

WEST ROUGE WEEKLY

Week of April 1 – April 5, 2024



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Information & Announcements

Principal's Message

While this has been a short week, it has been filled with so many learning experiences from Guest Speakers, Learning a new sport to learning a new cultural dance!

We had a great day of learning how to play Cricket at West Rouge. All classes participated to learn the rules and to play the game. Photos were captured and featured in the 'Great Things Happening' section of this newsletter. Thank-you to Ms. Genco for organizing this event for all our students.

We thank Professor Brar for visiting our students to provide information regarding the solar eclipse. We thank him for volunteering his time to grow student knowledge about this unique experience that is due to occur on April 8th (New P.A. Day). Highlights of this experience are captured in the photos at the end of this newsletter.

MP Anandasangaree visited with our junior students on Wednesday, March 27. In addition to sharing what an MP does and his platform, students had an opportunity to ask questions and engage in discussions about truth and reconciliation, climate change and the important role each student plays to help heal the earth and its people, with one mindful act at a time (i.e., using reusable containers and water bottles, reducing our carbon footprint by walking to school, continuing to learn about land acknowledgement, etc.).

Ms. McKenzie's and Ms. Hummel's class had a fun day at Willowgrove Farm yesterday. Students returned with a big smile on their face, sharing stories about their experience (how often does one get to see a chicken lay and egg!). We thank Ms. McKenzie for her leadership and hard work to make this learning experience a

positive one. We also thank Ms. Veilands and Ms. Ferguson for supporting our students along with the many parent volunteers who accompanied and supervised our students to enjoy a safe experience. Ms. Veilands will be returning next week and then we welcome back Ms. Hummel. Thank-you to all!

Today, we ended our week with Greek Heritage Dance Workshops. It was wonderful to see all our students enjoying a community dance of Hasaposerviko (aka Zorba Dance), while making connections to their own cultural dances, costumes and talking about their own stories of family members coming to Canada. We heard from Ms. Tsagaris who told her grandparents' story of coming to Canada and showing us her costume from when she performed with her dance group. We thank Ms. Tsagaris so very much for volunteering her time to support our students. These moments will stay with our students and enrich their understanding while appreciating other cultures. We also thank our student leaders Patricia (and for coming dressed in her traditional Greek Costume!) and Vassili for their amazing support and dedicated effort in leading the dances. Ask your children, "What do we say?"...the answer should be "OPA!". If you would like to volunteer your time to teach your dances, tell stories or teach art from your culture, please do reach out to me Christie.Trialonis@tdsb.on.ca Dance and the Arts speak a universal language, and that language is about happiness, unity, respect and appreciation for one another. OPA!

Fun Fair

We are excited for the return of the Fun Fair, our school's biggest fundraiser, this spring! At the fun fair, our Gift Basket Raffle room is a great way for classes to come together to support our school. All students get involved when each class participates in putting together a themed gift basket. Students are asked to contribute a new item (\$10 suggested value) towards their class basket. The baskets will be displayed at the fair where participants can try and win the basket of their choice.

Please see the list below for your class theme. **Please ensure donations are in by April 11, 2024.**

Super Heroes - Ms. Gordon, Room 3

Movie Night (DVDs, popcorn, movie tickets) Mr. Smith, Rm 4

Beach Day – Ms. Kelleher, Rm 15

Green Thumb (gardening tools, seedings, books) - Ms. Sheepway, Ms. Shaw, Ms. Coote, Room 12, 13, 14

Toys! Toys! Toys! – Ms. Hummel, Rm 7

Creative Fun (Arts and Crafts) – Ms. Churchman, Rm 6

Candy Shop – Ms. Thureson, Rm 20

Gift Cards Galore – Ms. Genco, Rm 17

Sports and Hobbies – Ms. Sharpe, Room 16

Pet Lovers – Ms. McKenzie, Rm 8

Arts and Crafts – Ms. Alves, Rm 5

Thank you for your continued support.

