



# Windham Ridge P.S. Community Newsletter



Week ending: **November 17, 2023**



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*What's Up  
Windham Community  
Calendar*

## [What's Up Windham Community Calendar](#)



### Multifaith Observances

Best wishes to all families observing celebrations over the next two weeks!

[Here is the link](#) to the Multifaith calendar.

[Here is the link](#) to the YRDSB list of significant faith day observances.

## Extra Clothing

With the winter months ahead of us, the grass will get more progressively wet and muddy and the weather will become colder. As students will be outdoors for recesses, it is important to send warm clothing, which may include mittens/gloves, hats, scarves with your child. We strongly encourage that each child has an extra change of clothing to be kept at school to access independently as needed.

## Remembrance Day Learning



**November 10, 2023**

On November 10, WRPS participated in a virtual assembly in homeroom classes to recognize Remembrance Day. We recognized the contributions of individuals from various groups and cultures.



Japanese Canadian Contributions



Chinese Canadian Contributions



Indigenous Canadian Contributions



Sikh Canadian Contributions



Black Canadian Contributions



Jewish Canadian Contributions



Muslim Canadian Contributions



Canadian Women Contributions



Unknown Soldiers

## Student Checklist

**Have I packed these items into my bag today before leaving for school?**

Lunch/extra snacks	Utensils for lunch
Water Bottle	Indoor shoes
Agenda	Extra clothing- including socks
Homework/assignments/projects	Snow Pants/hat/mittens

If you are dropping off any of the above items for your child, please leave them on the table outside of the main office, labelled with your child's name and teacher's name on it.

Office staff will do their best to notify students at morning recess and during lunch recess, not during class time.

## Scholastic Book Fair



**French Scholastic Book Fair**  
**(English Books available too)**

**Save the date!**

**The time has come for our fall Scholastic Book Fair!**

Dear families,

The fall Scholastic Book Fair will take place from  
**Monday, November 27, 2023 – Friday, December 1, 2023** in our school library.

**Below are dates and times for our Scholastic Book Fair.**

**Monday, November 27: 9am - 11:50am / 1:15pm – 3:10pm**  
**Tuesday, November 28th: 9am - 11:50am / 1:15pm – 3:10pm**  
**Wednesday, November 29th: 9am - 11:50am / 1:15pm – 4:00pm**  
**Thursday, November 30th: 9am - 11:50am / 1:15pm – 4:30pm**  
**Friday, December 1st: 9am - 11:10am**

Looking forward to having students and families visit us at our **Scholastic Book Fair!**  
Parents are welcome to come anytime the fair is open.

Thank you for your support!

Mme Suleman (Teacher Librarian)



**Two ways to  
report a student's  
absence**

- 1) **iNFORM** - Call the school before 8:40 am at 905-773-5443. Press 1 to report your child as absent/late.
- 2) **EDSBY**- In the event that the school's phone system is down, log into your Edsby account or on your Edsby app (see below). If your child plans on arriving to school LATE, "Create an Absence" and enter *arrival details* in the comment section indicating their late arrival.



#### Edsby App

You may choose to download the Edsby app onto your smartphone or tablet. Open the app. Enter **yrdsb** for your server address. Then enter your Edsby username (full email address) and password

## School Fundraiser

## Naruto Sushi

## School Cash Online

**Last day to order is  
Sunday, November  
19th!**

# NARUTO SUSHI

Japanese Restaurant

The Windham Ridge School Council is pleased to present a 5 week sushi lunch fundraiser this autumn. The sushi lunch will be offered for five Thursdays – Thurs Nov 23, Thurs Nov 30, Thurs Dec 7, Thurs Dec 14, and Thurs Dec 21. The deadline to place an order is Friday November 17<sup>th</sup> at 3pm and all orders must be placed on school cash online. The same sushi selection will apply for all 5 weeks. Please note that due to severe allergies in the school, sushi selections are sesame, nut, shellfish, and seafood free. If a student is absent, their sushi will be placed in the office refrigerator until the end of the next day.

