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# Character Matters!

Respect Honesty
Empathy Fairness
Initiative Courage
Integrity
Optimism
Perseverence
Responsibility

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## From the Principal's Desk

Our students continue to be working very hard this term to gain new knowledge and skills. We are all proud of their efforts and the fine work displayed in the classrooms and around the school. We look forward to a great (but busy) final two months of school!



## Kindergarten Orientation at Little Rouge PS

Date: Thursday May 17, 2018 Time: 6:00—7:30 pm, in the Gym

#### Please join us to:



For children entering JK

- . ♦ Learn about a typical day in kindergarten
- ♦ Find out about bussing
- ♦ Hear about our safe arrival program
- Learn more about the kindergarten curriculum expectations
- ♦ Learn about how we work hard to ensure your child's social and emotional wellbeing

Please note: **This evening is for parents** <u>and</u> their **JK** child only, so they can spend some time with each other enjoying kindergarten based activities. Please arrange child care for other siblings. Thank you for your support with this request. See you there!

#### 2017-2018 LRPS Yearbooks



We are now taking pre-orders for the <u>Little Rouge Public School Yearbook</u>. The 2017-2018 edition is a fully coloured, professionally boundbook that features events from the year. All grades and divisions are represented in the book. This is an opportunity for students to have a keepsake to remember their school memories, their classes and their friends. If you are interested in purchasing a yearbook, please <u>pay online in the amount of \$20.00</u>. The books will be delivered later in June. We will be taking orders up until Wednesday, May 30th. Don't delay and get them while they last!

### **School Council News**

Please join us at our next School Council Meeting on Monday, May 7th at 7:00pm in the staffroom.

Everyone is welcome!





May 28—June 1

### Coming to and from school

Now that the nice weather has arrived, more students are using bicycles, rollerblades, skateboards or scooters to travel to school. These are great forms of exercise, but it is important for students and their families to remember the following:



- Students must wear a helmet for safety reasons
- Students must walk their bikes and not ride their skateboards or scooters on school
  property we don't want students getting knocked off these items or bumping into others
  while riding on them
- Bikes should be locked on the bike rack for security reasons (unfortunately the school is not responsible for lost/stolen items)
- Rollerblades, skateboards and scooters must be stored in a locker or backpack during the school day







## **Are You Moving?**

Our preparations for the 2018-2019 school year are underway, and our success depends on accurate projections of the school population.

If you are moving out of our school area, please complete the form below and return it to the school as soon as possible.

| My child(ren),            | (name(s),  |
|---------------------------|--|
| who is/are in grade(s)    | (current grade/s), will not be attending Little Rouge Public Schoo |
| in September 2018.        |  |
| We will be moving to :    |  |
|                           | (please provide name of new school, if known)                      |
| Parent/Guardian Signature | Date   |

#### Empty Milk Bags

A special thanks to parents, students and staff for all of the donated milk bags!

We are collecting milk bags until the end of June so please bring in what you have.



#### Playing on the Schoolyard After School Hours

With the warm weather here, we are noticing that many of the students are lingering at the end of the school day to play on the field or at the basketball nets. It's wonderful that the students are spending time outdoors (far better for them than sitting in front of a screen ...), however, we need you to be aware that there is no supervision outside at the end of the day. We have teachers supervising the Kiss and Ride and in the Bus Loop until 3:45, so children playing on the schoolyard after school are doing so at their own risk, but, hopefully with your knowledge and your permission.



#### Save The Dates:

May 22-24 (Grade 3's)

May 29-31 (Grade 6's)

This is the range of dates set aside to administer the annual EQAO tests to our Grade 3 and Grade 6 students. Parents of students in these grades are asked to please refrain from booking any appointments or vacations during this time as it is very important for all students to participate in this testing.



**Tuesday, June 19, 2018** 

4:30 pm - 7:00 pm

#### The 'Golden Garbage Can' Award

Each month the Caretakers present this award to the class who keeps their classroom tidy and clean and shows proper waste management through the sorting of organics, recycling and garbage on a daily basis during the month. They present the 'Golden Garbage Can' award at the monthly Rocket Rally. The name of the class who wins each month is written on the can.

