



Windham Ridge P.S. Community Newsletter



Week ending: **October 7th, 2022**

Two Weeks



at a
Glance

Monday, October 10 (no school) Thanksgiving World Mental Health Day	Monday, October 17 (Day 2) Take Me Outside Week Begins!
Tuesday, October 11 (Day 3) First day of Pizza	Tuesday, October 18 (Day 3) Bill Crothers HS open house
Wednesday, October 12 (Day 4) School Council Nomination Meeting Cross Country Meet	Wednesday, October 19 (Day 4) Take Me Outside Day (more info to come)
Thursday, October 13 (Day 5) IB information evening- Dr G.W Williams Secondary School, 7 - 9pm	Thursday, October 20 (Day 5)
Friday, October 14 (Day 1)	Friday, October 21 PA Day- no school

Did you know?

[Thanksgiving's roots in Canada can be found in Indigenous cultures and food. chef says](#)

Multifaith Observances



"Quiet Moment" by Tamara Kwapich

"This work is about resilience in knowing that even though the seasons change and

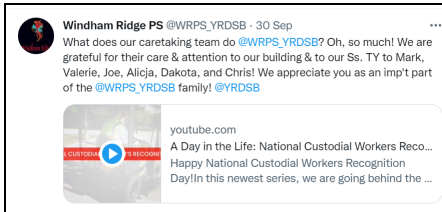
time moves on, there is beauty in the present moment and hope that the future is bright."

<http://tkwapich.com/>

- 10 Thanksgiving Day (Canada)*
- Jainism 10 Atmasiddhi Rachna Divas*
- Buddhism 10 Kathina begins*
- Judaism 10 First Day of Sukkot*
- Judaism 11 Second Day of Sukkot*
- Zarathushti (Zoroastrianism) 12 Ghambar Ayathrem begins*
- Hinduism 13 Karwa Chauth*
- Buddhism 13 Nichiren Shonin Memorial*
- Bahá'í Faith 16 'Ilm*
- Judaism 16 Last Day of Sukkot*
- Judaism 16 Eve of Shmini Atzeret*
- Zarathushti (Zoroastrianism) 16 Ghambar Ayathrem ends*
- Judaism 17 Shmini Atzeret*
- Judaism 17 Eve of Simḥat Torah*
- Judaism 18 Simḥat Torah*
- Sikhism 20 Installation of the Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji*

National Custodial Workers Recognition Day

World Teachers Day



Over the past week, we had a chance to recognize and thank our wonderful staff and custodial team for their dedication to our Windham Ridge community. We are grateful!

Islamic Heritage Month



<https://islamicheritagemonth.org/>

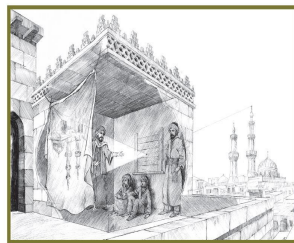
In 2007, the Government of Canada declared the month of October as Canadian Islamic History Month. The province of Ontario passed the Islamic Heritage Month Act (2016) to recognize and affirm the important contributions that Muslims make in Ontario as part of the vibrant social, economic, political and cultural fabric of our province. Over the past week, we have explored contributions from the Muslim community including:

The Elephant Clock:



Over 800 years ago, inventors were already developing sophisticated clocks to keep track of time. Celebrated engineer Al-Jazari, from southern Turkey, designed machines of all kinds, shapes and sizes. His most innovative timepiece was the Elephant Clock which contained Greek, Indian, Egyptian, Arabian and Chinese ideas and symbols.

Every half hour the timer would set off a series of sounds and movements. A ball rolled from the top of the clock, turning an hour dial, while the Scribe and his pen turned automatically to show the minutes past the hour.



Eleventh-century scholar Ibn al-Haytham was the first to show experimentally that light emitted from objects spreads out in straight rays from every point on the object, and in every direction. While experimenting in *al-Bayt al-Muzlim* (the dark room) he had seen light shining in from outside through a tiny hole. It projected an image of the world outside onto the wall of his cell. Ibn al-Haytham realised that he was seeing objects outside that were lit by the Sun. The light rays were travelling in straight lines, and passing through the hole as if into our eyes.

The Centre for Black Student Excellence



THE CENTRE FOR BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

The Centre for Black Student Excellence Newsletter | October 2022

Message from the Team

We welcome families back to school for the 2022-2023 school year. We look forward to continuing to develop opportunities for supporting Black students, families and staff within the York Region District School Board, in partnership with community partners. Stay tuned for opportunities to connect this year.

We wish everyone a successful and wonderful year ahead.

