



Windham Ridge Public School Community Newsletter



Week ending: March 31st, 2023



Sunday April 2nd- [World Autism Day](#)

<p>Monday, April 3 (Day 2) April is World Autism Acceptance Month</p>	<p>Monday, April 10 Easter Monday (no school)</p>
<p>Tuesday, April 4 (Day 3) Pizza lunch School Council Meeting 6:30 pm</p>	<p>Tuesday, April 11 (Day 1) Pizza lunch</p>
<p>Wednesday, April 5 (Day 4) First day of new Astoria order School Council Meeting- 6:30 pm- Library</p>	<p>Wednesday, April 12 (Day 2) Astoria Lunch</p>
<p>Thursday, April 6 (Day 5) First day of new Subway order Passover YRDSB Diamond Day Series- Passover</p>	<p>Thursday, April 13 (Day 3) Subway Lunch</p>
<p>Friday, April 7 Good Friday (no school) YRDSB Diamond Day Series- Good Friday</p>	<p>Friday, April 14 (Day 4) Kids Kitchen lunch Holy Friday YRDSB Diamond Day Series-Holy Friday Vaisakhi YRDSB Diamond Day Series- Vaisakhi</p>
<p>Sunday April 9- Easter Sunday YRDSB Diamond Day Series- Easter</p>	

Important date: Sunday, April 2nd - last day to order Astoria & Subway lunch

Multifaith Observances



Our planet is like a giant aquarium sharing it with countless other creatures whose home it is also. Tip the balance, and the outcome is well known. So, let the victory be ours and look after our planet, thus building our future together.": lansburylinda@gmail.com

Christianity 2 Holy Week begins and Palm Sunday
Jainism 4 Mahavira Jayanti
Judaism 5 Eve of Pesah
Judaism 6 First Day of Pesah
Hinduism 6 Hanuman Jayanti
Buddhism 6 Theravāda New Year
Christianity 6 Maundy (Holy) Thursday (W)
6 Full Moon
Christianity 7 Good Friday (W)
Judaism 7 Second Day of Pesah
8 - Christianity Lazarus Saturday
Buddhism 8 Buddha's Birth date
Christianity 8 Holy Saturday
Christianity 9 Easter (W)
Christianity 9 Palm Sunday (E)
Bahá'í Faith 9 Jalál

Christianity 10 Easter Monday (W)
Christianity 10 Holy Week begins (E)
Jainism 11 Shrimad Rajchandra Dehvilay
Judaism 12 Seventh Day of Pesah
Buddhism 13 Saka New Year
Eastern / Old / Orthodox Christianity 13 Holy Thursday (E)
Judaism 13 Eighth (Last) Day of Pesah
Diamond Days 14 Vaisakhi
Diamond Days 14 Holy Friday (E)
Islam 14 Jum'at al-Wada
Buddhism 14 Saka New Year
Eastern / Old / Orthodox Christianity 14 Holy Friday (E)
Hinduism 14 Vaisakhi (Solar New Year)
Sikhism 14 Vaisakhi

April is Sikh Heritage Month



Vaisakhi:
April 14, 2023

The month of April is proclaimed as Sikh Heritage Month as per [The Sikh Heritage Month Act of 2013](#).

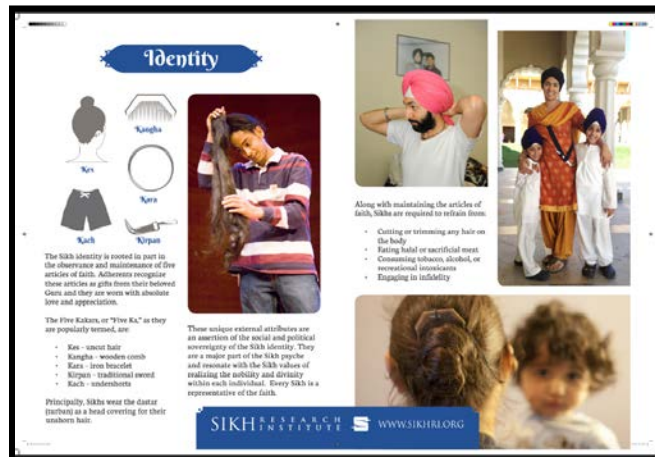
As we begin the month of April, we are encouraged to join Canadians who will be coming together to celebrate how Sikh Canadians have made significant contributions to the growth and prosperity of Ontario and Canada's social, economic, political, and cultural fabric.

