



# Windham Ridge P.S. Community Newsletter



**Week ending: November 18th, 2022**

**Two Weeks**



**at a**

**Glance**

**Monday, November 14 (Day 1)**

York Hills presentations- grades 7, 8  
"Managing Mental Health"  
11:10 am - 12:10 pm  
Picture retake day

**Monday, November 21 (Day 1)**

York Hills presentations- grade 4  
"Taking Charge of Me" 11:10 am - 12:10 pm

**Tuesday, November 15 (Day 2)**

School Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
Pizza lunch

**Tuesday, November 22 (Day 2)**

Pizza lunch

**Wednesday, November 16 (Day 3)**

Hard Copy of Progress Reports Sent Home

**Wednesday, November 23 (Day 3)**

Digital copy of Progress Report emailed to parents

**Thursday, November 17 (Day 4)**

Parent Teacher Interviews 3:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Subway lunch

**Thursday, November 24 (Day 4)**

Digital copy of Progress Report emailed to parents  
Subway lunch

**Friday, November 18 (Day 5)**

Parent Teacher Interviews 8:00am - 11:40 am  
PA Day (no school)

**Friday, November 25 (Day 5)**

Digital copy of Progress Report emailed to parents

**November is Hindu Heritage Month**

**Multifaith  
Observances**

*Bahá'í Faith 23 Qawl  
New Moon 23 New Moon  
Buddhism 24 Tiantai/Tendai Memorial  
Sikhism 24 Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji  
Bahá'í Faith 26 Day of the Covenant*

**Subway  
Lunch**



Due to popular demand, Subway lunch orders have been extended to the end of day on Sunday November 13th. Sign in to [School Cash Online](#) for a selection of choices to choose from.

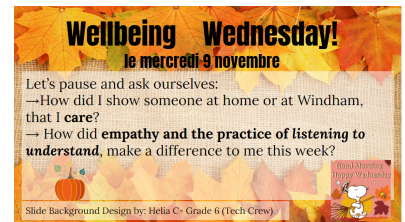
## Parent-Teacher Interviews/Student Led Conferences

Please note that the scheduler is closed. If you did not have an opportunity to book an interview time on Edsby, please get in touch with the homeroom teacher directly.

EDSBY scheduler closes	November 11, 3:00 p.m
Hard copy of Progress Reports sent home	November 16
Interviews/Student Led Conferences	November 17, 18
Digital copies of Progress Reports sent electronically	November 23-25

## Empathy and Well Being Wednesdays

As a school community, we are continuing our learning and attention to the skill of empathy. This Wednesday, our Tech Crew began this learning on our virtual morning announcements. Each Wednesday, we will focus on this understanding and implement steps developed by our Well Being and Healthy Schools Committee.



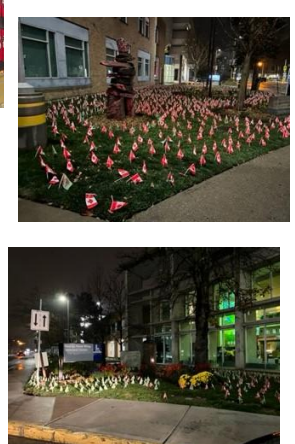
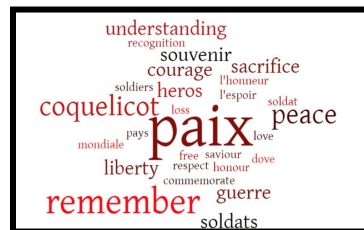
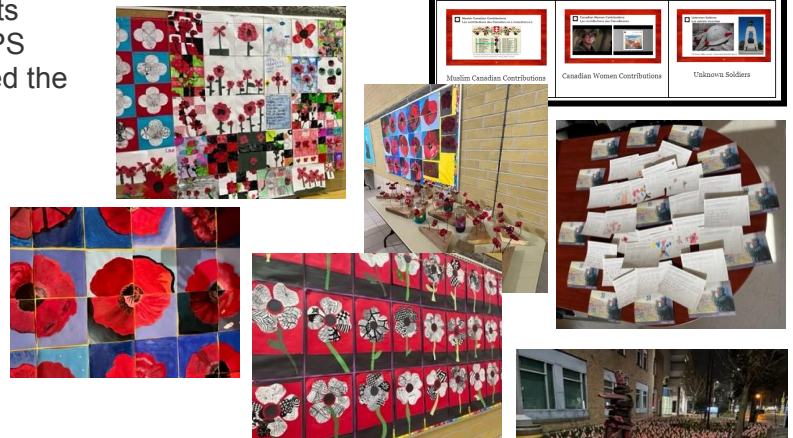
## Remembrance Day



November 11, 2022

Windham Ridge held a Remembrance Day Assembly on November 11th to join in remembrance and thanks. Our assembly recognized contributions from various Canadian communities. Students created works of art using a variety of mediums and techniques, students sang, and our WRPS musicians presented the song 'Imagine'.

Over the course of the week, students also completed Postcards for Peace for Canadian Veterans which were delivered to the Sunnybrook Veterans Center on Friday. All classes contributed two words that they feel are important to Remembrance Day to a school word cloud which was presented at the assembly as a collaborative WRPS understanding of Remembrance Day. We are proud of our collective learning and understanding of this day.

