



# Windham Ridge P.S. Community Newsletter



Week ending: **November 3, 2023**

*Two Weeks*

*at a*

*Glance*



Clocks back one hour  
on November 5th!

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| <b>Monday, November 6 (Day 2)</b><br>Swiss Chalet Lunch<br>Treaties Recognition Week- Nov. 5-11                 | <b>Monday, November 13 (Day 2)</b><br>Swiss Chalet Lunch  |
| <b>Tuesday, November 7 (Day 3)</b><br>Pizza lunch<br>EDSBY opens at 9:00am to book<br>parent teacher interviews | <b>Tuesday, November 14 (Day 3)</b><br>Pizza lunch<br>EDSBY closes to bookings for parent<br>teacher interviews |
| <b>Wednesday, November 8 (Day 4)</b><br>Astoria Lunch   | <b>Wednesday, November 15 (Day 4)</b><br>Astoria Lunch  |
| <b>Thursday, November 9 (Day 5)</b>   | <b>Thursday, November 16 (Day 5)</b><br>PT Interview night (starting at 3:30pm)                                 |
| <b>Friday, November 10 (Day 1)</b><br>Kid's Kitchen   | <b>Friday, November 17</b><br>PA Day (no school)<br>PT Interview (am only)                                      |

Hold the dates!

Tuesday November 21st - Photo Retake Day  
 November 27 to Dec 1st - Scholastic Book Fair

## Multifaith Observances

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

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| 5  | 6                                   | 7                                    | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11              |
| Daylight Saving Time ends (USA, Canada)    |                                     |                                      |    |    |    | Remembrance Day |
| 12   | 13                                  | 14                                   | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18              |
| Diwali                                     | Vietnam New Year (2023)<br>New Moon | Join New Year & Day of Enlightenment |    |    |    | Jozeo Festival  |
| Diwali (India, Jain and Sikh celebrations) |                                     |                                      |    |    |    |                 |
| Sankranti (India)                          |                                     |                                      |    |    |    |                 |
| Mahavira Nirvana                           |                                     |                                      |    |    |    |                 |

What is a promise?

What is a treaty?



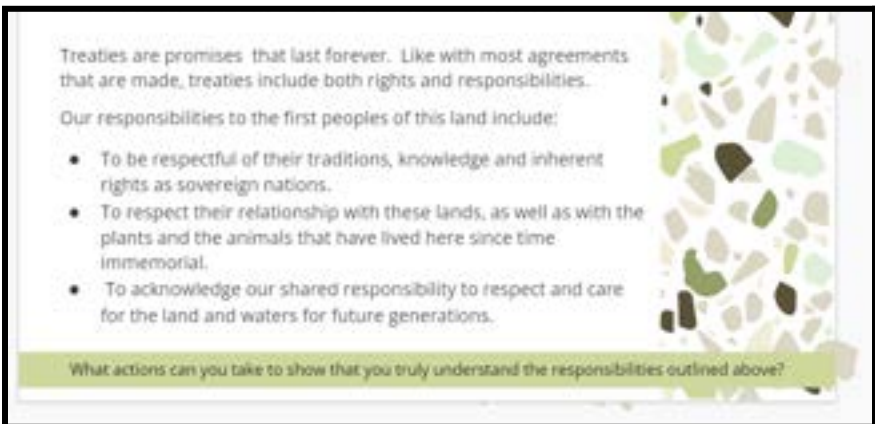
November 5-11

What treaty is Windham Ridge PS located on?

We will be exploring this as a school community on morning announcements beginning on Monday, November 7th.

[Whose Land](#)

Interactive Treaty Locator Tool



During the week of November 5-11, we recognize the importance of treaties and bring awareness to the treaty relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in the province. There are 46 treaties in Ontario and we all have a responsibility to honour the treaties.

At Windham Ridge PS, we will begin our learning with the question “What is a promise?” during our virtual morning announcements and we will engage in learning as a school community, supported by continued learning in classrooms.

As a part of our connection with our WRPS, we will share this learning each week in our newsletter. Also, we will share commonly held myths (Taylor Maclean) as we partner with our families in learning about treaties in Canada.

### Myth #5: Treaties have no relevance today

Many Canadians believe that treaties are a thing of the past. They think that all treaties were negotiated before Canada became a country and that they are no longer a part of the way that the Canadian Government engages with Indigenous nations. Not only are treaties still being made today in the form of comprehensive land claims, treaties made in the past remain legally-binding agreements between nations that must be adhered to by all settlers residing in this country.

The phrase, “we are all treaty people” is an effective way of expressing the legal obligations that all Canadians have to uphold the terms of the treaties. And in order to ensure that they are not breaking the contract, Canadians must educate themselves about the obligations and responsibilities they have to Indigenous nations and to the land.

(6 Common Myths about Treaties in Canada By Taylor Maclean)

## Tune In YRDSB podcasts

-Latinx & Hispanic Heritage Month

-Elevating Women's Stories



[Click here to access the podcasts.](#)

## [School Cash Online](#) items still available for sale

We have extra **Primary Agendas** available for sale. If you are interested in purchasing one, please sign into [School Cash Online](#) to order and let the classroom teacher know or email [windham.ridge.ps@yrdsb.ca](mailto:windham.ridge.ps@yrdsb.ca) to ensure it gets delivered to your child.

We have extra **Terra Cotta Cookies** available for sale. Proceeds will go towards supporting all WRPS students and school initiatives. Cookies will be distributed on the morning of Thursday November 9th.



## Booking Parent Teacher Interviews in your Edsby Account

**Parent Teacher Interviews are fast approaching on the evening of November 16th and the morning of Friday November 17th.**

### **Important Timelines:**

- **Tuesday, November 7-** Interview schedule opens at 9:00am for booking. Log into your Edsby account.
  - An invitation to book appointments will be sent to your Edsby account and a notification to your email. Instructions for signing up for interview slots are found here.
- **Tuesday November 14-** Interview Scheduler closes at 9:00a.m.
- **November 16 - 17-** Interviews/Conferences

## 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](#)**

## 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 敞開孩子的心房/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.

本次研讨会将探讨传统华裔文化和西方文化的影响下如何有效地关爱和照顾孩子的心理健康。

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)**



**Next meeting:  
January 10, 2024**



Thank you to our 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 our School Council.





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 10-15

- 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 10-15

- 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 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).

## 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

# REGISTER NOW!

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



## 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).



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## Become a School Crossing Guard!



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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:



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Paid position



Paid PA days and STAT holidays



Attendance bonuses and mileage reimbursements

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### Testimonials

  **ST**

"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.

  **OP**

"I have been a school guard for years and I am coming back next year (my 52th year). As I enjoy seeing the children so enthused on learning and they also show their respect to me."

— Joe R.

  **STU**

"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."

— Sheri F.