration, dialogue, and education, IAEA and YRDSB are poised to work hand-in-hand, dismantling barriers, promoting understanding, and nurturing an atmosphere of unity. Together, they embark on a journey towards a more equitable, inclusive, and enriched educational experience for everyone in the community. Join IAEA and the YRDSB in celebrating diversity and embracing a brighter future for all.

## Supports for Students with Autism and their families

### Supports for Students with Autism and their Families

This session will support parents, guardians and families with:

- Understanding Autism
- Process for diagnosis
- YRDSB referral process
- School supports
- Community resources

Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Unionville High School, 201 Town Centre Blvd, Markham, ON L3R 8G5

Please **register** by Apr. 28, 2024.

This free information session is organized by Inclusive School and Community Services in partnership with Student Services of York Region District School Board. For more information, please email [shani.blake@yrdsb.ca](mailto:shani.blake@yrdsb.ca) or [pauline.guo@yrdsb.ca](mailto:pauline.guo@yrdsb.ca)

Please note that Childcare will not be provided.