Items	School Cash Online Price
Avocado Roll (6 pieces)	\$6.50 x 5 weeks = \$32.50
Avocado Cucumber Roll (6 pieces)	\$6.00 x 5 weeks = \$30.00
Yam Tempura Roll (6 pieces)	\$6.50 x 5 weeks = \$32.50
Cucumber roll (6 pieces)	\$5.50 x 5 weeks = \$27.50
<b>Combos</b>	
Avocado Roll (6 pieces) with 2 pc veggie spring rolls	\$9.50 x 5 weeks = \$47.50
Avocado Roll (6 pieces) with edamame	\$9.50 x 5 weeks = \$47.50
Avocado Cucumber Roll (6 pieces) with 2 pc veggie spring rolls	\$9.00 x 5 weeks = \$45.00
Avocado Cucumber Roll (6 pieces) with edamame	\$9.00 x 5 weeks = \$45.00
Yam Tempura Roll (6 pieces) with edamame	\$9.50 x 5 weeks = \$47.50
Avocado Roll and Yam Tempura Roll (12 pieces)	\$11 x 5 weeks = \$55.00
Cucumber Roll and Yam Tempura Roll (12 pieces)	\$10 X 5 weeks = \$50.00

**Please review:  
Inclement  
Weather**



With the winter weather approaching, we want to remind families of the steps we take as a Board to keep students safe when severe weather occurs.

- School transportation may be cancelled due to extreme cold or inclement weather.
  - Schools will remain open unless otherwise stated
  - If school transportation is cancelled in the morning, it will also be cancelled in the afternoon.
  - Any special or hot lunch days and field trips will also be cancelled.
  - If buses are cancelled, you do not have to call the school if your child is a bus student or goes to the YMCA.
    - However, if your child is normally dropped off by parents on a regular basis or walks to school, **please notify the school by calling the school before 8:40am** and follow the prompts or report the absence on Edsby.
- Families should use their best judgment to decide whether to send their children to school on extreme cold or inclement weather days.
  - Students will not be penalized for missing school on those days.
  - For safety reasons, please let the school know if your child will not be attending school that day.
- **If you drop off your child at school on an Inclement Weather Day:**
  - Our bus loop & kiss 'n ride become very congested on *Inclement Weather Days* and it is unsafe for students to walk out into the traffic to find their family vehicle.
    - At 3:10 p.m., parents/guardians will need to come into the school to pick up child/ren.
    - There will be a sign outside the office with classroom locations to pick up child/ren.
- Students that normally walk home (that are not being picked up and will walk home on an Inclement Weather Day) will be dismissed at 3:10 p.m. and will exit via their assigned doors as per their regular routine.
- YMCA students can be picked up in the gym after 3:10 p.m. from a YMCA supervisor.





- If arrangements are made for students to be picked up by someone other than parents, the office needs to be notified.
- Emergency closures will be considered when conditions may not be safe for students and staff members to attend school for the full day.
  - This may include events that significantly limit school operations or access to the school site (e.g., widespread, prolonged power failures or downed power lines).
- Decisions about school transportation and school closures will be made as early as possible and no later than 6:00 am.
- Transportation cancellations or school closures are communicated through:
  - Student Transportation Services - [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) or 1-877-330-3001
  - [Board](#) and school websites
  - [@YRDSB](#) Twitter account
  - Radio and TV media outlets

## Kid's Kitchen



### INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

In the event that school buses are cancelled due to Inclement weather, Kid's Kitchen lunches will also be cancelled.

### KK INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY



Next meeting:  
January 10, 2024



Thank you to the WRPS School Council for hosting our first Coffee Talk on October 30th! It was amazing to have parents & caregivers in the building. We look forward to future parent engagement events hosted by the WRPS School Council.



## Chinese Heritage Student Support Group

### Parent/Caregiver Mental Health Series

The first session in the series is offered for any parent/guardian of students of Chinese Heritage. Parents, caregivers are invited to join this workshop and engage meaningful conversations that help students thrive at school. Tips on ways that help strengthen family relationships and emotional wellbeing will be shared. This will be a free virtual event.



### Keep the Door Open: Understand Your Child's Inner World 敞开孩子的心房/敞開孩子的心房

This session in Mandarin and Cantonese will share tips on ways that lead your child to open their inner world and take care of their emotional wellbeing under the influence of both traditional Chinese culture and Western culture.

