

What's On Woodbridge!

JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER



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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 5
Birthday of Guru
Gobind Singh Ji

January 10
Grade 1-6
Earth Rangers Visit

January 16
Boys Volleyball Area
Tournament

January 17
Girls Volleyball Area
Tournament

January 20
PA Day (No School)

January 22
Lunar New Year

January 24
Grade 4 Field Trip

A Message From Administration

Woodbridge P.S. Families,

Welcome Back!

A new year and new opportunities await! Winter creates some considerations when it comes to being active, especially outside. By following these simple safety tips, your child(ren) can be as active and safe as possible. Students need to bundle up and dress in layers! Wear mittens rather than gloves, a hat that covers the ears, a neck warmer rather than a scarf, and waterproof boots with room for toes to wiggle. These are just a few tips to keep children warm and safe at school during outdoor recess.

The end of January is now considered the end of term one and Elementary Provincial Report Cards copies will be distributed electronically to families between February 21st -23rd to your child's GAPPS account. The purpose of the provincial report cards is to communicate how well your child has achieved the overall curriculum expectations for each subject taught at the end of a period of learning (e.g., January end of Term 1 and June end of Term 2). If you have any questions please connect with your child's homeroom teacher.

Reminder to WPS families that Kindergarten Registration for the 2023/2024 school year starts on January 20, 2023.

Mr. McTaggart
Principal



Ms. Herman
Vice Principal



Reminders from the Office

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



Kindergarten registration for September 2023 begins **January 20** for the 2023-24 school year. Children who turn four or five years old during 2023, live within the school boundary, and whose parents/guardians are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for Kindergarten.

Eylül 2023 için anaokulu kayıtları, 2023-24 öğretim yılı için 20 Ocak'ta başlıyor. 2023'te dört veya beş yaşını dolduran ve okul sınırları içinde yaşayan çocuklar kayıt yaptırabilir.

La inscripción a kindergarten para septiembre de 2023 comienza el 20 de enero para el año escolar 2023-24. Pueden inscribirse los niños que cumplan cuatro o cinco años durante el 2023 y vivan dentro del perímetro escolar.

There are several ways you can register for Kindergarten:



- **Online** - Families can access the online Kindergarten registration information at www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten. It is recommended that families use a laptop or a desktop, rather than a mobile device to complete this registration.



- **By email** - Families can download the [Elementary School Registration Form](#) at www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten and email the completed form to their school email address. Email addresses can be found on the [school website](#).



- **By phone** - Families can request support to complete the registration form on their behalf by collecting the required information by phone. Families can request an interpreter, if needed, during this phone conversation. [Call your local school](#).



- **In-person at the school** - Families may visit the school office to drop off or complete a registration form.

Once you have completed your application, the school will contact you to make an appointment to review and verify the [required documents](#).

Our Kindergarten programs are caring and welcoming where children learn through exploration, play and inquiry. You can learn more at www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten. We look forward to welcoming our new students and families to the school.

What's Happening at WPS?

“On With the Snow”



A round of applause goes to all the grade 1 to 3 students for their amazing performances in the primary concert production. Students shared a wonderful winter story and winter themed songs to get us ready for the winter break. Thank you to all the families that were able to attend the show, it was so great to see the community join together. A huge thank you to ALL the primary teachers and staff for the amazing effort in organizing this wonderful performance.

Kindergarten Winter Concert



K is for Kindergartens that can sing! The Kindergartens shared an adorable collection of songs with students and families. All the practice and hard-work from the students, teachers and staff made for a wonderful performance. Many of our audience members couldn't resist joining along in the singing. Thank you to all the families that were able to attend the show. Another huge thank you to the Kindergarten team of teachers and DECEs for organizing the concert.

WINTER Talent Show



What a talented group of students we have here at WPS! The Grade 7 and 8 Winter Talent Show shared a wonderful celebration of student talents in the Arts. We are so proud of all the participants. Thank you to Mr. Bartolomeo, Ms. Leone, Ms. Lombardo and Mr. Mizuno for your shared commitment in organizing this great display of student talent!

