



Windham Ridge P.S. Community Newsletter



Week ending: **November 24, 2023**



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What's Up Windham Community Calendar

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Multifaith Observances

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

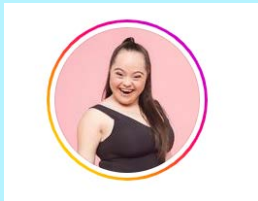
[Here is the link](#) to the Multifaith calendar.

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

Bullying Prevention Week 2023



Over the course of the past week, WRPS continued learning about Bullying Prevention through virtual morning announcements and in classes. At WRPS, we commit to Bullying Prevention every day!



Madison Tevlin visits students at Windham Ridge PS!

On Friday, November 24th, WRPS welcomed Madison Tevlin to our school! Madison has Down Syndrome and brought messages of perseverance, kindness, and building each other up.

Some important quotes by Madison shared with students in grades 4-6:

- Trying new things can be hard.
- You can and you will.
- Build each other up.
- Kindness first.
- Putting yourself out there can be scary, but the outcome always pays off.
- No person is just one thing.
- Use positive self-talk to get through tough things.
- You can light up the world.

Students were excited to get her autograph so two group pictures were taken and Madison signed a photo for us which will be displayed soon in the main school hallway! Students from the Art club presented a blue friendship bracelet to Madison as a gift of appreciation for her visit and inspirational messages.

Thank you to Madison Tevlin for supporting Windham Ridge's continued work on kindness and inclusion.

Big Box of Cards

A message from WRPS
School Council

Thank you for your support of the big box of cards fundraiser. Any cards that were not picked up during *Parent Teacher Interviews* were sent home during the week. If you have not received your cards by Monday November 27th, please contact the school.



**Presentations:
Thursday November
30, 2023**

We look forward to welcoming Youth Speak back to Windham Ridge to support our students with continued learning about mental health and well being.

See program descriptions below:

Grades 1-3: Building a Self-Care Toolkit:

An interactive program that is designed to introduce primary aged children to emotions, feelings words and coping tools. Participants will follow along on a forest adventure with Skippy and Rory. As they face obstacles, they will use tools they collect along the way. Skippy and Rory will use teamwork to overcome and work through these challenges to make it through the forest. Participants will learn coping skills and strategies to use in their lives when they face challenges and obstacles.

Grades 4-6, 7-8: Online Overdrive

This one-hour assembly will provide students with a deeper look into the impact that online use may have on their mental health and overall well-being. Youth Speakers sharing their personal stories of how online use affected their self-esteem, choices, social groups, and self-concept. Students will leave with a greater understanding of the choices they are making online and how to interact and use technology in a healthier way.

Grade 8 Popcorn Fundraiser

Grade 8 Fundraiser to support Graduation events, June 2024

Our grade 8 students will be selling popcorn for \$3 each during lunch time every Friday, from December 8th to December 22nd to support Grade 8 Graduation events.

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

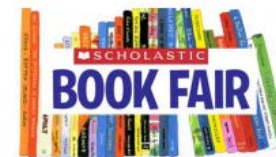
- Orders placed by Thurs Nov. 30- delivery will be Fri Dec 8th
- Orders placed after Thurs Nov. 30- delivery will be Fri Dec 15th
- Orders placed after Thurs Dec 14- delivery will be Friday Dec 22nd

Please log into your School Cash Online account to see the flavours available.

Scholastic Book Fair



All proceeds are directed back to purchasing resources for the WRPS library!



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.

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).

Sushi Lunches

If you are still interested in ordering Sushi Lunch for the next four Thursdays, please log into your [School Cash Online](#) account. The deadline to order is by **Sunday November 26th.**

Terra Cotta Cookies



Limited quantities are still available of the Vanilla Snow Cookies. Log into [School Cash Online](#) if you are interested. Proceeds will go towards supporting all WRPS students and school initiatives. The cookies are manufactured in a Peanut and Nut Free Facility. **Contains wheat, soy, egg.** The cookies will be distributed for snack on the morning of **Friday December 1st.**



Kid's Kitchen December Specials

DECEMBER SPECIALS

Ordering is Easy. Kid Approved. Stress Free.

Try our **Festive Special** just in time for the holidays!

Roasted Chicken Leg,
Steamed Veggies,
Mashed Potatoes with
Gravy & a Festive Treat



Or try our **BLT** with crispy turkey bacon, lettuce and tomato on a kaiser.

Available as an entrée only or in a combo with chocolate pudding.

Online orders can be completed up until 10am the previous business day.

We're here to help!
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**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 or 1-877-330-3001
 - [Board](#) and school websites
 - [@YRDSB](#) Twitter account
 - Radio and TV media outlets

Tobogganing and Sledding Safety



TOBOGGANING AND SLEDDING SAFETY

Tobogganing and sledding are fun, popular winter activities; however, every year hundreds of children are injured on toboggans. Here are some tips to keep your children safe:

- Parents should always actively supervise children at the toboggan/sled hill
- Dress children in warm layers of brightly coloured, waterproof clothes and boots. Use a neck warmer instead of a scarf and cover children's heads, ears and hands
- Teach children to toboggan/sled down the middle of hill and use the sides to walk to the top
- To prevent head injuries, children should always wear a hockey or ski helmet designed to protect the head in all directions in icy conditions
- Toboggans/sleds should be sturdy, easy to control and in good condition
- Remind children to sit on a toboggan/sled face forward and not lay on their stomachs; never allow children to sled head first
- Choose a hill with a gentle slope and enough room to stop. The hill should be free of hazards (such as trees and rocks) and be well lit to see any potential dangers as well as to be seen by others
- Remind children to never jump in front of toboggans/sleds going downhill
- Make sure only the recommended number of children ride the toboggan/sled

For more information, visit york.ca/injuryprevention

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