On April 1, 2021 Minister Bardish Chagger issued the following statement from Ottawa:

“Canada is proud to be home to more than 500,000 [Sikh Canadians](#), making it one of the largest Sikh diasporas in the world. Since the arrival of the first Sikh immigrants in the late 19th century, members of this community have contributed to Canada through their achievements in all areas of society and have helped shape the diversity found

within it. Sikhism's core principles include equality, generosity, openness, and compassion. Sikh Heritage Month is an opportunity to reflect on the pivotal role that Sikh communities have played, and continue to play, in building a stronger and consciously more inclusive Canada.”

During the month of April, [Sikh Canadians celebrate Vaisakhi](#), which marks the



creation of the Khalsa and the Sikh articles of faith. Sikh Canadians widely celebrate Vaisakhi, also known as Khalsa Day, across Ontario.

March 31, 2023 National Indigenous Language Day

What does language mean to you?

As a French Immersion program, we introduce the culture and beauty of the French language to our students, with attention and value also placed on each students' own cultural language(s) that they bring as part of their identity.



Check out this video where several of the Ojibwe Language Teachers and students at YRDSB speak about the rich history of Anishinaabemowin and the importance of reclaiming language.

▶ Canada History Week 2021 - Indigenous Language

April is

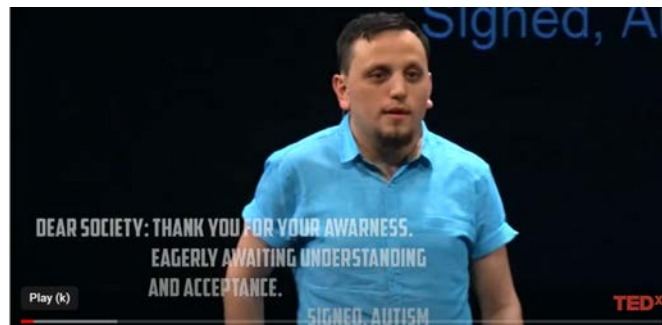
World Autism Acceptance Month in YRDSB



This year on April 3, 2023, the York Region District School Board (YRDSB) is officially launching a month-long World Autism Acceptance campaign alongside our community partners from [Autism Ontario](#), a member of our Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC).

The purpose of [Autism Ontario's Celebrate the Spectrum](#) campaign is to bring attention to the triumphs, contributions and experiences of people from the Autistic community. By fostering acceptance we can build stronger and more inclusive communities and learning environments for students with Autism.

We continue to move away from raising awareness for Autism to increasing acceptance. Awareness seeks to highlight how dissimilar we are and emphasizes the differences and distance between our ways of being. Acceptance looks at commonalities we share and at the strength inherent in diversity. ([Autistic Self Advocacy Network, 2014](#))




You are invited to watch this Ted Talk, [Dear Society...Signed, Autism](#) from the point of view of a self-advocate to learn more about Autism Acceptance.

Some students self-identify as an Autistic person as part of their social identity. At the YRDSB, the way we

recognize World Autism Acceptance Month is through consultation with our students with Autism, their families and by using our professional judgment.

The most important thing to remember is that when you're talking about Autism, you're talking about a person.

Meet Brady: a YRDSB student
 [Autism Awareness Month: Meet Brady](#)



April 2023

'Celebrating Neurodiversity'



Dear Families,

In this edition we will focus on celebrating neurodiversity within our student population.

We recognize [Autism Acceptance Day](#) through

highlighting strengths, characteristics, resources, and celebrating the spectrum; we want to acknowledge that families are the core support. There are many ways of thinking, learning or acting and we know that the uniqueness between us as people is to be celebrated and acknowledged. This year, we are moving to increasing acceptance. [Click here to access the full newsletter.](#)

Summer Institute



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 five weeks during July and August. It is offered at 10 school sites around York Region.

For more information on dates, programs and locations, please visit the [Summer Institute](#) webpage on www.yrdsb.ca. **Registration opens March 29, 2023 at 4:00pm. Families can register online.**



Cookie Sales

Cookie sales will continue to be sold on Sunday April 2 to April Tuesday April 4 and will be distributed to students during morning snack on Wednesday April 5. **There are limited quantities so sales will take place until quantities run out!**

These yummy treats from [Terra Cotta Cookies](#) come in various flavours, are individually wrapped, and made in a peanut and nut-free facility! Log into your School Cash Online account where you will see 3 different order forms (one for each of the 3 flavours).

100% of proceeds go towards grade 8 graduation celebrations!

You're the Chef Program

Coming to WRPS!



We are excited to offer the 'You're the Chef' program to 16 students from grades 6-8, beginning April 3, 2023. We had an overwhelming interest in the program from students and look forward to continuing this next school year!

