

# Windham Ridge P.S. Community Newsletter



Week ending: **October 6, 2023**

## Two Weeks at a Glance

<b>Monday, October 9</b> <b>Thanksgiving- No School</b> <a href="#">Indigenous Thanksgiving History</a>	<b>Monday, October 16 (Day 3)</b> Swiss Chalet Lunch
<b>Tuesday, October 10 (Day 4)</b> Pizza lunch	<b>Tuesday, October 17 (Day 4)</b> Pizza lunch
<b>Wednesday, October 11 (Day 5)</b> Astoria Lunch Cross Country	<b>Wednesday, October 18 (Day 5)</b> Astoria Lunch
<b>Thursday, October 12 (Day 1)</b> IB information sessions	<b>Thursday, October 19 (Day 1)</b>
<b>Friday, October 13 (Day 2)</b> Kids Kitchen day	<b>Friday, October 20</b> PA Day (no school)

**Coming Soon!**  
 Tuesday October 24th - School Photo Day

## Multifaith Observances for September

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

Simhat Torah 8	Thanksgiving Day (Canada) 9	10	11	Ghambar Ayathrem begins 12	Nichiren Shonin Memorial 13	Annular Solar Eclipse 14 New Moon
Navaratri begins 15	'Ilm 16 Birth of The Báb Ghambar Ayathrem ends	Birth of Bahá'u'lláh 17	18	19	Installation of the Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji 20	Saraswati Puja 21 Aymbil Ori (Second Half) begins

## Free Digital Resources for Families!

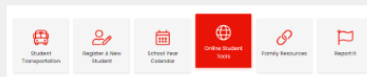


[Click here to access resources highlighted below:](#)



### Student Access to Digital Tools & Resources

[www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca)



**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, Sora 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.

**TVQLearn.com** Learning activities aligned with the Ontario curriculum. By grade & subject.

**Need Help?** (on each resource) links to access information and tutorials where available.

## Safety Reminders from York Region Public Health

### Wear a helmet!

## IT'S YOUR HEAD-USE IT!

Head injuries are the leading cause of serious injury and death to kids on wheels. Wearing a properly fitted, certified helmet can reduce the risk of serious head injury by 85 per cent. Children and youth under 18 years of age are required by law to wear a helmet when bicycling. Helmets must fit properly to protect your child in the event of a crash.



Remember the 2V1 Shake, Shake, Shake rule:

- 2: The helmet should cover the top of your child's head and sit two finger widths above his or her eyebrows. A helmet that is too big will not provide proper protection
- V: Adjust the side straps so they form a V-shape under your child's ears
- 1: Only one finger should fit between your child's chin and the fastened straps
- Shake, Shake, Shake: Have your child shake his or her head up and down and side to side to make sure the helmet is snug

Public Health

1-877-464-9675

TTY 1-866-512-6228

[york.ca/healthyschools](http://york.ca/healthyschools)



For more information visit [york.ca/injuryprevention](http://york.ca/injuryprevention)

# The Centre for Black Student Excellence

## Newsletter October 2023

### THE CENTRE FOR BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

#### The Centre for Black Student Excellence Newsletter | October 2023

We are thrilled to welcome you back to our Centre for Black Student Excellence newsletter dedicated to educating families about resources in York Region District School Board in alignment under the Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy Implementation Plan. This platform will be your source of inspiration, education, and connection as we work together to foster a more equitable and inclusive educational environment.

Through this newsletter, we aim to share stories, resources, and initiatives that promote understanding, unity, and positive change. We believe that by amplifying diverse voices and engaging in meaningful conversations, we can create a more inclusive future for all.

Thank you for joining us on this journey. Your commitment to diversity and inclusion is a powerful force for change, and we look forward to the progress we can make together.

Warm regards,

The Centre for Black Excellence  
[www.yrdsb.ca/blackexcellence](http://www.yrdsb.ca/blackexcellence)

## Kids Kitchen

The specials are available  
on Fridays from

Oct 2-31, 2023.

### OCTOBER SPECIAL

Ordering is Easy. Kid Approved. Stress Free.



Beef or Bean

### SOFT SHELL TACOS

Gluten-friendly, vegetarian and other menu  
options available online!

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

We're here to help!  
information@kidskitchen.ca  
[www.kidskitchen.ca](http://www.kidskitchen.ca)



**Kids Kitchen** ca

## Available as a combo with chocolate pudding or as an entree only.

Please update your child's profile in your Kids Kitchen account with this year's teacher and room #. This information can be found on the school's [website](#).

## IB Information Nights

### Grade 8 Open House - Information Nights

#### Schools with Specialized Programs

- Alexander Mackenzie HS - ARTS & IB
- Bayview SS - IB
- Dr GW Williams SS - IB
- Huron Heights SS - ARTS
- Maple HS - IB
- Milliken Mills HS - IB
- Unionville HS - ARTS
- Westmount CI - ARTS

Night will showcase the IB Programme at Dr. G. W. Williams HS while outlining the fall application process for grade 8s applying to start the programme in September 2024.

[Click here to access more information about Grade 8 YRDSB Information/Open House nights.](#)

Families interested in learning more about the International Baccalaureate Programme at Dr. G. W. Williams High School are invited to join the IB Faculty and student leaders on Thursday, October 12, 2023 from 7 to 9pm. The information

October is



IWALK Month

International Walk to School Month (IWALK) is an annual celebration of active transportation that takes place around the world throughout the month of October. IWALK Month officially launches October 4, 2023.

**When walking to school, here are some important safety tips to remember:**

- Look all ways before you cross the street. Always STOP, LOOK and LISTEN before crossing
- Cross at intersections and crosswalks, when possible.
- Always make eye contact with drivers before you cross the street.
- Obey traffic signals and signs.
- Use a sidewalk if there is one.

For anyone who can't walk or cycle to school every day, we encourage you to try choosing an active mode of travel two or three times a week, or consider parking and walking a block to decrease the pollution and improve safety around your school.

If you choose to drive, please be mindful of students who walk and cycle, drive slowly and be highly vigilant of your surroundings.

**Benefits of Active School Travel**

- Improves student academic performance by making students more alert and better prepared to learn.
- Improves both physical and mental health.
- Reduces traffic congestion and improves safety for everyone in school zones and around our school community.
- Improves air quality.
- Encourages social interaction and improves social skills.
- Promotes life-long habits that foster independence and active lifestyles, preparing children for their future.
- It's fun!

For more information about IWALK Month please visit:

[Ontario Active School Travel IWALK Month](#)

School Council  
Updates

**2023-2024 School Council Executive Committee**

Executive Committee	<i>Co-Chair</i>	<i>Co-Chair</i>	<i>Co-Treasurer</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
	Parvaz Kirouac	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 families are invited to attend all School Council meetings.**

