



Windham Ridge P.S. Community Newsletter



Week ending: **March 8th, 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.

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.

Greetings for

**Naw Ruz (Baha'i)-
March 20, 2024**

**Nowruz (Islam)-
March 21, 2024**

**Nowruz
(Zoroastrianism)-
March 21, 2024**

Best wishes to WRPS families celebrating these momentous observances over the course of the next two weeks!

In the Bahá'í Faith, Naw-Rúz is the New Year 181 BE of the Bahá'í Era. Bahá'í's feast and celebrate during the evening.

In Zoroastrianism, Nowruz is New Year's day for 1393 AY or 3762 AZ in the Fasli (seasonal) calendar. It celebrates the renewal of the world and the creation of fire (symbolic of Asha or righteousness). Zarathustra received his revelation on this day.

In Islam, Ismaili Muslims worldwide observe Navroz (Nowruz), a festival that marks the beginning of the Persian New Year and the first day of spring. It signifies a time of spiritual renewal and physical rejuvenation, as well as a spirit of gratitude for blessings and an outlook of hope and optimism.

We invite students and families interested in creating a haftseen table in the main foyer to reach out to the administration team after the March Break!



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 1st through Monday, March 25th**.
- 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/>

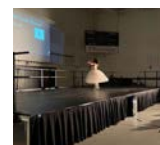
With thanks,

WRPS Grade 8 Fundraising Team

WRPS 2024 Talent Show! Part 2

We are excited to have celebrated the unique talents of our Windham Ridge PS students, with a part 2 on Monday, March 4th.

Well done staff and students for a wonderful afternoon event!



Terra Cotta Cookies for sale!

Windham Ridge will be selling an assortment of Terra Cotta Cookies for \$2.00 each. The cookies will be delivered to students during morning snack time every Thursday starting on **Thursday March 21st**, while quantities last. These yummy cookies follow the YRDSB PPM150 guidelines for Nutritional Standards, are individually wrapped, and are made in a peanut and nut-free facility!

100% of the proceeds will go towards supporting school activities.

Orders must be placed in advance on [School Cash Online](#) and no cash orders will be permitted.

School Cash Online items have been set up for each of the following flavours:

- Chocolate Chip DeLite
- Fudge Chip DeLite
- Oatmeal DeLite
- Vegan Chocolate Chip

You may visit [Terra Cotta Cookies](#) for a list of ingredients.



Graduation Photo Day



YOUR GRADUATION PHOTO DAY IS HERE!

**TUESDAY,
MARCH 26, 2024**

Graduation gowns, props and school colours will be provided at your school on photo day.

We recommend all graduates wear a white collared shirt for the best results! Graduates may also like to wear a dark tie if they choose.

Don't forget to bring your best smile!



Intermediate Basketball Team to Regionals!



Congratulations to the WRPS intermediate basketball team who advanced to the Regional Finals on Monday, March 4th.

They played with Phoenix pride and phenomenal skills! All staff and students are proud of their sportsmanship and teamwork!

Grad Wear

Orders can be placed at
<https://www.schooltee.com>
 with the code: WIND.RIC

Due Date is
 Friday March 22nd



GRADWEAR

**CLASSE DE 2024
 STUDENT FORM**

ORDER YOUR GRAD APPAREL ONLINE @ SCHOOLTEE.COM

STEP 1

- Input School Access Code

STEP 2

- Choose desired garment(s) / Add to cart

STEP 3

- Go to cart to checkout

Access Code: **WIND.RIC**

* Please note website compatible with Google Chrome or Firefox browsers
 CHECK SIZES CAREFULLY! WE CAN NOT REPLACE SIZING MISTAKES

#1 Selling Product



\$44.95

GILDAN

Pullover Hoodie

- Gildan Brand
 - 50/50 polyester/cotton

Black, Purple, Red, Royal Blue,
 Navy, Forest Green, Maroon, Hot Pink
 Irish Green, Soft Pink, Carolina Blue,
 Dark Heather Grey, or Powder Blue