For the **month of April**, the 'Golden Garbage Can' award was presented to **Miss Ducas' Grade 3 class!** 

**Congratulations!** 



## ROCKET RALLY APRIL 4As RECIPIENTS





## **Active Living**

| <b>Student</b> | <u>Grade</u> |  |
|----------------|--------------|--|
| Max            | 1            |  |
| Zoe P.         | 3            |  |
| Ashvina K.     | 5            |  |
| Dev C.         | 5            |  |
| Isabella D.    | 5            |  |
| Isabelle R.    | 5            |  |
| Jamari         | 5            |  |
| Anson          | 6            |  |
| Aryana         | 6            |  |
| Deborah        | 6            |  |
|                |              |  |



## Achievement

| <b>Student</b> | <u>Grade</u> |
|----------------|--------------|
| Amelia         | SK           |
| Edison         | SK           |
| Elliot         | SK           |
| Nolan          | SK           |
| Abigail        | 1            |
| Lucas          | 1            |
| Marcus         | 1            |
| Vismaya        | 1            |
| Chloe N.       | 2            |
| Jesika         | 2            |
| Micah          | 2            |
| Destiny        | 3            |
| Nathan         | 3            |
| Victor         | 4            |
| Rowen          | 4            |
| Richie         | 6            |
| Tessa          | 6            |

## Attitude

| <b>Student</b> | <u>Grade</u>    |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Bernie         | JK              |
| Rahma          | JK              |
| Noah           | SK              |
| Preston        | SK              |
| Athish         | 1               |
| Lucia          | 2               |
| Sarah          | 2               |
| Varsika        | 2               |
| Gavin          | 3               |
| Anqi           | 4               |
| Saarujan       | 4               |
| Tessa          | 6               |
| Richie         | 6               |
| Ashiga         | 7               |
| Jenny          | 7               |
| Kyle           | 7               |
| Zoya           | 7               |
| Ashani         | 8               |
| Kashish        | 8               |
| Salwa          | 8               |
| Sameera        | 8               |
| Bilal          | 7 (March award) |



#### Arts

| <b>Student</b> | <u>Grade</u> |
|----------------|--------------|
| Kaylee         | 1            |
| Kaz            | 2            |
| Anna           | 3            |

#### \* Save the Date \*

# LRPS Spring Arts Showcase!

Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Daytime Performance at 1:50pm &

Evening Performance at 6:30pm

#### Featuring....

- music, dance and dramatic performances by participating students in grades 4-8
- Visual Arts show in hallways and library (artwork by all students from Kindergarten-grade 8

Tickets for the 'Real Friends' performances will be sent home by the end of the week.



The **Scholastic Book Fair** was a **HUGE success**! We had our highest total sales so far! This means that over 300 new books will be making their way to our library shelves!

Thank you to all of the families that supported this wonderful event and special thanks to all of the teachers and parent volunteers that helped out. I couldn't have done it without you!

~ Mrs. Langhorst

### Brought to you by the Student Council

The Spring weather is finally in the air!

The Student Council was happy to organize a wacky Crazy Hat Day, and a Blue and Green Day to support Earth Day. Student Council was so glad to see so many students wear a variety of colourful hats and green and blue. Keep up the great work Rockets!

Student Council has so many activities in store for the upcoming months. Look forward to our May the Fourth Be With You (Star Wars) Spirit day.

Student Council

From, Jazmine (Recording Secretary)

## Be the Change

#### Popcorn Fundraiser

Be The Change team would like to thank all Little Rouge families for your support in the recent popcorn fundraiser! From the popcorn sales, we raised \$1,607! We will be donating the money raised from the sales to the Little Rouge Outdoor Education Classroom initiative.

#### Way to go Rockets!



## **ECO NEWS!**

#### **Little Rouge Outdoor Classroom May Update**

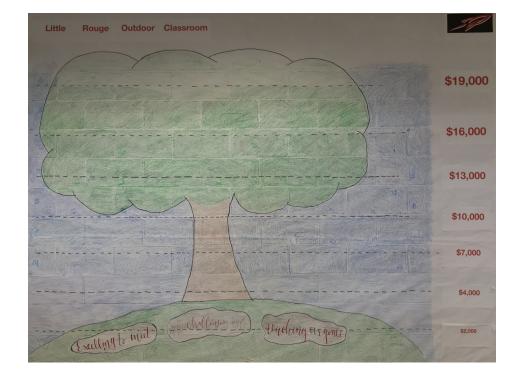
The Eco Team is extremely excited to announce an update about our Outdoor Classroom. We have just received the fantastic news that our grant application to "TD Friends of the Environment" has been approved and awarded a substantial grant of...

## \$9,950!!!

Wow!!! Thank you to Ms. Vandebeek who spent hours completing our grant applications! This amount, on top of the many contributions from YOU, our community through our popcorn sales, raffle tickets, milk program, school council donation and Investment in Education donations, has brought us to EXCEED our goal of \$19,000!

