



Windham Ridge P.S. Community Newsletter



Week ending: **October 28th, 2022**

Two Weeks



at a

Glance

Monday, October 31 (Day 1) Halloween	Monday, November 7 (Day 1) Treaties Week
Tuesday, November 1 (Day 2) EDSBY Scheduler opens to book Parent/Teacher Interviews or Student Led Conferences	Tuesday, November 8 (Day 2)
Wednesday, November 2 (Day 3) Gr.8's going to King City SS-Info Session Alexander Mackenzie Gr 9 open house	Wednesday, November 9 (Day 3) Edsby scheduler for Parent Teacher Interviews closes at 8 am
Thursday, November 3 (Day 4)	Thursday, November 10 (Day 4)
Friday, November 4 (Day 5)	Friday, November 11 (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/>

- Wicca 31 Samhain*
- Indigenous Spirituality 1 Hunting Moon (local Oneida)*
- 1 Holocaust Education Week*
- Christianity 1 All Saints Day (W)*
- Bahá'í Faith 4 Qudrat*
- Buddhism 6 Kathina ends*
- 6 Daylight Saving Time ends (USA, Canada)*
- Jainism 8 Birth date of Shrimad Rajchandra*
- Jainism 8 Dev Diwali*
- Sikhism 8 Birth date of Guru Nanak Dev Ji*
- Jainism 8 Chaturmas ends*
- Astronomical Event 8 Total Lunar Eclipse*
- 8 Full Moon*
- 11 Remembrance Day*

Why does Daylight Savings Time in Canada exist?

The Canadian government introduced daylight saving time in 1918 as a measure for increasing production during the **First World War**. Similar legislation had been passed in Germany and Britain. The idea was that during months when the sun stays visible for longer, a pre-breakfast hour of daylight could be saved for use after supper. Countries did this by turning the clocks ahead by one hour in the spring (to start the day earlier) and back by one hour in the fall.

Islamic Heritage Month

Over the course of the month, we have explored contributions from members of the Islamic community, past and present. On Friday October 28th, we listened to the story

[Mommy's Khimar](#) written by [Jamilah](#)

[Thompkins-Bigelow](#) on our virtual morning announcements as part of Islamic Heritage Month.



We welcomed our WRPS community to create a beautiful display in our main foyer as a celebration of Islamic Heritage Month and look forward to continued learning throughout the year!

Daylight Savings Time



Daylight Savings Time ends on Saturday November 6th at 2:00 am. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour.

What is a promise? What is a treaty?



November 6-12 2022

"Today, some Canadians see treaties as artifacts of another era in their history, with no current relevance.

First Nations people view treaties as "living" agreements that respect their status as nations, as recognized in the Royal Proclamation of 1763. They see this as their "inherent right" referred to in Section 35 of the Canadian Constitution."

(Maurice Switzer, "We are all...Treaty People" p.34)

During the week of November 6-12, 2022, 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 #1: Treaties are land sale agreements

Historically, treaties were not purchase agreements where Indigenous nations were offered compensation in exchange for the surrender of their lands. Instead, they were nation-to-nation agreements that established the terms for how sovereign entities would coexist peacefully while sharing the land. But because treaty texts were written from the British perspective — often before negotiations had even begun — the paper terms of the agreement differed from other historical accounts.

For a balanced view of what each treaty really means, you have to understand the Indigenous perspective. Wampum belts, oral histories and written records of what was said during treaty negotiations provide invaluable corrections to any misinterpretations. (*6 Common Myths about Treaties in Canada* By Taylor Maclean)

Take Me Outside Week at Windham Ridge!



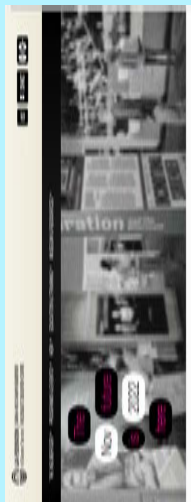
WRPS took part in the 12th year of #TakeMeOutsideDay!



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.



Holocaust Education Week November 2-9

The week of November 2nd to 9th marks the annual Holocaust Education Week (HEW). Learning about the Holocaust in classrooms, schools, and workplaces across the YRDSB is critical to countering antisemitism and other forms of hate.

This year's Neuberger Holocaust Education Week theme is [The Future Is Here](#). The Holocaust was the systemic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of six million Jewish people by the Nazi regime and its allies, and it's critical that we not allow this cruel chapter of modern history to fade from memory. During Holocaust Education Week, we also want to acknowledge that people of colour, the Romas, people with physical disabilities, and those who identify as 2SLGBTQI+, among others, were targeted and murdered by the Nazis. As one means of working towards a world free of intolerance, racism, discrimination, and hatred, educators are encouraged to discuss the Holocaust and the many people who put their lives on the line in the face of antisemitism and other forms of hate.

