



Windham Ridge P.S. Community Newsletter



Week ending: **September 22, 2023**

Two Weeks at a Glance

Monday, September 25 (Day 4) Franco-Ontarian Day- wear green Safety Week begins	Monday, October 2 (Day 4) Fire Safety Presentations
Tuesday, September 26 (Day 5)	Tuesday, October 3 (Day 5) Fire Safety Presentations Cedar Glen Grade 8 Info Session- 6:00pm
Wednesday, September 27 (Day 1) Rowan's Law Day Hot Lunch orders due School Cash Online Grade 7 & 8 Immunizations	Wednesday, October 4 (Day 1) School Council Elections- 6:30, library
Thursday, September 28 (Day 2) Back-to-School Community BBQ Curriculum Night- contact teachers for information and time(s)	Thursday, October 5 (Day 2)
Friday, September 29 (Day 3) Orange Shirt Day- wear orange Start up Forms are due electronically	Friday, October 6 (Day 3)

Coming Soon! School Photo Day on Tuesday October 24th

Multifaith Observances for September



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

Eve of Yom Kippur 24	Yom Kippur 25 Yom Kippur	Mawlid al-Nabiy (beginning at sunset to sunset of the next day) 26	Mash'iyat 27	Ananta-chaturdasi 28	Ksamavani 29 Dashedlakshani-parva ends Eve of Sukkot Full Moon (Supermoon)	Orange Shirt Day (Canada) 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Canada) Pitru Paksha First Day of Sukkot
Storing Food Moon (local Oneida) 1 Giving Thanks Moon (local Oneida) Second Day of Sukkot World Communion Sunday	Mehragan 2	3	4	Bodhidharma Memorial 5	Last Day of Sukkot 6 Eve of Shmini Atzeret	Shmini Atzeret 7 Eve of Simhat Torah

2023-2024 Online Start-Up Forms

Due **by September 29th**

Important Reminder to complete forms!

YRDSB has sent a [link](#) to parents/guardians last week to a Google Form accessing the online start-up forms. **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU COMPLETE THESE FORMS by Friday September 29th** if you haven't done so already.

The forms will include:

- The Start-Up Permission Form (**mandatory**)
- Student Information Consent Form (**mandatory**)
- Request for Faith Accommodations Form
- School Council Nomination Form

Here is the link: <https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/>

IMPORTANT: You MUST be logged into your child's [YRDSB GAPPS account](#) to complete the forms. Please ask your child how to log into their account or ask the homeroom teacher for the login information.

Families with more than one child will receive more than one invitation to this form. Please complete a separate form for each child by logging out of their account and logging back in with the 2nd child's Gapps Account information.

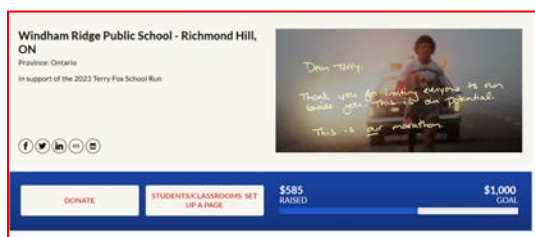
Windham Ridge PS Information Package



Attached to this newsletter on today's email, you will find our WRPS Information Package. We encourage you to review the sections and reach out to your child's teacher or the WRPS office team if you have any questions.

Terry Fox Event Update!

[Link to donate](#)



Students and staff participated in the Terry Fox Run/Walk on Thursday September 21, 2023. Thank you to all families who have been able to donate online- we are just over halfway to our goal of \$1000!

Back to School BBQ & Curriculum Night

Sept 28!



Looking
forward to seeing you
there!

Franco Ontarian Day September 25, 2022



https://www.thestar.com/local/welland/news/2022/03/17/ontario-launches-2022-23-edition-of-the-francophone-community-grants-program.html?utm_source=parisaty-api

The green and white flag – created by history professor Gaétan Gervais and first-year political science student Michel Dupuis, both from Laurentian University – was first raised on September 25, 1975.

The Province officially declared September 25 the annual date for Franco-Ontarian Day in 2010, the year that marked the 400th anniversary of Francophones in Ontario.