Fun Fair Committee - Rebecca Forsey rebecca_forsey@hotmail.com

Book Fair

Get ready to dive into reading! We are seeking parent volunteers to help with our annual book fair which runs from April 15 to 19 with a family night on Wednesday April 17. If you are available, please complete this online form to sign up with your availability [Book Fair volunteer](#)



Sikh Heritage Month

April is Sikh Heritage Month. This year's the Sikh Heritage Month's theme is ***Chardi Kala (The Positive and Uplifted State of Mind)***. According to Sikh beliefs, ***Chardi Kala*** is a state of mind that radiates positive energy, optimistic attitude, strong confidence, and virtuosity. With true belief in the supreme power of the Almighty and the oneness of humanity, this state of mind can pave a way for the well-being and happiness of all.

<https://tdsbweb.tdsb.on.ca/Home/ctl/Detail/mid/9176/ItemID/302>

Latin-America History Month

April is also recognized as Latin–America History Month at the Toronto District School Board. This year the focus and theme of 2024 is: "***Weaving Our Legacies: Return to Our Collective Path | Enlazar Nuestras Legados: Volver a Nuestro Camino Colectivo.***"

In alignment with this year's theme TDSB is weaving individual and collective legacies of resistance, struggles, joy, love, and healing as peoples of the Latin-America / Abya Yala / Pachamama and its diaspora. While also focusing on the communal purpose of raising consciousness and moving towards reclaiming our whole authentic selves and a (re)commitment to reciprocal relations, solidarity, and action towards a just world. During the month of April, several activities are being planned for students, staff, and community members. We invite everyone to join us to kick off Latin-America History Month with [a virtual launch, on Friday, April 5, 2024, from 9:30-10:30 a.m.](#)

Week at a glance....

Monday, April 1 DAY 0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Holiday (Easter Monday) no school
Tuesday, April 2 DAY 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11:30 JR All Gender Rugby Tryouts• 11:30 5/6 Rugby• 11:30 Eco Club• 3:15-4:15 JR All Gender Volleyball Practice• World Autism Day – WEAR RED!
Wed., April 3 DAY 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8:00 a.m. JR All Gender Volleyball Practice• 11:30 Yearbook Club• 11:30 JR Badminton Tryouts (gr. 5s)• 11: 30 Rugby Tryouts
Thursday, April 4 DAY 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11:30 a.m. JR All Gender Volleyball Practice• 11:30 Gr. 5/6 Rugby
Friday, April 5 DAY 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11:30 Badminton Tryouts continue (gr. 6s)

SAVE THE DATE...LOOKING AHEAD

April 8	NEW P.A. Day – no school for students Professional Learning for Staff Regarding the New Language Curriculum (April 19 is a regular Day 1)
April 10	- International Day of Pink - Ms. Sharpe's Class Trip to PanAm Centre for Rock Climbing
April 12	Community Eid Celebration at West Rouge 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. in the gym
April 15	Fun Fair School Cash Online orders open Monday April 15 th and Close at midnight Monday April 29 th
April 15 – 19	Book Fair
April 17	Track and Field Day at West Rouge
April 26	Character Assembly (Wisdom)
May 10	Fun Fair Set Up (evening)
May 11	Fun Fair at West Rouge!
May 14	Track and Field
May 16	Open House at Joseph Howe for Grade 6 students
May 21	Speech Arts Competition at West Rouge
May 22	Workshops on Metis Culture and 7 Grandfather Teachings, Whole School
May 23	Talent Show Dress Rehearsal
May 24	Character Assembly (Humility)
May 27 – 30	EQAO Week (Grades 3 and 6)
June 5	Talent Show (6:00 – 7:00 p.m.)
June 6	Grade 6 Graduation Trip (Blue Jays Game)
June 7	P.A. Day (Assessment and Reporting)
June 13	Welcome to Kindergarten, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

REMINDER: We are a nut free facility. Please do not send any nut products to school. Thank you.

GREAT THINGS HAPPENING @ WEST ROUGE!

CRICKET DAY AT WEST ROUGE!



Professor Brar speaking to our students about the solar eclipse

MP Anandasangaree visits West Rouge.



Greek Heritage Dance Workshop Day..OPA!



April is...

Sacred Teaching:
Wisdom

Heritage Month:

Sikh Heritage

Latin-America
History

Celebration of Eid