



# Windham Ridge P.S. Community Newsletter



Week ending: **September 29, 2023**

## Two Weeks at a Glance

<b>Monday, October 2 (Day 4)</b> Swiss Chalet starts today	<b>Monday, October 9</b> Thanksgiving- No School <a href="#">Indigenous Thanksgiving History</a>
<b>Tuesday, October 3 (Day 5)</b> Pizza lunch starts today Cedar Glen Grade 8 Info Session- 6:00pm	<b>Tuesday, October 10 (Day 4)</b> Pizza lunch
<b>Wednesday, October 4 (Day 1)</b> Astoria Lunch starts today Fire Safety Presentations School Council Elections- 6:30, library	<b>Wednesday, October 11 (Day 5)</b> Astoria Lunch
<b>Thursday, October 5 (Day 2)</b> Fire Safety Presentations	<b>Thursday, October 12 (Day 1)</b> IB information sessions
<b>Friday, October 6 (Day 3)</b> Kids Kitchen day	<b>Friday, October 13 (Day 2)</b> Kids Kitchen day

**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.



## Latin Heritage Month Events



### LEN

#### We are excited to invite all Latine/o/a/x identifying families and staff to join us for a Latin Heritage Month Meet-and-Greet

Bienvenidos! The York Region District School Board's Latine Educators Network is hosting its first meet and greet for all Latine/o/a/x families and staff.

You can look forward to community booths hosted by CCSY (Catholic Community Services of York Region) as well as music, fun activities for the whole family and an opportunity to meet other Latine/Latino families.

Please join us on  
**October 19, 2023**  
from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

at  
**Julliard Public School**  
61 Julliard Dr, Maple, ON L6A 3W7

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### LEN

La red de educadores latinos del YRDSB (LEN) estamos muy orgullosos de invitarlos a su primer encuentro para educadores, personal y familias latinas de la región de York, en celebración por el mes de la Herencia Latina.

#### Latin Heritage Month Celebration and Meet and Greet

El CCSY (Catholic Community Services of York Region) tendrá puestos de información de los servicios que ofrece y también habrá música y actividades para toda la familia. Esta será una gran oportunidad para conocernos mejor como comunidad latina en la región de York.

Este encuentro será el  
**October 19 2023**  
de 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
tendrá lugar en  
**Julliard Public School**  
61 Julliard Dr, Maple, ON L6A 3W7

¡Esperamos su asistencia!  
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## Islamic Heritage Month Events



### THE ALLIANCE OF EDUCATORS FOR MUSLIM STUDENTS



#### IMAGINING MUSLIM FUTURES

Join us at the **Islamic Heritage Month Launch Event** to celebrate our rich heritage and diverse cultures.

##### Our Speakers

- **Spoken Word Poetry**
- **Rania El Mugammar**
  - Liberation Educator & Anti-oppression Consultant
- **S.K. Ali**
  - New York Times Best Selling and Award-Winning Author
- **Nada Aoudeh**
  - Practitioner & Researcher of Anti-Racism Education Leadership
- **National Council of Canadian Muslims (NCCM)**
- **York Region Muslims**

##### Student Activities

- Basketball Workshop
- Art Workshop
- Henna
- Face Painting

**Limited Spaces for Workshops**

**Who:** All YRDSB Staff, Students, Families

**Date:** Thursday October 12, 2023

**Time:** 6:30 - 8:30pm

**Location:** Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School

**Address:** 90 Bur Oak Avenue, Markham, ON

##### Registration:

[IHM Launch Event](#)

[Basketball Workshop](#)

[Art Workshop](#)

**Deadline to Register:** October 5th, 2023

Click below to access live links:

[IHM Launch Event](#)  
[Basketball Workshop](#)  
[Art Workshop](#)

## Windham Ridge PS Information Package



Attached to last week's email was the 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.

# 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)

## Back to School BBQ & Curriculum Night



Gratitude extended to members of our 2022-2023 School Council for planning and supporting a wonderful Back to School BBQ.

We are pleased to have added the WRPS Curriculum Night to this event.

It was an informative and fun night had by all who were able to attend!



## Kids Kitchen

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

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



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SCHOOL LUNCH PROVIDER

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](#).

## 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**

Our first **WRPS School Council Meeting** will take place on **Tuesday October 4, 2023** in person in our school library.

During this meeting, our 2023-2024 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 Monday October 3, 2023.

If you do submit a Nomination Form, you are required to attend the meeting on October 4 in order to be considered for a position on the WRPS School Council.