Your child will be involved in learning and activities leading up to September 25th when we will observe Franco-Ontarian Day. **We invite students to wear the colours green and white.** Join us in celebrating [La Francophonie!](#)

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



Education is what got us
into this mess, and
education will get us out.

~Hon. Murray Sinclair

Each year, September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

The day honours the children who never returned home and Survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.



This federal statutory holiday was created through [legislative amendments](#) made by Parliament.

Wear orange

Both the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and [Orange Shirt Day](#) take place on September 30. We will be observing this day on September 29, 2023.

Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the individual, family and community inter-generational impacts of residential schools, and to promote the concept of “Every Child Matters”. The orange shirt is a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/national-day-truth-reconciliation.html>

In advance of this date, students will continue age-appropriate learning about Canadian Indigenous history and residential schools.

- York Hills Help Phone Line: 905-503-9561 Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. for children and youth (0-18 years) and their parents, caregivers or adult supporters. Visit www.yorkhills.ca for more information.
- Trans Lifeline: <https://translifeline.org/>
- Black Youth Helpline: <https://blackyouth.ca>
- Naseeha Helpline: <https://naseeha.org/>
- 2SLGBTQ+ Youthline: <https://www.youthline.ca/>

Safety on WRPS spaces

What is the “Kiss and Ride”?



The ‘Kiss and Ride’ area is intended as a safe drop-off option for parents/guardians in our school parking lot who drive their child(ren) to school.



We ask that all families carefully review the points below:

- Vehicles are not to park for an extended period of time in the ‘Kiss and Ride’ area with their child for any reason (e.g., to wait until the bell rings).
- **Students need to be seated in a seat adjacent to the sidewalk so that they can independently and safely exit the vehicle.**
- If your child is not seated in a seat adjacent to the sidewalk, we ask that you park your vehicle in the lot and walk your child(ren) to the sidewalk where staff are on duty 8:25am to 8:40am.
- If your child requires support to exit the vehicle, you need to park your vehicle.
 - Parents/guardians are not to exit their vehicles in the ‘Kiss and Ride’ area to help open doors or to help with backpacks.
 - You are welcome to park your vehicle in the parking lot if your child requires your support and then walk your child safely to the sidewalk.

We thank everyone in advance for their support to ensuring a safe space for students and parents in the school parking lot area. Please reach out to the administration team if you have any questions.

Hot Lunches
are available!

Due Date for all Hot
Lunches is Wednesday
September 27th

Click here to order:
[School Cash Online](#)

Thank you to WRPS
School Council for
arranging three hot
lunch options.

Please note that
profits from hot lunch
fundraisers are
directed back to
supporting Windham
Ridge PS.

School Council is happy to announce the following:

Hot Lunch Program: Astoria Greek Shish Kebob House -
Newmarket Location

Day of Week: Wednesdays

How Long: 12 weeks

Dates: October 4 - December 20, 2023

Last day to order: Wednesday September 27th



- The same meal selection will apply for all 12 weeks
- No substitutions allowed
- No refunds or changes will be accepted after this date
- If a student is absent, their meal will be in the office fridge until the end of the next day. Office staff will not re-heat food on day of pick up.
- All meals are \$7.50 x 12 weeks = \$90.00 total
- Astoria follows the YRDSB PPM150 guidelines for Nutritional Standards
- The chicken is Halal
- PLEASE NOTE ALL LUNCH ORDERS ARE CANCELLED ON INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS AND RESCHEDULED
- **Orders are placed by logging into your child's School Cash Online Account**

Please choose from the following options:

Chicken Souvlaki w/Rice & Seasonal Veggies	
Chicken Souvlaki w/Greek Salad (dressing on the side)	
Chicken Souvlaki in a Whole Wheat Pita w/Hummus (on the side)	
Chicken Fingers w/Rice & Seasonal Veggies	
Spinach Pie w/Greek Salad (dressing on the side)	

ASTORIA Delivery dates:

Wednesday, October 4	Wednesday, November 1	Wednesday, December 6
Wednesday, October 11	Wednesday, November 8	Wednesday, December 13
Wednesday, October 18	Wednesday, November 15	Wednesday, December 20
Wednesday, October 25	Wednesday, November 22	
	Wednesday, November 29	

