



Windham Ridge P.S. Community Newsletter



Week ending: **October 21st, 2022**

Two Weeks



at a

Glance

Monday, October 24 (Day 1)
Diwali- Diamond Day



Monday, October 31 (Day 1)
Halloween

Tuesday, October 25 (Day 2)

Tuesday, November 1 (Day 2)
EDSBY Scheduler opens to book
Parent/Teacher Interviews or Student Led
Conferences

Wednesday, October 26 (Day 3)

Wednesday, November 2 (Day 3)
Gr.8's going to King City SS-Info Session
Alexander Mackenzie Gr 9 open house

Thursday, October 27 (Day 4)

Thursday, November 3 (Day 4)

Friday, October 28 (Day 5)
Picture Day

Friday, November 4 (Day 5)

October is Islamic Heritage Month

Multifaith Observances



"The Lights That Shine" by Ruslana Levandovska

"This piece shows the resilience of the temporarily ghost-like city that is the effect of COVID-19, giving new character to our beloved streets. But it is sure to return in strength!"

Oil on canvas; 36" x 24"

For additional artist info, visit:
<http://www.levandovska.com/>

Hinduism 24 Diwali (Hindu, Jain and Sikh celebration)

Hinduism 25 Vikram New Year (2079)

Astronomical Event 25 Partial Solar Eclipse

New Moon 25 New Moon

Jainism 26 Jain New Year & Day of Enlightenment

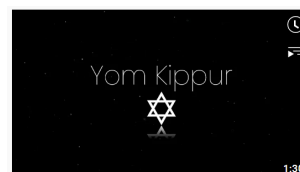
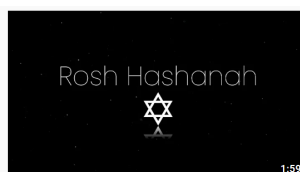
Bahá'í Faith 26 Birth of The Báb

Bahá'í Faith 27 Birth of Bahá'u'lláh

Jainism 29 Jnana Panchmi

YRDSB has prepared a Diamond Day Video Series to support our continued learning and awareness of celebrations across our YRDSB communities.

This week, we will learn more about Diwali. Below are other videos that our students have viewed during our virtual morning announcements. You are welcome to join your child(ren) in viewing these videos also.



Take Me Outside Week at Windham Ridge!

WRPS took part in the 12th year of #TakeMeOutsideDay!



From sing-alongs, to fall wreaths, to nature walks, to making autumn patterns in math, to learning about the different consumers in Science, to making connections between appreciating nature and showing empathy, our WRPS students engaged in learning about the importance of the environment in our everyday world and to our health and well-being during our Take Me Outside Week activities.



Picture Day



Class photo times will vary throughout the day.

Terry Fox Donation



Our WRPS community successfully raised \$845.00 this year following our Terry Fox Run/Walk. The donation was made to the Terry Fox Foundation supporting cancer research. Thank you to all our families for your support and donations to this cause.

Tune In YRDSB



Did you know YRDSB has a podcast? From in-depth and honest discussions on issues affecting education to practical conversations like how does French Immersion work, Tune In YRDSB helps you stay connected to what's happening in education.

With the [municipal election](#) approaching on October 24, [listen to our latest episode](#) on the role of trustees, why it's important to vote and to make an informed decision, and more.

In addition, our **monthly news wrap** up lets you catch up on what's been happening around the Board and what's upcoming in just 15 minutes.

[Tune In YRDSB](#) is available on all major podcast platforms.

Progress Report Cards & Parent-Teacher Interviews/Student Led Conferences

A hard copy of Progress Reports will be sent home on November 16th. This will support the conversations about student progress that will take place with teachers on November 17th and/or 18th. Digital copies will be sent electronically to all families during the week of November 23-25th by the Board. Additional information will be provided in the coming weeks regarding booking these interviews with your child's teacher(s).

Scheduler opens to families	November 1
Families book appointments	November 1 - 8
EDSBY scheduler closes	November 9, 8:00am

WRPS goes to Regionals!



We are extremely proud of all our WRPS students who came out to try out and practice with endurance and passion with our Cross-Country Team over the last month. At our area Cross-Country Meet, several of our Windham teams placed in the top 3! Congratulations to:

- our grade 4 girls team- 2nd place
- our grade 4 boys team- 3rd place
- our grade 5 girls team- 3rd place



We have 9 students from our Grade 4, 5, 6 and 8 classes that will be representing Windham at our Regional Competition on October 25th!

