



Windham Ridge P.S. Community Newsletter



Week ending: October 13, 2023

Two Weeks at a Glance

Monday, October 16 (Day 3) Swiss Chalet Lunch	Monday, October 23 (Day 2) Swiss Chalet Lunch
Tuesday, October 17 (Day 4) Pizza lunch	Tuesday, October 24 (Day 3) Pizza lunch School Photo Day
Wednesday, October 18 (Day 5) Astoria Lunch Terra Cookies on sale for \$2	Wednesday, October 25 (Day 4) Astoria Lunch
Thursday, October 19 (Day 1) Spirit Day- wear purple!	Thursday, October 26 (Day 5)
Friday, October 20 PA Day (no school)	Friday, October 27 (Day 1)

Multifaith Observances for October

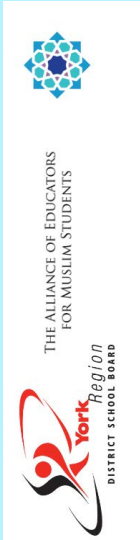
Best wishes to all families observing the dates below over the following two weeks.



[Partial Lunar Eclipse October 28th!](#)

October is

Islamic Heritage Month



The York Region District School Board proudly recognizes Islamic Heritage Month during the month of October and honours Muslim identities all year round.

The Government of Canada declared the month of October as Canadian Islamic History Month in 2007. In 2016, Ontario passed the Islamic Heritage Month Act to recognize, celebrate and affirm the significant contributions that Muslims continue to make as part of the vibrant social, economic, political and cultural fabric of this province.

Islamic Heritage Month (IHM) is an opportunity to reflect on and highlight the rich histories and diversity of Muslims in all aspects of society across Canada and around the world. In education, it is critical to represent the historical and contemporary excellence of Muslims through literature, the arts, math, science, and all other areas of the curriculum as part of our unwavering commitment to equity and inclusion. Affirming Muslim identity through the curriculum is foundational for creating inclusive educational environments that centre humanity, value authenticity, and nurture belonging and joy for Muslim students.

Over the course of the month, we will share information with students during the virtual morning announcements to celebrate the month and promote understanding. This week, we shared the announcement below with our school community:

Tim Hortons, or Starbucks? Do you like to start your day, like millions of humans around the globe, with a cup of coffee? The word coffee has its roots in different languages, including Arabic. For example, “qahwah” was a popular drink made by the Arab people of Yemen around the 10th century. Coffee was discovered and used by Muslims, as an aid to stay up at night to pray. Through trade, Europeans were introduced to coffee and started using it around the 16th century.

Thank you to the members of the school community for creating and adding to an informative and identity affirming display in our school foyer for Islamic Heritage Month!

Free Digital Resources for Families!



[Click here to access resources highlighted below:](#)

The screenshot shows a webpage titled "Student Access to Digital Tools & Resources" with the URL "www.yrdsb.ca". Below the title is a row of six icons representing different resource categories. The page lists several resource categories with brief descriptions:

- Online Student Tools:** Google applications, Brightspace/D2L, TeachAssist, Pathway Planner.
- Research Databases:** Canadian Encyclopedia, Britannica School, Gale databases.
- Books, Media, Music and Videos:** Curio, MediaSmarts, NFB, Sony eBooks, On-Core.
- Math Resources:** A variety of family resources that support math learning at home.
- French as a Second Language:** Ebooks, media and other digital resources in French.
- Adolescent Literacy (Grades 7-12):** A variety of resources to support student learning.
- Twinkl.com:** Learning activities aligned with the Ontario curriculum. By grade & subject.

At the bottom, it says "Need Help? (on each resource) links to access information and tutorials where available."

**Terra Cotta Cookies
Order through
School Cash Online**

**Proceeds will go
towards supporting all
WRPS students and
school initiatives**



**Thursday
October 19th is
Spirit Day!**

Each year, students, educators and allies bring attention to the need for safer and more inclusive learning and working environments for Two-Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex and individuals with related identities (2SLGBTQI+).

October 19 is Spirit Day, a day started in 2010 by Brittany McMillan, a Canadian teenager. Brittany created the event after learning about youth who lost their lives to suicide after experiencing bullying related to actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity and expression identities.

It has become an annual event in October when millions of North Americans wear purple to show their support for 2SLGBTQI+ youth and take a stand against bullying. Students, schools, organizations, corporations, media professionals, celebrities, parents, and families wear purple to convey that 2SLGBTQI+ youth are to be celebrated and respected for who they are. The purple stripe on the pride flag represents spirit, giving this day its name.

**We invite students to wear purple on
Thursday October 19th!**

**Windham Ridge's
School Council
Big Box Fundraising
Event**

**See the
attachment in this
week's email with
live links !**



**WRPS
student tarmac
spaces have been
painted!**



We are excited to share that tarmac painting was completed on Friday on spaces used by students.

Included in the painting on the school tarmac areas:

- -two pickleball courts
- dart board (used with bean bags)
- 4 four square spaces
- two wall ball areas
- 2 mirror me areas
- 1 skipping circle
- 5 basketball keys
- 100s chart
- 6 hopscotches
- 4 chalk picture frames
- line tag
- 1 mindful maze
- 2 tether ball court markings
- circle line up markers for each entry door
- bike rack/buddy bench markers
- 1 running track

We look forward to students enjoying active and cooperative outdoor play during recesses, DPA, and PE classes with their teachers!

Ask your child(ren) to share more information with you about the new look of the tarmac spaces!

Congrats to our
Cross Country
Runners!



Congratulations to all of our Cross Country team members who had a great day!

All students ran with perseverance, with determination, and with Windham Ridge pride! We have many students advancing to regionals next week and we will be cheering you on from WRPS!

Special mention goes out to 8 students who placed in the top 15 to qualify for the Regional Meet in two weeks! And thank you to all staff who exemplified leadership and dedication to success for all students.

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Message from
York Region Public
Health

HAVE YOUR CHILD'S EYES CHECKED

Detect and correct problems early and prevent issues which can result in permanent vision loss.

Eye exams are free with an OHIP card for children 19 years of age and under.

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Book an eye exam today with a local optometrist (eye doctor).

For more information please visit york.ca/HealthyEyes or findaneyedoctor.ca #HealthyEyes

The York Region logo, featuring a stylized white bird or wing icon above the text 'York Region' in a white serif font, all set against a dark green rectangular background.

School Council Updates

2023-2024 School Council Executive Committee

Executive Committee	Co-Chair	Co-Chair	Co-Treasurer	Secretary
	Parvaz Kirovac	Jodie Montagnese	Rocco Di Lena Apurva Talsania	Lisa Schiafone

We look forward to our continued partnership with the WRPS School Council and WRPS families.

A reminder that all WRPS families are invited to attend all School Council meetings.