To request support from a member of the Centre for Black Student Excellence team please email BlackStudentExcellence@yrdsb.ca

Centre for Black Student Excellence

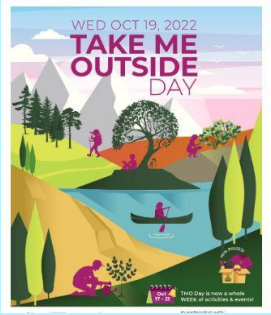
YRDSB is pleased to launch the **Centre for Black Student Excellence**, a space committed to the promotion of Dismantling Anti-Black racism and amplifying voices that have been historically marginalized.

We invite you to explore our new online presence at www.yrdsb.ca/blackexcellence to:

- Access videos, resources and information about community partners.
- Learn more about our work to dismantle anti-Black racism, guided by our strategy.
- Celebrate Black excellence through video, feature stories, podcasts and more.
- Find out about programs available to Black students and families.
- Check out our new community newsletter.
- And much more.

[Click here to access the full newsletter and live links.](#)

Take Me Outside Day



WRPS is excited to be taking part in the 12th year of #TakeMeOutsideDay!

This will include a week's worth of activities, speakers, and events from October 17th - 21st. Wednesday October 19th officially marks Take Me Outside Day, and WRPS students will find a way to spend at least one hour outside.

With activities and events around three different themes of Indigenous knowledge, health and well-being, and environmental and climate change education, our WRPS students will explore some new learning while taking part in outdoor education.

Grade 9 Open House - Information Nights

Information Sessions coming up in the next few weeks

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

Bill Crothers Secondary School [Bill Crothers SS Website](#)

Thursday, October 13, 2022 (6:15-8:00pm) OR Tuesday, October 18, 2022

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

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

Dr. G. W. Williams S.S (IB program) [Williams IB](#)

Thursday, October 13, 2022

King City Secondary School [King City SS Website](#)

(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

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.

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

- 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 entry with classmates by 1:10 for attendance and safe arrival procedures.

YRDSB's Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee

Membership open to community volunteers!

The York Region District School Board invites applications from community volunteers for membership on the Board's Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee (EIAC).

The committee advises and supports the Board in fulfilling its commitment to ensuring that YRDSB schools and workplaces are equitable and inclusive places to learn and to work. Membership requires a commitment to attend meetings six times a year.

The deadline to apply is **November 1, 2022**. More information about this volunteer opportunity, including how to apply, is available on the Board [website](#).

Additional information about the Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee is contained in the Committee's Operational By-Law, included as Appendix D of the York Region District School Board [Operational By-Law](#).

[Click here to access more information.](#)

Renewed Computer Technology Program

Please use QR code on flyers to access more details

Do you need a computer?

Renewed Computer Technology (RCT) is a not-for-profit, charitable organization that empowers learners, educators and not-for-profit organizations with increased access to information and communications technology (ICT), skill development and learning opportunities, in a socially and environmentally responsible manner.

Working with **York Region District School Board** we are offering affordable, renewed computer packages.

You can apply for this program if you are:

- A resident of Ontario and you are an individual with limited income.
- Parents or legal guardians may apply on behalf of a child or youth under the age of 18.
- We offer 1 computer per family, with a limit of 2 per household per year.

For more information, please contact:

Alexander Olier
RCT Community Engagement Lead
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All systems include our **STANDARD 1 YEAR DEPOT WARRANTY**
*batteries not covered by warranty

We have Desktop Packages from \$650.00 to \$2500.00. Plus \$60.00 to ship the computer to your home.

You get a desktop complete with Windows 10 and MS Office 2019 - Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and OneNote plus learning software, monitor, keyboard and mouse.

We have Laptop Packages from \$200.00 to \$350.00. Plus \$40.00 to ship the computer to your home.

You get a laptop complete with Windows 10 and MS Office 2019 - Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and OneNote plus learning software.

*Computers may not appear exactly as shown

With funding from Visit Us Online @ www.RCTO.ca

Application Check-List

You can begin to apply for a computer on: September 30th, 2022
Application deadline: November 18th, 2022

Group Name: YRDSB | **Group Code:** G-YRDSB22

How to fill out your application

Scan QR code OR access application using the link your organization provided

Section A
Group Name: YRDSB
Group Code: G-YRDSB22
Name of School: Please enter the name of the student's school

Section B
This section does not apply to you.

Section C
I would like to pick up my computer in Mississauga RCT Warehouse (\$20.00 shipping fee)
OR
I would like to order a laptop, please ship my computer to my home (\$60.00 shipping fee)
OR
I would like to order a desktop, please ship my computer to my home (\$60.00 shipping fee)
OR
I am part of the York Region District School Board Group code: (922.00)

Section D
Pick your computer package and method of payment.

Our partner organization will need proof of eligibility (one of the following) before you can apply for a computer.