WRPS students will engage in age appropriate learning over the course of this week and throughout our school year.

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.

**Grade 8 visit to
King City
Secondary School**



**Welcome to students
shadowing at WRPS!**

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. Buses will arrive at our school at **9:30 am**. Students will have an opportunity to rotate through **2 grade 9 classes** where they will engage in subject related activities. Students will have both a **tour of the school** as well as take part in a **student panel Q&A**. Buses will **depart KCSS at 1:30pm** and return to Windham Ridge in time for instructional time and our regular dismissal time.

At Windham Ridge, we will also be welcoming numerous grade 9 students who have chosen to shadow an adult in our building as part of Take Our Kids to Work Day!

**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 YRDSB.

Please note that you need to be registered with EDSBY in order to book an appointment for a Parent Teacher Interview or Student Led Conference with your child's teacher(s). You are encouraged to contact our school office if you are not yet registered with EDSBY.

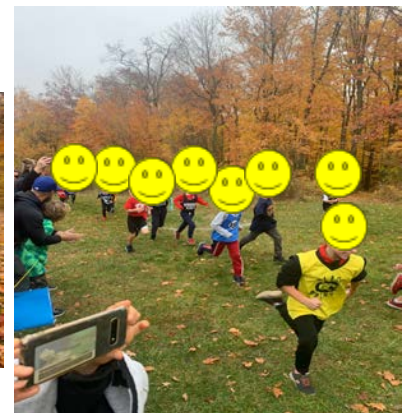
Edsby Scheduler opens to families	November 1 at 8:15 a.m
Families book appointments	November 1 - 8
EDSBY scheduler closes	November 11 at 3:00 p.m

**WRPS
goes to Regionals!**



We are very proud of all our students who represented WRPS at our Regional Meet and wish to express our appreciation for our staff who coached and trained our students to provide this experience for our students. Congratulations to all our students who ran strong in a race of 130 students across YRDSB:

- Madelyn (grade 4) 9th place
- Olivia (grade 4) 88th place
- Armin (grade 4) 65th place
- Dennis (grade 4) 71st place
- Christina (grade 5) 119th place
- Taylor (grade 6) 36th place
- Thyssen (grade 8) 30th place
- Noah (grade 8) 55th place





Our Book Fair is coming soon!

WRPS is happy to announce that our Book Fair is coming the week of **November 28 - Dec. 2**. Students will have an opportunity to preview the new books available with their classroom teachers and will be provided with opportunities during the day to make purchases.

The Book Fair will also be open on **the evening of Dec. 1st for families** to peruse the collection together with their children. Stay tuned for more information in next week's newsletter.

Guidelines for Halloween

Monday, October 31, 2022

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.

Grade 6 & 7

Upcoming program with the York Regional Police - Community Safety Village.

The "Like Me First" program will speak to students who identify as females in grades 6 and 7. The purpose is to help our students become resilient and make

Upcoming Virtual Program



positive choices, while also developing self esteem and positive friendships. The topics that we will be addressing include: building self-esteem, mindfulness, meditation, coping techniques, developing positive self-worth through self-care, and self image (discussing the positive and negative impacts of social media). Ultimately, our hope is that this program will help to develop self-love and a lifelong impact for these students who identify as female.

Participant Criteria:

- Resident in York Region
- Grade 6 or 7 student currently attending school in York Region

The program will run on:

Tuesdays and Thursdays from November 8th – 24th.

Meetings will be held on ZOOM from 6:00pm – 7:30pm.

There is no cost associated with this program.

If you are interested in participating in this program, please email csv@yrp.ca.

Thank you,

Debbie Robinson #5459

Supervisor

Community Safety Village, York Regional Police

Tutoring Supports for Students

As a part of the Province's efforts to support learning in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, additional funding has been allocated for the first term of the 2022-23 school year (**ending on December 15, 2022**) for Tutoring Support Programs.

Project funding will provide small group tutoring supports for students. The purpose of this funding is to offer programs that will support learning recovery and renewal in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. YRDSB has included an opportunity to partner with community organizations who can provide tutoring supports to students. These tutoring programs will prioritize math, literacy and other foundational learning skills and are intended to promote learning recovery and to help address achievement and skills development gaps. In addition, these programs will support learning in a trusted environment grounded in the language, culture and community norms for students.

Details for tutoring programs outside the school day can be found on the [Tutoring Support Programs Through Community Partners](#) site. Please contact community partners directly and inquire about tutoring services as soon as possible. Funding and spaces are limited.

Grade 8 Updates

[Secondary School Information Nights](#)

Need more details about high school? Please consider attending an open house at one of our YRDSB high schools to learn more about programs and deadlines, as well as what to expect for Grade 9. Please, as always, reach out to Mr. Raha should you have any que

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?

[YRDSB School Councils - An Overview](#)

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.