We also share an appreciation to all the behind-the-scenes student teams that helped support all the shows in various ways.



What's Happening at WPS?

SLT Update



The Student Leadership Team led another successful community outreach campaign through the Socks4Souls December fundraiser. Our school community collectively donated 321 pairs of adult socks. Thank you to all WPS families for contributing to this great cause!



SPORTS UPDATE



The Intermediate boys and girls basketball teams are now in full swing with training. We are excited and eager to build team skills and compete in our first game.

Our Junior boys and girls volleyball team have an upcoming area tournament next week, on Monday and Tuesday. In preparation for the tournament, our teams are practicing everyday during lunch hour. Go Lions Go!

POSITIVE SPACES



We are excited to announce the re-launch of our Positive Spaces for grades 7 and 8 students. This space aims to support the Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex and Related Identities (2SLGBTQI+) communities and allies.

What is a Positive Space?

Welcomes, respects and advocates for 2SLGBTQ+ people.



All students feel they matter and belong in schools.

Educates others about gender identity and gender diversity.

Learning more about...

Lunar New Year - BUDDHISM



Lunar New Year is a significant and meaningful cultural celebration for many people of East and Southeast Asian heritage including Chinese, Korean, Taiwanese, Vietnamese and Indonesian communities, to name a few.

This holiday commemorates the first day of the Lunar Calendar. The date is determined by the appearance of the moon and usually takes place between late January to early February. For some, this occasion has religious significance as well.

Lunar New Year is celebrated where families come together, enjoy traditional foods and activities. Many countries also have their own unique ways of celebrating the event.

We wish all staff, students and community celebrating Lunar New Year a happy and joyful celebration in the company of family and friends.

Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Ji - SIKHISM



Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti is celebrated on January 20 by Sikhs across the world. The festival honors and remembers the Sikh leader Guru Gobind Singh — an inspirational man who was also a warrior, poet, philosopher, and a spiritual master.

The Sikh community chose this day, in particular, to remember Guru Gobind Singh because January 20 is the birth anniversary of the great guru.

We wish all staff, students and community celebrating the Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Ji a wonderful celebration.

YRDSB French Immersion Program

What is French Immersion?

In French Immersion, students receive instruction in French in a variety of subjects from a teacher who speaks French fluently. The French Immersion program begins in Grade 1 and is designed for children whose first language is not French. In Grades 1, 2 and 3, all subjects are taught in French. Starting in Grade 4, time is shared equally between French and English instruction. The French Immersion program continues in high school. Secondary school students must earn at least 10 French Immersion credits to qualify for the French Immersion Certificate upon graduation.

Important Considerations

For the first few months of Grade 1, the children do not acquire skills identical to those learned by children in an English program as the focus is on learning in French. There may be certain lags in English Language Arts skills in the first few years of the program, but by the end of the elementary grades, successful French Immersion students perform as well as their peers in a regular English program. Communication with parents/guardians is in English including, but not limited to, report cards, newsletters and parent-teacher interviews. Reading to a child at home in a child's native language can strengthen literacy skills. Research studies confirm that children achieve greater academic success when parents read frequently (daily) to them. There is only one entry point into French immersion in YRDSB; Grade 1.

Information Sessions

This year our Information session for Grade 1 entry into the French Immersion (FI) program will take place in French Immersion schools on January 19, 2023. Program locations and additional information is available on our [website](#). If you're unable to attend the information session, you can hear all about the French Immersion program on the [Tune In YRDSB: French ImmersionPodcast](#).

Registration

FI registration will begin on January 20, 2023. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2023, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can email or call their home school office and indicate their intention to enrol. The home school will notify the French Immersion school, and the French Immersion school will contact you by phone or email to collect any necessary information. You are asked to register by February 6, 2023. Registration during this period is not first come, first served.