本次研討會將探討傳統華裔文化和西方文化的影響下如何有效地關愛和照顧孩子的心理健康。

這次的講座將探討傳統華裔文化和西方文化的影響下如何有效地關懷和照顧孩子的心理健康。

To register for a Mandarin session:  
[点击这里报名普通话讲座](#) or scan QR code



To register for a Cantonese session:  
[點擊這裡報名粵語講座](#) or scan the QR code



### Parents, Guardians, Caregiver and Students

Join us to learn and share with your community how the families are supported!

Date: **Tuesday, Nov 21st, 2023**

Time: **6:00pm-7:00pm (Mandarin 普通话)**  
**7:00pm-8:00pm (Cantonese 粵語)**

Location: **Virtually**

#### Presenters:

**Hannah Xu** (MPH)

Hong Fook Mental Health Association  
Youth Program Worker

**Charmaine Tong** (M.S.W., R.S.W.)

York Region District School Board  
Community Care Social Worker (Chinese Heritage Community)

#### For more information, please contact:

Community Care Social Worker (Chinese Heritage)  
Charmaine Tong  
[charmaine.tong@yrdsb.ca](mailto:charmaine.tong@yrdsb.ca)

This free session is brought to you in partnership with Hong Fook Mental Health Association and Community Care Team of York Region District School Board

### For Students:

## Chinese Heritage Student Support Group

The YRDSB Community Care Social Work series will provide a language specific Chinese students virtual group to build community, support mental health, and promote healing.

The first session in the series is offered for YRDSB students of Chinese Heritage. Students are invited to join this cultural specific students support group and engage meaningful conversations that help co-construct more inclusive, student-centered school environments. This will be a free virtual students group.

“**SKY LANTERN**”

- Grade 6-8, Deliver in English, Mandarin and Cantonese, 4-8 sessions in total
  - First round: Jan 15th, 2024, Every Monday, at 4:00pm; 45 mins each
  - Second round: March 1th, 2024, Every Monday at 4:00pm; 45 mins each

VIRTUAL EVENT. (link will be provided upon registration)

**RSVP by emailing the Community Care Social Worker (Chinese Heritage) at [charmaine.tong@yrdsb.ca](mailto:charmaine.tong@yrdsb.ca)**

## Intermediate Volleyball at Windham Ridge!



Over the past two weeks, WRPS welcomed neighbouring YRDSB schools to participate in a girls and a boys volleyball tournament. All team members

exemplified outstanding teamwork and collaboration!



Both teams advanced to the finals which took place at Lake Wilcox PS and both intermediate teams placed third in the tournaments!



We are extremely proud of students and dedication of staff to supporting both teams! Go Phoenixes!



## Sikh Educators Voice Alliance

Click [here](#) to register

### Sikh Educators Voice Alliance (SEVA) Group Launch Invitation



Sikh staff and community members are invited to the SEVA Affinity Group Launch.

All are welcome to come learn, celebrate, and grow with us.

**Date:** Thursday, November 30, 2023

**Time:** 4:30 - 6:30 PM

**Location:** Blue Willow Public School  
250 Blue Willow Drive, Woodbridge ON

This event is an opportunity for parents, families and YRDSB staff members to network, share, and learn about ways to affirm and create positive spaces for students of Sikh identity.

Light refreshments will be served.

#### To Register

Please fill out a [registration form](#)  
by **November, 23rd 2023**

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



## Become a School Crossing Guard

[Jobs.RichmondHill.ca](http://Jobs.RichmondHill.ca)



## Become a School Crossing Guard!



[Jobs.RichmondHill.ca](http://Jobs.RichmondHill.ca)



School crossing guards play a vital role in ensuring the safety of children as they travel to and from school. We're looking for caring individuals to help guide children across roads and intersections and make sure drivers and cyclists are aware of pedestrians crossing.

Benefits of becoming a crossing guard:



Work close to home



Paid position



Paid PA days and STAT holidays



Attendance bonuses and mileage reimbursements

Apply online or call us at 905-771-8800

### Testimonials

"I enjoy working as a crossing guard because I get to connect with my neighbors. A simple smile and hello can go a long way in brightening another person's day."