On behalf of the staff, students and in particular the Eco Team, we'd like to thank everyone for their support and we look forward to seeing our Outdoor Classroom construction begin...we will keep you updated on timelines when construction has been approved to start!





#### ECO NEWS! Cont...

#### Garden Club at Little Rouge!

Coming soon.....our GARDEN CLUB will be starting up this month! Looking forward to beautifying our school gardens in June! Any parents who are interested in helping out with our planting afternoon or who have perennial flowers they would be willing to donate can contact the school. Much appreciated!!

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#### Music Alive Festival

The Intermediate band, composed of grade 6, 7 and 8 students, participated in the Music Alive Festival on April 17th. They played two pieces, a medley from the movie "Pirates of the Caribbean" by Klaus Badelt arranged for band by Michael Sweeney, and "Handclap" (a pop song arranged for band by Johnnie Vinson). They played exceptionally well, and received a gold standing for their efforts. They had the opportunity to hear other intermediate bands from three other elementary schools, as well as receiving coaching from the adjudicator. Congratulations Intermediate Band!

Upcoming performances will be at the Spring Arts Showcase on May 10th, and at Canada's Wonderland Music Festival in June!

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# From the Basketball Court....



A huge congratulations goes out to the **Junior Girls Basketball** team who had a tremendous season! They placed 4th out of 6th at their final tournament that took place at Ramerwood Public School. During each game they demonstrated teamwork, determination and one hundred percent effort. We would also like to thank our assistant coaches Brendan and Jazmine who displayed great leadership qualities towards the team. Well done girls! Little Rouge is proud!

Your Coach, Mrs. Broughton

# From the Basketball Court.....

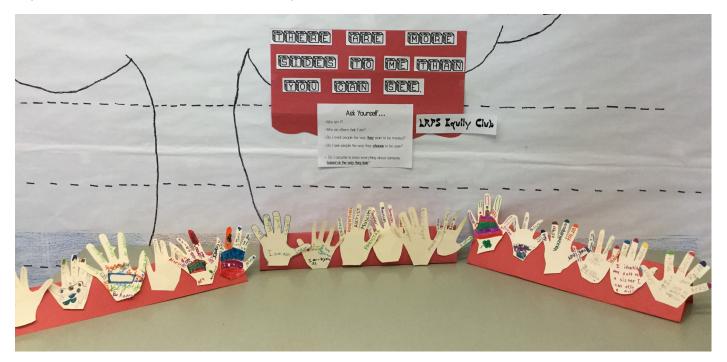


The Junior Boys Basketball team finished their season with a strong showing at the Area Tournament. The boys showed poise, determination and, most of all, positive attitudes. A special thank you to our intermediate assistant coach, Tasneem. Great season boys! You made Little Rouge proud! The following boys were members of the team: Deep, Nathan, Ishan, Ethan, Benson, Davan, Frank, Jamari, Jacob, Justin, Dev, Logan and Tyler.

Your Coach, Mr. Butler

## LRPS Equity Club

Students in the LRPS Equity Club created a display of hands that represent our learning and discussion on social identities and the importance of honoring all voices in our school. The identity hands have been displayed in our foyer showcase to raise awareness of the complexities that exist in our identities and to embrace our differences.





## TRACK AND FIELD DAY



Weather permitting our Track and Field day for Grades 4-8 students will take place on Friday, May 11th, 2018 at Little Rouge Public School. (Raindate: Fri. May 18th)

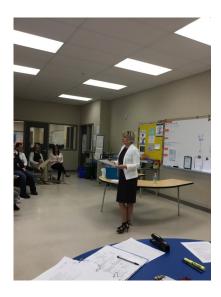
This is a very exciting day with a variety of events for the students to compete in. It will also be a long day outside, so please send your child with appropriate clothing, proper running shoes, sunscreen, a hat and extra water to drink.

The students have been training for the track and field events during their gym classes as the Track and Field event is a component of the Health and Physical Education Program.

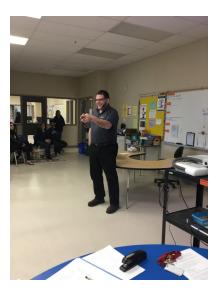
Thank you for your support of our student athletes!