Late Registrations

Late registrations are those submitted after February 6, 2023. Late registrations will be treated on a first-come, first-served basis and will be considered subsequent to registrations received during the registration period should overflow be necessary.

Accommodation Plan

YRDSB's FI Accommodation Plan provides long-term consistency and equity of access to all students and will enable YRDSB to continue to offer the FI program to all who wish to enrol. The FI program will be offered in Dual Track or Single Track settings, in a variety of configurations. In order to meet community needs and optimize available space in our schools, a community's Grade 1-8 FI program may be provided over more than one school during the course of a student's FI education. Space requirements at some schools may mean that siblings are in different schools for primary dual track French Immersion programs due to differing grade structures. Like any of our schools across the Board, changes to school boundaries, and/or the accommodation model for the French Immersion program may need to be considered when new schools open, a school experiences enrolment growth, and program changes occur. This will allow flexibility in addressing community needs and the opportunity to use existing space in schools. More information is available on the Board's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Please note: Some of the FI accommodation plans will require facility modifications or the development of new schools and will require short-term transition plans that might include overflow while we work toward the long-term vision.

School Council UPDATES

A Message from WPS School Council Co-chairs



Happy New Year Woodbridge PS!

We hope that you had a safe, happy, and healthy break with loved ones.

School Council has some great news! We have applied for a ProGrant and received notification that we have been approved!

The Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants program provides funding to district school boards and school authorities to lead projects with a focus on the identification and removal of barriers that prevent parents and families from participating and engaging fully in their children's learning.

We are now working hard to plan a curriculum based family engagement session. If you are interested in lending a hand with this initiative email us at woodbridge.ps@sc.YRDSB.ca.

SAVE THE DATE

Woodbridge Public School
School Council

**Join us for our next
meeting,
THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 9, 2023**

January 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
9 	10 	11 	12	13 
16 	17 	18 	19	20  
23	24 	25 	26	27 
30	31			

Healthy Hunger

Fun Lunch Fundraising

PARENTS

FUN LUNCHES ON-LINE

You have been asked to order your Fun Lunches On-Line... Now what? Go to www.HealthyHunger.ca and click "REGISTER YOUR STUDENT". After your account is created, you will be able to view all up-coming Fun Lunches, place orders, and then pay for your orders Online with Visa, or MasterCard.

HOW IT WORKS

Create an account

PARENT ACCOUNT REGISTRATION
No more paper forms. No more sending cash to school.

First Name: _____
Last Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
Province: _____
Postal Code: _____

Remember the following information for the next time you log in:

Username: **37265m**
Password: _____

STEP 1.

Click "REGISTER YOUR STUDENT" and create Your account.

[REGISTER YOUR STUDENT](#)

Add Student

Add Student

First Name: _____
Last Name: _____
Select Province: _____
Select City: _____
Select Province: _____
Select Grade: _____

STEP 2.

Login, and add your children to the account.

[ADD STUDENT](#)

View upcoming fun lunches

START DATE	START TIME	REGISTRATION	ORDER DEADLINE
OCT 25, 2012	11:30am		
NOV 07, 2012	11:30am		
NOV 16, 2012	11:30am		
NOV 23, 2012	11:30am		
NOV 24, 2012	11:30am		

STEP 3.

View all the Up-coming fun lunch dates.

[VIEW UPDATES](#)



Healthy Hunger Inc.
1935 27 Ave NE, Suite 107, Calgary, AB, T2E 7E4



800-818-6260



support@healthyhunger.com



www.healthyhunger.ca

Community Connections

YRDSB TRANSLATION SUPPORT

Learn more about translation tools available to support with translating for students, parents, and families. Videos are available in multiple languages.

Turkish

Öğrenciler, veliler ve aileler için çeviriyi destekleyen çeviri araçları hakkında daha fazla bilgi edinin. Videolar birden fazla dilde mevcuttur.