Proof of Financial Status (one of the following)

- Canada Revenue Agency Notice of Assessment (most recent)
- Ontario Works Statement (Social Assistance)
- OSAP Statement of Funding
- Refugee Payment Received from government
- Letter from school supporting the application
- EI Benefit Statement
- ODSP (Disability Benefits)
- Second Career

Payment
You will have the following online payment options when completing your order:

- Credit/Debit Card
- Money Order or Certified Cheque
- A Third Party will be Paying (Ex. Ontario Works)

Certified Cheques should be made to: Renewed Computer Technology
The applicant's name must be added in the memo field. When you come to pick up your computer, please bring a government photo ID.

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World Mental Health Day

October 10, 2022



October 10, 2022 is [World Mental Health Day](#). This is an annual international day of awareness regarding mental health issues around the world. This day provides an opportunity to mobilize efforts to support mental health and encourage conversations and action to increase mental health care globally.

All of us have mental health. YRDSB is committed to supporting the mental health and wellbeing of all students and staff. While the pandemic has, and continues to, challenge mental health and mental health access, the ability to reconnect through World Mental Health Day can provide an opportunity for [small actions](#) to protect and improve mental health.



[Click here to access the October Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter](#)



School Council

Our first **WRPS School Council Meeting** will take place on **Wednesday October 12, 2022** in person in our school library.

During this meeting, our 2022-2023 WRPS School Council will be formed through a voting process.

If you are interested in nominating yourself for an executive position on the WRPS School Council, please submit the School Council Candidate Nomination Form (included in your YRDSB Online Start-Up Forms email) by **Friday October 7, 2022.**

If you do submit a Nomination Form, you are required to attend the meeting on October 12 in order to be considered for a position on the WRPS School Council.

YRDSB Parent/Guardian Information and learning series



YORK REGION 2022 ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING CONFERENCE

INFORMING Education & Awareness ENGAGING Collaborative Workshops EMPOWERING Take Action

Virtual Conference Dates: October 19, 20, 26, 27 | 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

OUR COMMUNITY OUR FUTURE TAKING ACTION

Human Trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation is a prevalent issue and one of the fastest growing and most lucrative crimes worldwide and it is happening in York Region. It is predatory and devastatingly damaging to victims, survivors, their families and communities.

All the Anti-Human Trafficking York Region Conference attendees will learn about what human trafficking is, signs and indicators, risk factors, laws, what we can collectively do to eradicate human trafficking in our communities and more.

Who Should Attend
Parents, Youth, Community Members, Newcomers to Canada, Educators & Support Staff, Law Enforcement, Immigrant Service Agencies, Social Services and Healthcare Providers.

Register Now For This Free Conference

DAY 1 (October 19th) – Registration
Introduction to Human Trafficking
The Connection Between Homelessness and Human Trafficking
Youth in Care & Human

DAY 2 (October 20th) – Registration
Childhood Experiences that put Children at Risk
How to Prevent Human Trafficking
Indigenous Peoples & Human Trafficking
Criminal Justice System & Human Trafficking

DAY 3 (October 26th) – Registration
Human Trafficking in York Region
Where It Happens (Interactive Activity)

Day 4 (October 27th) – Registration
A Survivor's Story
Call to Know Community Agencies in York

[Click here to access the flyer and registration links.](#)

PARENTING SESSIONS
Let's talk about it!

Kids don't come with an instruction manual! Many familiar parenting problems have very simple solutions that can be applied with some effort and focus. Triple P's easy-to-understand and practical strategies have been shown to help families in all types of situations.

We welcome parents, guardians, caregivers and community members to attend these virtual sessions!

October 6, 2022 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Raising Resilient Children
For parents of children 0-12 years of age. This session will focus on how to ensure a safe and engaging environment for children with strategies to recognize and accept feelings, express their feeling appropriately, build positive feelings, deal with negative feelings and deal with upsetting or stressful events.
Registration is Full

October 12, 2022 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Raising Responsible Teens
For parents of children 12+. What makes teens tick! This session will focus on how to encourage your teen the following skills to make good decisions, being respectful and considerate, getting involved in family activities, being reliable and developing a healthy lifestyle.
Register Now

October 19, 2022 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Raising Confident Teens
For parents of children 12+. This session will focus on different aspects of teaching teenagers to become confident and successful in school and in the community. You'll be given specific strategies to teach your teen the following skills: establishing good routines, getting involved in school activities, being a good problem solver, having supportive friends and taking part in family decision-making.
Register Now

Facilitator: Uma Bhutt, R.S.W. York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families

This free parent presentation is brought to you in a collaborative partnership with York Region District School Board and York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families.

For more information contact: [Oksana Majaski](mailto:Oksana.Majaski@yorkregion.ca), Community & Partnership Developer
www.yorkregion.ca

[Registration- Raising Responsible Teens](#)

[Registration- Raising Confident Teens](#)