School Council is happy to announce the following:

Hot Lunch Program: Swiss Chalet – Richmond Hill Location

Day of Week: Mondays

How Long: 11 weeks

Dates: October 2 - December 18, 2023

Last day to order: Wednesday September 27th



- The same meal selection will apply for all 11 weeks
- No substitutions allowed
- No refunds or changes will be accepted after this date
- If a student is absent, their meal will be in the office fridge until the end of the next day. Office staff will not re-heat food on day of pick up.
- All meals are \$7.50 x 11 weeks = \$82.50 total
- Swiss Chalet follows the YRDSB PPM150 guidelines for Nutritional Standards
- All meat is Halal
- PLEASE NOTE ALL LUNCH ORDERS ARE CANCELLED ON INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS AND RESCHEDULED
- **Orders are placed by logging into your child's School Cash Online Account and choose from one of the following options:**

Quarter Chicken White Meat w/Garden Salad	
Quarter Chicken White Meat w/Fries	
Quarter Chicken Dark Meat w/Garden Salad	
Quarter Chicken Dark Meat w/Fries	
Chicken Quesadilla w/Garden Salad	
Chicken Quesadilla w/Fries	
Kids Beef Burger w/Seasonal Veggies	
Vegetable Stir Fry served over Rice (Sauteed peppers, broccoli, onions, carrots in a teriyaki sauce)	

Swiss Chalet Delivery dates:

Monday, October 2	Monday, November 6	Monday, December 4
Monday, October 16	Monday, November 13	Monday, December 11
Monday, October 23	Monday, November 20	Monday, December 18
Monday, October 30	Monday, November 27	



PIZZA LUNCH IS BACK!

Windham Ridge PS Council is happy to announce that we will continue to offer pizza lunch to our students for the remainder of the school year.

Hot Lunch Program: Pizza – Pizza House Oak Ridges Location

Day of Week: Tuesdays

How Long: 12 weeks

Dates: October 3 - December 19, 2023

Last day to order: Wednesday September 27th

- The same pizza selection will apply for all 12 weeks.
- No refunds or changes will be accepted after September 27th
- If a student is absent, their pizza will be in the office refrigerator until the end of the **next day**. Office staff will not re-heat pizza on day of pick up.
- If your child is on a field trip, their pizza will be held in the office refrigerator until the end of the same day.
- The cost is per slice and depends on the selection chosen. Pizza House will be delivering extra large pizzas (18") which will be cut into 6 slices, making the slices **bigger** this year.
- Pizza House follows the YRDSB PPM150 guidelines for Nutritional Standards.
- Pizza lunch will be cancelled on Inclement Weather Days and rescheduled.

Orders are placed by logging into your child's *School Cash Online* Account and choose from one of the following options:

Type of Pizza	# of Tuesdays	Cost per Slice	Total Cost <small>Based on 1 slice per student</small>
Cheese ONLY	12	\$3.95	\$47.40
Pepperoni & Cheese	12	\$3.95	\$47.40
Hawaiian (Ham and pineapple)	12	\$4.45	\$53.40
Veggie (Green pepper, tomato, and mushroom)	12	\$4.45	\$53.40
Gluten Free (2 thin slices)	12	\$6.50	\$78.00
Dairy Free with pepperoni (8" individual pizza)	12	\$5.00	\$60.00

Calendar Pizza Days: (Tuesdays only)

October	3	10	17	24	31
November	7	14	21	28	
December	5	12	19		

Pizza Lunch

[Click here to order: School Cash Online](#)

Thank you to WRPS School Council for arranging three hot lunch options.

Please note that profits from hot lunch fundraisers are directed back to supporting Windham Ridge PS.

School Council

Nomination Form and Elections Process

The YRDSB [Online Start-Up Forms](#) holds a School Council Nomination Form.

If you have submitted a nomination form to participate in the elections process, we invite you to the elections meeting on October 4th, from 6:30-8:00 in the school library.

Nominations will be recognized at the elections meeting. Parents/guardians need to be present at the elections meeting to declare their nomination.

Feel free to reach out to the admin team if you have any questions.