Congratulations to all our students! We are extremely proud of the amazing school spirit displayed by our Windham Team at the Area Meet.]

Good luck to our students going to the Regionals!

Grade 8 visit to King City Secondary School

On November 2nd, during the Take Our Kids To Work Day, our Grade 8 students will be attending an information session at King City Secondary School. They will be taking a bus from Windham Ridge P.S. to King City S.S. for the day's activities. Stay tuned for more details which will be shared with grade 8 families.

Guidelines for Halloween



Halloween may bring memories of dress-up parades, costume competitions, and classroom parties for some members of our community and carries a very different meaning for others. It is important for us to recognize that not all families celebrate and participate in Halloween. The reasons for not participating may include cultural beliefs, faith, socioeconomic status, and personal reasons.

Halloween dress-up will continue to be offered as **an optional activity** at WRPS. Throughout the school day on October 31st, students will continue to engage in curriculum-based learning throughout the day. If students and families choose, our students will also be invited to wear fall colours on Halloween.

As per YRDSB protocols:

- Students may bring their own snacks;
- Students will not be able to use washrooms to change into costumes, therefore if they choose to wear a costume, they must have it on when they arrive to school.
- No Halloween masks are to be worn and students should only use single use make-up (no sharing of make-up).
- No replica weapons of any kind are allowed.
- To limit personal items being brought to school, costumes should be of simple design.

In keeping with our school food policy to ensure safety for all students, we will not be accepting baked goods, cakes, items that contain/may contain traces of nuts, or are unclearly marked, sent to school for sharing with peers on Halloween.

Students are welcome to bring in treats that are individually wrapped which do not pose a risk to the safety of our students. We ask that all families support this guideline on October 31st and throughout the week following Halloween, when students often bring in Halloween candy as part of their snacks.

If you need any further clarification, we encourage you to speak with your child's teacher or contact our main office. We appreciate your partnership in ensuring safety for all students.

Students leaving school property during the lunch hour



In the online start up package report, all families were required to indicate whether their child(ren) have permission to leave school property at lunch. We ask that you determine with your child acceptable locations or activities during their time signed out at lunch.

Parents need to send an email to the school email at windham.ridge.ps@yrdsb.ca before 10:00 a.m each day you are giving permission for your child to leave school at lunch. Students will not be permitted to call parents to get verbal permission.

Review the steps below with your child if you have provided permissions for signing out at lunch:

- Send an email to windham.ridge.ps@yrdsb.ca before 10:00am to indicate that your child will be signing out to lunch on that day;
- Student will sign out in the office binder at the start of lunch hour;
- sign back in before 1:10 and join their class at the back of the school to line up for entry, under teacher supervision.

Please note that students must return to school prior to the 1:10 bell to ensure that they sign in at the office and enter with classmates by 1:10 for attendance and safe arrival procedures.

Grade 8 Updates

The grade 8 year is off to a great start! I'm sure high school is on everyone's mind, so please, feel free to contact Mr. Raha surit.raha@yrdsb.ca anytime with any questions, concerns, or if you'd just like to chat. Please note the following, all grade 8's have been added to the Grade 8 Network google classroom. This is where all high school information will be posted and regularly updated. Most important news right now? Open house dates have been posted and some are happening soon. Please reach out with any questions!

Choosing a school is based on your home address (found by using the [School Locator](#)) and [school boundaries](#) (attendance areas).

Alexander Mackenzie (Arts program) [ARTS Mackenzie](#)

Wednesday, November 2, 2022 (7:00-8:30pm) @ Richmond Hill Performing Centre for the Arts

King City Secondary School [King City SS Website- Virtual Open House](#)

(French Immersion program, English program, check school locator)

Thursday, December 8, 2022 (6:30-8:00pm)

Richmond Green Secondary School [Richmond Green SS Website](#)

(English program, check school locator)

Monday, November 21, 2022



Next School Council meeting:

November 15, 2022
6:30pm to 8:30pm
(Virtual link to follow)

Our new 2022-2023 WRPS School Council Committee!

On Wednesday, October 13, 2022, the WRPS election committee, with support from our elections committee member Malahat Ahmad, facilitated an elections process for formation of the new 2022-2023 WRPS School Council.

What is a School Council?

A reminder that all parents/guardians are welcome to attend each School Council Meeting

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

[YRDSB School Councils - An Overview](#)

