



Windham Ridge Public School Community Newsletter



Week ending: March 3rd, 2023



<p>Monday, March 6 (Day 2) Dental Screening</p>
<p>Tuesday, March 7 (Day 3) Pizza lunch</p>
<p>Wednesday, March 8 (Day 4) Talent Show Fire Department Visit/Sessions Astoria Hot Lunch</p>
<p>Thursday, March 9 (Day 5) Subway Lunch Fire Department Visit/Sessions</p>
<p>Friday, March 10 (Day 1) Kids Kitchen Last day before March Break</p>



March 13th to 17th
Return to school on Monday March 20th

Multifaith Observances

- Christianity 27 Great Fast begins (E)*
- Indigenous Spirituality 1 Half Days Moon (local Oneida)*
- Bahá'í Faith 2 19-Day Fast begins*
- Bahá'í Faith 2 'Alá'*
- Christianity 3 World Day of Prayer*
- Islam 6 Laylat al Baraat (Nişf Sha'bān)*
- Judaism 6 Eve of Purim*
- Buddhism 6 Magha Puja (Sangha) Day*
- Hinduism 7 Holi*
- Judaism 7 Purim*
- Full Moon 7 Full Moon*
- Sikhism 8 Hola Mohalla*
- Buddhism 10 Birth of Avalokiteshvara Bodhisattva*
- Astronomical Event*
- 12 Daylight Saving Time begins*

February is Black History Month

Over the course of this week, our students have continued to celebrate Black excellence in their daily programs. Our virtual morning announcements included a focus on:

<p>John Ware</p>		
<p>Micah Nelson</p>		

We look forward to continued learning over the course of the school year.

Learning about land acknowledgements on virtual morning announcements

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.

Continue the reading...

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.



Wellbeing Wednesday at Windham Ridge!

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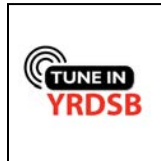


Let's begin the day with a quick mindfulness exercise to help calm any worries or stress we have.

This video will walk us through how to be present in the moment by noticing the little things that are around us. Sit back and follow along with your class.

[Review this strategy with your child\(ren\) by clicking here!](#)

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.

[Click here.](#)

Talent Show

Wednesday,
March 8, 2023

We are excited to celebrate the talents of our Windham Ridge PS students!

Please see information below:

-9:15am- performances by students across all grades

-1:15pm- performances by students across all grades



Parents/Guardians are welcome to join either performance.

A reminder that all visitors need to sign in the office on arrival before proceeding to the gym for the performances.

York Region Skills Challenge teams visit Humber College!

Congratulations to our Gr. 6 York Region Skills Challenge Teams who competed at Humber College! Way to represent Windham! We are proud of your accomplishments in design and engineering!

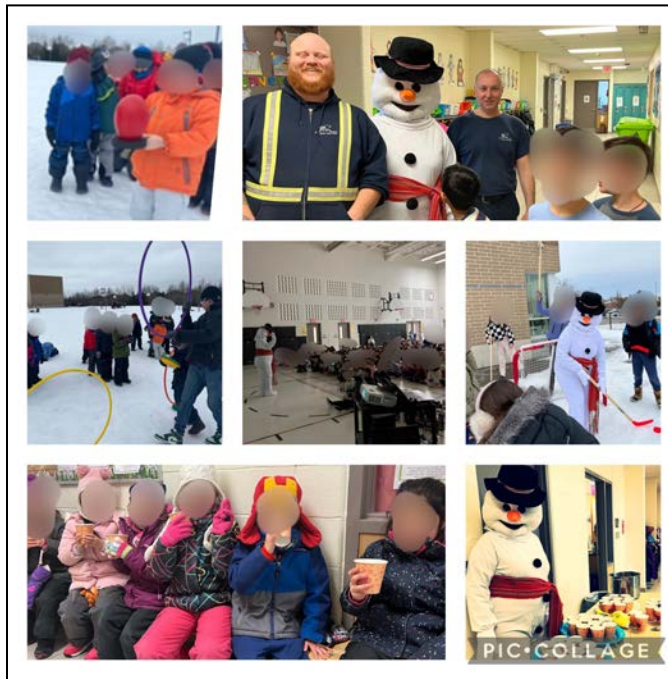


Homestay Families Needed –

International Visa Students

Host families are needed to offer homestay accommodation to international visa students. The experience of hosting can be a once in a lifetime experience for your family. Are you able to offer a caring home environment to a YRDSB international student? Remuneration (monthly stipend) is available to families to cover the cost of hosting. Hosting opportunities are available from two well-known organizations, approved by YRDSB to support you every step of the way. Both [Canada Homestay Network](#) and [MLI Homestay](#) offer additional information online. These opportunities are available broadly to YRDSB staff, and members of school communities.

Carnaval 2023 at Windham Ridge PS!



On Friday, March 3rd, students at Windham Ridge enjoyed a fun-filled day with outdoor winter games, hot chocolate/apple cider and indoor activities to celebrate Carnaval 2023. The students also enjoyed a visit from Bonhomme Carnaval!

Thank you to the Student Leadership Team, the staff of our Carnaval Committee, and our School Council volunteers who made this fun day possible! It was an exciting day for our students at Windham Ridge!

Grad Photos Coming Soon!



Our Grade 8 classes will be having their graduation portraits taken on **Wednesday, March 22nd.**

Please ensure that you have a white-collared shirt to wear under the grad gown for optimum results. Bring your best smile!