Sizes: Youth L, Youth XL,
 AS, AM, AL, AXL, A2XL
 (add \$2 extra for 2XL)

Original

Back Cresting



*Price includes front logo
 & class signatures on the back of shirts
 *Option to add personal Name for \$6.95

Also Available:



\$21.95

Unisex Tee

CLASSIC TEE

- 100% Cotton
 Black, Soft Pink, Purple,
 Royal Blue, Navy, Red, Maroon, Irish Green,
 Forest Green, Lime Green, Sapphire or
 Dark Heather Grey

Sizes: Youth L, Youth XL,
 AS, AM, AL, AXL, A2XL
 (add \$2 extra for 2XL)



\$24.95

Eurospun Ladies Tee

SLIM FITTED

- 100% combed and ring spun cotton
 Black, Purple or Dark Heather Grey
 Sizes: AS, AM, AL, AXL, A2XL
 (add \$2 extra for 2XL)



\$39.95

ATC

With Pocket Sweatpant

- ATC Brand
 - 50/50 polyester/cotton
 - Elastic cuffs
 - Crested with pant logo on left leg

Black, or Dark Heather Grey
 Sizes: Youth L, Youth XL,
 AS, AM, AL, AXL, A2XL
 (add \$2 extra for 2XL)



\$37.95

GILDAN

BAGGY STYLE

No Pocket Sweatpant

- Gildan Brand
 - 50/50 polyester/cotton
 - Crested with pant logo on left leg

Black, or Sport Grey
 Sizes: Youth L, Youth XL,
 AS, AM, AL, AXL, A2XL
 (add \$2 extra for 2XL)



\$56.95

Pullover Hoodie

- Champion Brand
 - 50/50 cotton, polyester

Available in: Charcoal Heather Grey,
 or Black
 Sizes: AS, AM, AL, AXL, A2XL
 (add \$2 extra for 2XL)

* Priced with your choice of Original or Varsity logo



\$19.95

Sportsman Pom Pom

Crested with Class of 2024 patch
 - 100% Acrylic
 - 12" knit
 Black, Dark Heather Grey or Neon Pink



\$18.95

Sportsman Cuffed Beanie

Crested with Class of 2024 patch
 - 100% Acrylic
 - 12" knit
 Black, Dark Heather Grey or Camel

* Plus applicable tax on all garments



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Hot Lunches- Astoria

ASTORIA



shish kebob house

- This is the last Astoria Shish Kebob House Hot Lunch session for this school year
- Wednesdays for 8 weeks from April 10 - May 29, 2024
- The same meal selection will apply for all 8 weeks- NO substitutions
- The last day to place orders on School Cash Online is Wednesday **April 3rd**
- **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 the next day**
- Astoria follows the YRDSB PPM150 guidelines for Nutritional Standards
- The chicken is Halal
- PLEASE NOTE ALL LUNCH ORDERS ARE CANCELLED ON INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS AND RESCHEDULED

All meals are \$7.50 x 8 weeks = \$60.00 total

Please choose from the following options:

Chicken Souvlaki w/Rice & Seasonal Veggies
Chicken Souvlaki w/Greek Salad (dressing on the side)
Chicken Souvlaki in a Whole Wheat Pita w/Hummus (on the side)
Chicken Fingers w/Rice & Seasonal Veggies
Spinach Pie w/Greek Salad (dressing on the side)
Spinach Pie w/Rice & Seasonal Veggies

ASTORIA Delivery dates:

- **April 10, 17, 24**
- **May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