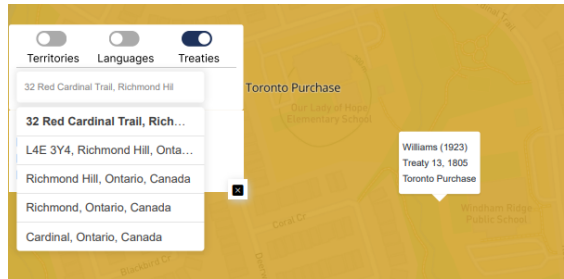




## Indigenous Learning and Education at Windham Ridge

At Windham Ridge PS, we began our learning with the question “What is a promise?” during our virtual morning announcements and explored this through watching [this video together as a school community](#) . Learning continued and

[we discovered that WRPS is located on Treaty 13, The Toronto Purchase using an interactive map.](#)



We will continue to explore the details of this treaty and our responsibilities as partners with Indigenous communities.



### Programs:

- Black Excellence Program
- Ascending Sisters
- Rise Brothers

YRDSB is pleased to launch the **Centre for Black Student Excellence**, a space committed to the promotion of Dismantling Anti-Black racism and amplifying voices that have been historically marginalized.

We invite you to explore our new online presence at [www.yrdsb.ca/blackexcellence](http://www.yrdsb.ca/blackexcellence) to:

- Access videos, resources and information about community partners.
- Learn more about our work to dismantle anti-Black racism, guided by our strategy.
- Celebrate Black excellence through video, feature stories, podcasts and more.
- Find out about programs available to Black students and families.
- Check out [our new community newsletter](#)

## T.E.A.C.H.

### 6 week Mental Health Workshop for youth



Inclusive School and Community Services is pleased to partner with The Newmarket African Caribbean Canadian Association (NACCA) to offer a new program for youth. NACCA is delivering a six weeks mental health workshop series for Black youth ages 12-25 who reside in York Region.

The program

- will be delivered in a hybrid (in-person and online) format. If you choose to participate in-person, transportation is not provided.
- Sessions will be held at NACCA's community centre at 449 Eagle Street, Newmarket.
- More information regarding the workshops will be sent once you have signed up.
- All sessions will be supported by a mental health clinician.

To register, please access the link below:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdxb7xEvnDzwZo3-WC4QS9CCF4Bgn5r2wls2Lmuqk-QI7Vwlg/viewform>

## Youth School Success Initiative



The Youth School Success Initiative is an ethnic-specific collaborative made up of 7 York and Toronto based agencies working together to empower the educational and holistic success of Black youth in York and Toronto regions. This wrap-around program best meets the needs of identified Black youth in the York Region and Toronto District School Boards. The goals of the program are:

To support 100 Black youth from Grades 6-8 toward high school preparedness through:

- Academic supports
- Cultural history supports
- Social and emotional self-identity supports
- Life Skills Support

See link below to access more information and registration processes:

<https://macca1987.com/YSSI/>

## Free Digital Resources for Families!

[Click here to access live links to these free Digital Resources!](#)

### TVO Learn



**In support of Ontario's families TVO has assembled curriculum-based, free digital learning resources.**

#### [TVO Kids](#)

Is specific to preschool and school age from Kindergarten to Grade 5 with programming and games to get them ready for school and learning.

#### [TVO Learn](#)

Expanded to include new adult-guided Learning Activities for Grades 1 through 12 mathematics, language, science and technology and social studies.

[TVO Learn mPower](#) offers 65+ free games to support students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 to develop fundamental math skills through math and STEM games.

#### [TVO Learn Mathify](#)

Free 1:1 math tutoring with Ontario Certified Teachers for Grades 4 to 12. Now available 7 days a week, Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 9:00 pm ET, and Saturday and Sunday, 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm ET.

[TVO Today](#) has articles, videos of stories, current affairs, documentaries and podcasts.

#### [TVO iLC](#)

High school students in Ontario can access 144 courses developed by Ontario Certified Teachers. These not-for-credit courses are designed for independent study or study support.





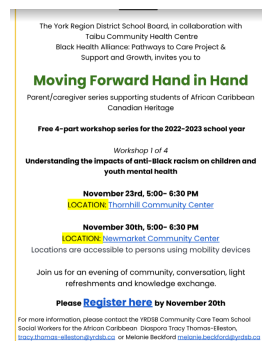
## Parent/Caregiver Mental Health Series

### Supporting Students of African Caribbean Canadian Heritage

The first session of Understanding the Impacts of Anti-Black Racism on Children and Youth Mental Health will be offered in person on November 23 and November 30. Any parent/guardian of students who identify as Black may attend.

The series, ***Moving Forward Hand in Hand***, will provide a number of parent/caregiver in-person and web events to build community, support mental health, and promote healing. The first session in the series focuses on “**Understanding the Impacts of Anti-Black Racism on Children and Youth Mental Health**” and will be offered in person on November 23rd and repeated on November 30th. These sessions are offered to any parent/guardian of students who identify as Black.

For more information on event registration, dates and locations, please review the [flyer](#) **Register by November 20th, 2022**



## WRPS School Council



**School council meeting:** November 15, 2022- 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
**Virtual or In Person- WRPS Library**

**Virtual link:** [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 247 035 481 29 Passcode: D97exe

[Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#) [Learn More](#) | [Meeting options](#)

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

## Mental Health Information Session In Mandarin and Cantonese

Click [here](#) to access the full flyer and registration link

To register for a Mandarin session: [Mandarin Session](#)

To register for a Cantonese session: [Cantonese Session](#)

This free information session for parents and families is brought to our families in partnership with Hong Fook Mental Health Association, Community Care Team and Inclusive School and Community Services of YRDSB.

This session in Mandarin and Cantonese will help parents and families gain:

- an understanding of mental health
- mental health issues
- associated stigma
- coping strategies
- community resources.