Sherman C.

"I have been a school guard for years and I am coming back next year (my 12th year). As I enjoy seeing the children so enthused on learning and they also show their respect to me."

Joe R.

"It is very rewarding and fun! I look forward to getting up every day no matter the weather to see the children, their families and the people in my community. After 8 years, I know everyone...You develop bonds with families as the children and siblings come to school."

Shari F.

## Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel York

### Caregiver registration links:

Virtual Go Girls! AND  
Virtual Little Go Girls!:  
<https://peelyork.bigbrothersbigisters.ca/go-girls-registration-form/>

Virtual Game On!:  
<https://peelyork.bigbrothersbigisters.ca/game-on-registration-form/>

# YOU'RE INVITED!

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF PEEL YORK IS RUNNING THREE SEPARATE GROUP PROGRAMS THIS AUTUMN THAT WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY (ZOOM) IN THE EVENING!

### VIRTUAL GO GIRLS!

FOR GIRLS AGED 10-14

- SESSION 1: THURSDAY NOVEMBER 9 6:00-7:00PM
- SESSION 2: THURSDAY NOVEMBER 16 6:00-7:00PM
- SESSION 3: THURSDAY NOVEMBER 23 6:00-7:00PM
- SESSION 4: THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30 6:00-7:00PM
- SESSION 5: THURSDAY DECEMBER 7 6:00-7:00PM
- SESSION 6: THURSDAY DECEMBER 14 6:00-7:00PM

### VIRTUAL GAME ON!

FOR BOYS AGED 10-14

- SESSION 1: THURSDAY NOVEMBER 16 6:00-7:00PM
- SESSION 2: THURSDAY NOVEMBER 23 6:00-7:00PM
- SESSION 3: THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30 6:00-7:00PM
- SESSION 4: THURSDAY DECEMBER 7 6:00-7:00PM
- SESSION 5: THURSDAY DECEMBER 14 6:00-7:00PM
- SESSION 6: THURSDAY DECEMBER 21 6:00-7:00PM

### VIRTUAL LITTLE GO GIRLS!

FOR GIRLS AGED 7-9

- SESSION 1: WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 15TH 6:00-7:00PM
- SESSION 2: WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 22ND 6:00-7:00PM
- SESSION 3: WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 29TH 6:00-7:00PM
- SESSION 4: WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 6TH 6:00-7:00PM
- SESSION 5: WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 13TH 6:00-7:00PM
- SESSION 6: WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 20TH 6:00-7:00PM

VIRTUAL GO GIRLS!, VIRTUAL LITTLE GO GIRLS! AND VIRTUAL GAME ON! ARE FREE GROUP MENTORING PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO CONNECT AND EMPOWER KIDS AND YOUTH OF VARYING AGES AND GENDER IDENTITIES.

EACH PROGRAM IS FACILITATED VIA ZOOM BY TRAINED VOLUNTEER MENTORS AGED 18+. PARTICIPANTS ARE PROVIDED WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE IN FUN AND INTERACTIVE DISCUSSIONS AND ACTIVITIES FROM THE COMFORT OF THEIR HOME. EACH PROGRAM PROMOTES PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, BALANCED EATING, SELF-CONFIDENCE AND STRESS MANAGEMENT. THEY ARE DELIVERED ONCE EACH WEEK DURING THE EVENING VIA ZOOM FOR 6 CONSECUTIVE WEEKS (EXCLUDING HOLIDAYS).

# REGISTER NOW!

TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR VIRTUAL GO GIRLS! OR VIRTUAL LITTLE GO GIRLS!, PLEASE VISIT THE LINK HERE:  
[HTTPS://PEELYORK.BIGBROTHERSBIGISTERS.CA/GO-GIRLS-REGISTRATION-FORM/](https://peelyork.bigbrothersbigisters.ca/go-girls-registration-form/)

TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR VIRTUAL GAME ON!, PLEASE VISIT THE LINK HERE:  
[HTTPS://PEELYORK.BIGBROTHERSBIGISTERS.CA/GAME-ON-REGISTRATION-FORM/](https://peelyork.bigbrothersbigisters.ca/game-on-registration-form/)