Spanish

Obtenga más información sobre las herramientas de traducción disponibles para ayudar con la traducción para estudiantes, padres y familias. Los videos están disponibles en varios idiomas.



[YRDSB TRANSLATION TOOLS](#)

COMMUNITY SUPPORTS for WPS FAMILIES



Vaughan Location:
101 Northview Blvd
Vaughan, ON L4L 8X9
905-850-8535



We have partnered with Value Village in Vaughan to provide access to needed clothing at no cost to families in our community.

Through the Performance Plus Team, families can request much needed clothing items, including shoes, winter boots, coats/jackets, snow pants, and winter accessories. We will email Value Village with your requested items and have the items prepared for you to pick up at the Vaughan location.

If requesting items, please send an email listing the items and sizes to antonia.filippelli@yrdsb.ca or marisa.bernardo@yrdsb.ca and the P+ team will connect with Value Village.

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Apply for the Integrated Elementary Arts@Baythorn!

Current Grade 4 or 5 students can apply for the full time Arts@Baythorn program for September 2023-2024 school year start (going into Grade 5 or 6).



The Arts@Baythorn allows you to explore Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, and Music integrated into your learning each and every day in a collaborative and cooperative learning environment.

Learn more about our program and how to apply by visiting our website <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/baythorn.ps/arts/Pages/default.aspx>

REMINDER Check the website for updated information.

Application opens: January 17, 2023 and closes January 31, 2023

Community Connections



Mindful Parenting Series

Let's talk about it!

Mindful parenting helps caregivers feel more responsive and less overwhelmed while helping to children to feeling calmer.

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

January 10, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Being a Parent: Mindful Parenting

For parents of children 0-12 years of age. This session will focus on mindful parenting and the role it plays in being responsive and not reactive. Participants will be provided with strategies that will result in positive change to many familiar parenting challenges.

[Register now for Being a Parent](#)

January 17, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Ride the Waves: Mindful Parenting

For parents of children 0-12 years of age. This session will provide an understanding of the importance of mindful parenting and the role it plays in nurturing positive relationships within the

[Register now for Being a Parent](#)

Facilitator: Uma Bhatt, 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, Community & Partnership Developer
Oksana.majaski@yrdsb.ca

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Inclusive School and Community Services

Parent/Guardian Virtual Workshops

Poverty in York Region 2023

All parents, guardians and staff are welcome to attend any **or all** of the free virtual workshops about poverty, housing rights and resources in York Region.

1. Making Ends Meet during COVID, Inflation and a Housing Crisis – Presented by Community and Partnership Developers Yvonne Kelly and Pauline Costello

Tuesday, January 24th 7:00pm - 8:30 pm

2. Tenant Rights to Housing – Guest Speaker Margaret Flynn with the Canadian Centre for Housing Rights

Wednesday, Feb 8th, 7:00pm-8:30pm

3. The Impact of Poverty, Intersectionality and Classism on our Students, Parents and Family Engagement - Presented by Community and Partnership Developers Yvonne Kelly and Pauline Costello

Monday, February 27th 7:00pm - 8:30pm

[REGISTER](#) for any or all three workshops.

A virtual link will be provided prior to the each event.

For more information, please contact Yvonne Kelly at

yvonne.kelly@yrdsb.ca

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Black Foundation of
Community Networks (BFCN)



Scholarship Application Workshop

Black Foundation of Community Networks (BFCN), in collaboration with York Region District School Board (YRDSB), is providing a free workshop to show Black students and their families how to search, prepare, and apply for scholarships and bursaries. If you are in high school or Grade 8, this workshop is especially for YOU!

Tuesday, January 17, 2023
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM EST | ONLINE (ZOOM)

Learn more and register at:

bit.ly/BFCNWorkshopJanuary17

To participate Black students and their families must be from YRDSB.