The goal of the 'You're the Chef' program is to help students develop the skills and confidence to cook and enjoy recipes emphasizing vegetables and fruit, whole grains, and legumes. Students will practice safe food handling and basic kitchen safety skills; they will prepare healthy recipes each week; and learn different ways to include more of these foods in their meals and snacks.

Thank you to our lead Parent volunteer who has been trained by a Dietitian, Nutrition Educator and a Health Inspector from York Region Public Health and additional Parent volunteers who have generously offered their time over the past two weeks to prepare for this program!

Dufflebag Theatre Performance



On Thursday, March 30th, our students in grades 1-3 enjoyed a live theatre performance of "Blanche-Neige" in our school gym!

Students had an opportunity to apply their French listening comprehension skills to the play and apply their knowledge of elements of drama and theatre such as playing the role of a character, the plot, the theme, using props, and the design aspects (scenery, costume, lighting, and sound). It was a wonderful learning experience for our students.



The students especially enjoyed the active participation of the audience in the performance!



School Council April 4, 2023

School Council Meeting: Tuesday, April 4, 2023

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Virtual or In Person- WRPS Library

Virtual link: Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 269 736 504 166

Passcode: rHyi6h

[Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#)

[Learn More](#) | [Meeting options](#)

Child-minding will be available by registration:

[Please click here to advise by](#)

[Monday, April 3rd if you will be needing this option.](#)

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

Hot Lunch programs



PLEASE NOTE:
No late orders for Subway will be accepted after the deadline of Sunday April 2nd, 2023



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Subway lunch will continue on Thursdays for 6 weeks from April 6 - May 11, 2023.

All subs are made on Multigrain bread and Wraps.

Gluten Free bread is available (6" only) for an additional \$2 per sub.

Same selection will apply for all 6 weeks. - We apologize no substitutions on sub toppings.

Sub sauce will be available for the students.

The last day to place your order is April 2, 2023. No refunds or changes will be accepted after this date.

If a student is absent, their meal will be in the office fridge until the end of that day.

STUDENTS NAME: _____

TEACHER: _____

Please choose from the options below:

	MULTIGRAIN	WRAP	GLUTEN FREE
6" TURKEY w/cheese, lettuce, cucumber	\$7 x 6wks = \$42	\$7 x 6wks = \$42	\$9 x 6wks = \$54
6" HAM w/cheese, lettuce, cucumber	\$6 x 6wks = \$36	\$6 x 6wks = \$36	\$8 x 6wks = \$48
6" ROAST BEEF w/cheese, lettuce, cucumber	\$6.75 x 6wks = \$40.50	\$6.75 x 6wks = \$40.50	\$8.75 x 6wks = \$52.50
6" VEGGIE w/cheese, lettuce, cucumber, tomato	\$5.75 x 6wks = \$34.50	\$5.75 x 6wks = \$34.50	\$7.75 x 6wks = \$46.50

	MULTIGRAIN
12" TURKEY w/cheese, lettuce, cucumber	\$11 x 6wks = \$66
12" HAM w/cheese, lettuce, cucumber	\$10 x 6wks = \$60
12" ROAST BEEF w/cheese, lettuce, cucumber	\$10 x 6wks = \$60
12" VEGGIE w/cheese, lettuce, cucumber, tomato	\$9 x 6wks = \$54

SUBWAY is delivered:

April 6, 13, 20, 27

May 4, 11

ALL ORDERS ARE CANCELLED ON INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS AND RE-SCHEDULED



PLEASE NOTE:
No late orders for Astoria will be accepted after the deadline of Sunday April 2nd, 2023

ASTORIA



shish kebab house

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This is our last Astoria order for this school year.

This session will continue on Wednesdays from April 5 - June 21/23 which is 12 wks in total.

Please note the same selection will apply to all 12 weeks - We apologize no substitutions.

The last day to order is Apr 2, 2023. No refunds or changes will be accepted after this day.

If a student is absent, their meal will be in the office fridge until the end of that day.

STUDENT NAME: _____

TEACHER: _____

All meals are \$7 x 12 wks = \$84 total

Please choose from the options below:

Chicken Souvlaki with Rice, String Beans and Carrots

Chicken Souvlaki with Greek Salad (dressing on the side)

Chicken Souvlaki in a Whole Wheat Pita with Hummus (on the side)

Chicken Fingers with Rice, String Beans and Carrots

Spinach Pie with Rice, String Beans and Carrots

ASTORIA lunch delivered:

April 5, 12, 19, 26

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

June 7, 14, 21