Hot Lunches-Swiss Chalet



- This is the last Swiss Chalet Hot Lunch session for this school year
- Mondays for 6 weeks from April 15 - May 27 2024
- The same meal selection will apply for all 6 weeks – NO substitutions
- The last day to place orders on School Cash Online is **Wednesday April 3rd**
- **No refunds or changes can be accepted after this date**
- If a student is absent, their meal will be in the office fridge until the end of the next day
- Swiss Chalet follows the YRDSB PPM150 guidelines for Nutritional Standard
- All meat is Halal
- All meals are \$7.50 x 6 weeks = \$45.00 total
- PLEASE NOTE ALL LUNCH ORDERS ARE CANCELLED ON INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS AND RESCHEDULED

Please choose from the following options:

Quarter Chicken White Meat w/Garden Salad
Quarter Chicken White Meat w/Fries
Quarter Chicken Dark Meat w/Garden Salad
Quarter Chicken Dark Meat w/Fries
Chicken Quesadilla w/Garden Salad
Chicken Quesadilla w/Fries
Kids Beef Burger w/Fries
Vegetable Stir Fry served over Rice (Sauteed peppers, broccoli, onions, carrots in a teriyaki sauce)

Hot Lunches-Pizza



PIZZA LUNCH IS BACK!

Windham Ridge PS Council is happy to announce that we will continue to offer pizza lunch to our students for the remainder of the school year.

Hot Lunch Program: Pizza – Pizza House Oak Ridges Location

Day of Week: Tuesdays

How Long: 12 weeks

Dates: Tuesday April 9th to Tuesday June 25th, 2024

Last day to order: Wednesday April 3rd

- The same pizza selection will apply for all 12 weeks.
- No refunds or changes will be accepted after April 3rd
- If a student is absent, their pizza will be in the office refrigerator until the end of the next day. Office staff will not re-heat pizza on day of pick up.
- If your child is on a field trip, their pizza will be held in the office refrigerator until the end of the same day.
- The cost is per slice and depends on the selection chosen. Pizza House will be delivering extra large pizzas (18") which will be cut into 6 slices, making the slices **bigger** this year.
- Pizza House follows the YRDSB PPM150 guidelines for Nutritional Standards.
- Pizza lunch will be cancelled on Inclement Weather Days and rescheduled.

Orders are placed by logging into your child's **School Cash Online** Account and choose from one of the following options:

Type of Pizza	# of Tuesdays	Cost per Slice	Total Cost <small>Based on 1 slice per student</small>
Cheese ONLY	12	\$3.95	\$47.40
Pepperoni & Cheese	12	\$3.95	\$47.40
Hawaiian (Ham and pineapple)	12	\$4.45	\$53.40
Veggie (Green pepper, tomato, and mushroom)	12	\$4.45	\$53.40
Gluten Free (8" individual pizza)	12	\$6.50	\$78.00
Dairy Free with pepperoni (8" individual pizza)	12	\$5.00	\$60.00
Dairy Free and Gluten Free (8" individual Pizza)	12	\$6.50	\$78.00

Pizza House Delivery Dates:

Tuesday, April 9	Tuesday, May 7	Tuesday, June 4
Tuesday, April 16	Tuesday, May 14	Tuesday, June 11
Tuesday, April 23	Tuesday, May 21	Tuesday, June 18
Tuesday, April 30	Tuesday, May 28	Tuesday, June 25

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March 2024

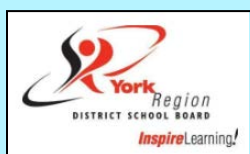
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In this edition, **we will focus on the value of taking a break**. While we acknowledge that taking a break can be difficult due to busy schedules and the demands of multiple responsibilities, we encourage everyone to recognize that breaks can be hugely 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.

WRPS Winter Challenge #3!

Mug A: Mme Patel



A. Patel

Mug B: Mme Breault



C. Breault

Mug C: Mme Ip



J. Ip

Mug D: Mme Mallette



J. Mallette

Mug E: Mme Singh-Itwarie



S. Singh-Itwarie

Windham Winter Challenge # 3: *Final Round Reveal!*

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).