For questions contact:

Cheryl Yarde at info@bfcn.ca

Learn more about our work and how to support at bfcn.ca



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IN RECOGNITION OF
**INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST
REMEMBRANCE DAY**

Best Documentary · The Rhapsody



York Region District School Board families, educators & students (grade 9+) are invited to join the screening of *The Rhapsody*, a documentary about a Polish Canadian composer/Holocaust survivor, Leo Spellman.

The Rhapsody is a documentary featuring composer and Holocaust survivor Leo Spellman's secret wartime diary and long-lost orchestral masterpiece, which bring his remarkable tale of survival to life. Diary entries of his eighteen months in hiding, as part of the Polish Partisans resistance, are portrayed through artwork and animation narrated by Stephen Fry. The documentary features powerful concert performances, rare archival footage, and an uplifting finale as Spellman's legacy is finally recognized in the Polish town where he narrowly escaped death.

Leo Spellman said, "I always dreamed I had to survive the Nazis to tell the world what happened". At ninety-eight, he endured the pain of revisiting the past to fulfill that dream. *The Rhapsody* celebrates the creativity of Spellman's music, honours the tenacity and resilience of the human spirit, and is an affirmation that all those who have died at the hands of oppressors, including 6,000,000 Jews, did not die in vain.

Paul & Brenda Hoffert, producers of the film, will be joining the event and will participate as part of a Q & A panel at the end of the screening.

Wednesday January 25, 2023
Anne Frank Public School
6:30 p.m.

Please RSVP by **January 16, 2023***
Registration Link / QR code

[TRAILER](#)

www.spellmansrhapsody.com

<https://bit.ly/3Wfk2IV>



*Limited Seating; please register early

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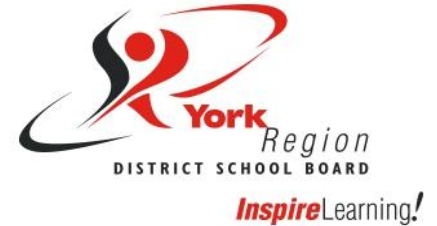


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COUNCIL
OF CANADIAN
MUSLIMS

Your Voice. Your Future.

CONSEIL
NATIONAL
DES MUSULMANS
CANADIENS

Votre voix. Votre avenir.



Creating Identity Affirming Spaces and Practices to Support Muslim Learners

In partnership with the National Council of Canadian Muslims (NCCM) and the Alliance of Educators for Muslim Students (AEMS), the YRDSB will offer a series of professional learning sessions and workshops that focus on creating identity affirming learning environments, while also interrogating Islamophobia and its impact on student achievement and well-being.

Families & Community Event

Know Your Rights: Muslim Students and Families

In this session, students and families will learn about their legal rights and responsibilities within schools. Participants will be provided with tools and resources that will support them throughout their child's school experience, allowing them to feel more confident and empowered.

Date: January 25, 2023

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual (link to be provided prior to event)

[Families & Community Registration Form](#) | bit.ly/3FJ04OD



For further information contact Inclusive School and Community Services at iscs@yrdsb.ca



ATTENTION LIONS!

GET READY TO SHOW OFF YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT!

WOODBIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

PLEASE VISIT THE WEBSITE BELOW TO PURCHASE YOUR SPIRIT WEAR!

<https://www.clubshoppromo.com/woodbridge-public-school>

SELECT YOUR ITEM, SIZE, AND COLOUR, AND ADD TO CART.

PURCHASING MAY BE DONE AT ANY TIME THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR. THE ITEMS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO YOUR CHILD AT SCHOOL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH.

***** PLEASE ENTER THE STUDENT'S NAME AT CHECKOUT IN THE "ADD A NOTE" SECTION IN ORDER TO DISTRIBUTE ITEMS PROPERLY! *****



ALL PAYMENTS TO BE MADE ONLINE.
T-shirts, hoodies, hats, joggers and more!

Youth G, XL and Adult G, L sizes available!