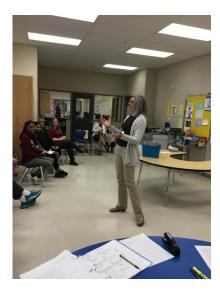
#### **CAREER DAY**

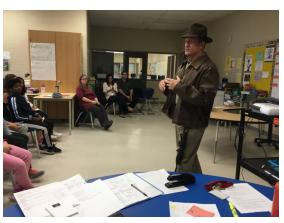
On Tuesday April 23, the intermediate division participated in a Career Day organized by the School Council. Six different careers by five experienced adult workers. The students were able to learn about what a family doctor, a pilot, a politician, a coach, an aviation mechanic and an archaeologist do for a living, and the experiences they have had throughout their career. All the various careers brought a different view on the working world with a different message of how to acquire success. The presenters clearly enjoyed their jobs and the students were inspired by their stories.













A special thank you to our guest speakers: Dr. Susan Deering (Medical Doctor), Karen Rea (Politician), Dr. Brian Janeway (Pilot & Archaeologist), Richard Alexander (Athlete/Athletic Coach) and Don Hawley (Airplane Mechanic) and also to School Council for organizing this event.

#### Moving EDGEucation

On March 29, and again on April 5, we were pleased to welcome Libby Avalos, from Moving EDGEucation to Little Rouge Public School. She is the Lead EDGEucator and School Experience Coordinator at Moving EDGEucation Inc. Libby led 7 student workshops for all of our students from Kindergarten to Grade 8. Students explored creative movement, working in unity with the larger group, while experimenting with their own individual and unique movements. We all had such a fun time! Libby embedded character education into the intermediate workshop to address some of the discomfort that arises at this age when it comes to moving in front of their peers. The session was designed for them to release their inhibitions, any sense of judgement and scepticism they had going in.

Libby joined us again on April 9 at our staff meeting to train our teachers on how we can integrate more movement into our daily/ weekly lessons.

Moving EDGEucation helps our teachers:

- Integrate Ontario's Well Being Strategy and New DPA Requirements into teaching methods
- Decrease anxiety and the difficulties students have learning subjects such as Math
- See an increase in the child's confidence and better results in the classroom by activating with the body, brain and being simultaneously, and by encouraging expression of individuality and unity as a group
- Implement various strategies throughout the year with their online resources

Research indicates that movement helps kids retain information more than just listening. We retain 75% of what we do compared to 5% of what we hear and 10% of what we read.

We chose Moving EDGEucation to become partners with us in education because the Moving EDGEucation Approach is a wonderful differentiated instruction tool for exploring various curriculum (numeracy and literacy included). Experiential learning provides a deeper opening for children to understand what may be complex information. Their approach to learning helps students engage more than just their mind. They engage the body, brain, and being simultaneously, while celebrating unity and individuality as a group. They strongly believe in integrated experiential learning methods for the 21st century student.

Moving EDGEucation has worked with thousands of students and teachers in over 35 schools boards and districts since 2010, and they have witnessed firsthand the developmental changes young people have gone through in our digital world. They've seen the profound positive effects engaging the whole child has on both the individual and the community.

Ask your child what they thought of the workshops and how they feel when they get to move around in class. They may not even realize that they are learning at the same time! For more information, please see links below:

Moving EDGEucation website <a href="https://www.movingedgeucation.ca/">https://www.movingedgeucation.ca/</a>

Moving EDGEucation Info!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F-8BhpD5lxE&feature=youtu.be

How The School Day Got Its Groove Back | Amy Tepperman | TEDxCollingwood <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JdKHG73">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JdKHG73</a> J6s













#### **UPCOMING DATES:**

| April 30 & May 1 | Dental Screening | - Kdan, | Grade 2 and Grade 8 |
|------------------|------------------|---------|---------------------|
|------------------|------------------|---------|---------------------|

May 4 Spirit Day – "May the Fourth Be With You" – dress as a Star Wars character

May 7 School Council Meeting, 7:00pm

May 10 Arts Showcase and Performance

May 11 School Track and Field Day (grades 4 – 8)

May 14 Immunizations – grade 7

May 15 Special Needs Track and Field Meet

May 17 Welcome to Kindergarten Evening for new incoming JK's and their parents, 6:00pm

May 21 Victoria Day (no school)

May 22-24 Grade 3 EQAO

May 29-31 Grade 6 EQAO

May 28—June 1 Walk or Bike to School Week

June 4 P.A. Day (no school for students)

June 6 Summer Games – grade 4 - 8 (hosted by Student Council)

June 8 Intermediate Band to perform at Wonderland