

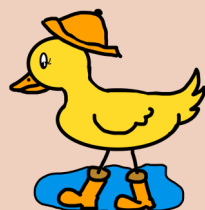


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Character Matters!

Respect Honesty
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From the Principal's Desk



It appears that winter might finally be leaving us, although very slowly! I hope everyone had a safe and restful March Break. Many students have been sharing their wonderful experiences and adventures with the staff and their classmates.

I can't believe we're into the final three months of school. Where has the time gone? I know we'll be very busy here at Little Rouge over the next 3 months with Rocks & Rings, Jump Rope for Heart, EQAO, Arts Night/We Night, Grade 8 Graduation and many more programs and learning experiences. Please be sure to check the school newsletter, school website and our twitter updates for upcoming dates and events!

Be the Change

The Be the Change team has started to prepare for Little Rouge's sixth annual We Night, which will be held on Thursday, May 14th. This year, the Be the Change team and the Arts teachers have decided to join forces, and host an evening dedicated to the Arts as well as raising awareness about social justice issues and Be the Change's initiatives. Stay tuned for more information later in April!

The BTC Team

Be the change you wish to see in the world Ghandhi

Empty Milk Bags

A special thanks to parents, students and staff for all of the donated milk bags! Thanks to all of your support, we have completed our very first milk bag mat. We are still collecting milk bags for the remainder of the school year so that we can continue to make mats to donate to those in need.

Thanks again for supporting our program.



Curriculum Corner

Conversations around Current Events

In classrooms teachers use current events to spark conversations, generate questions, and have discussions and debates. Current events also give teachers the opportunity to make the curriculum relevant in the everyday lives of their students while building on critical literacy, problem solving, and reading comprehension skills. Education World's article "[Why Teach Current Events?](#)" asserts that teaching through a current events lens helps teachers to cover a wide range of subjects and connect to all areas of the curriculum, developing informed citizens and lifelong news readers.

Conversations around current events do not need stop within the walls of the classroom. These kinds of deep conversations can become a tool for parents to help develop their children's critical thinking and communication skills.

How Can I use Current Events as Conversation Starters at Home?

- Make dinner time conversation time by making an effort to sit together without television
- Talk about what is happening within the community and globally
- Share your thoughts and opinions with your children and encourage them to form their own opinions
- Watch or listen to the news together and discuss what you have seen and heard

Visit: www.thefamilydinnerproject.org for ideas on conversation starters

School Council

Spring is finally here! We hope that everyone had a great March break.



What better way to get a fresh start then to come out and hear the presentation on The Power of Self Regulation by **Michelle Cassidy**, the York Region Board's Mental Health Expert. This presentation **will be held on Monday, April 20th, 6:30-7:30 pm** in the school gym. If you plan to attend, make sure you return the form at the bottom of the flyer to the school by April 7th.

Thank you to all the parents who helped serve hot chocolate and cookies at the Winter Fair. The students had a lot of fun!

School Council is excited to announce the purchase of 10 new computers and a new flute for the Music Department from the Investment for Education Funds that parents donated to in the fall.



We hope to see you at our **next School Council meeting on April 13th at 7pm** in the staff room.

Gail Auyeung
School Council Chair

Character Rocket Rally

March's character trait was Perseverance. "We stick to a goal and work hard even in the face of obstacles and challenges. We complete all tasks and assignments."

Congratulations to our Perseverance winners!

Ms. Robinson	JK/SK:	Shyna, Kyle
Mrs. Smith	JK/SK:	Alina, Kishan
Mrs. Wilder	JK/SK:	Yehya, Tushan
Ms. West	JK/SK:	Levi, Lucia
Mrs. Whitten	SK/1:	Angad, Ella
Miss Neprily	1:	Aaden, Anasha
Mrs. Kurtes	1:	Emily, Melissa
Mr. Gafar	2:	Nicholas, Susan
Mr. Shubert	2:	Ashvina, Tanya
Miss Tse	2/3:	Anish, Cole
Mrs. Cohen	3:	Zaire, Zahari
Ms. Ramkissoon	4:	Brandon, Ryan, Aakash
Ms. Buczkowski	4/5:	Yannis, Yisar
Ms. McHardy	5:	Melissa, Mekhi
Mrs. Pickthall	5/6:	Harishan, Alexandra
Mr. Brown	6/7:	Abigail, Nathan
Mr. Yusuf	7:	Sowmiya, Sasha
Mr. Cvitkovic	8:	Taahaa, Arnold
Ms. Valkanis	CC:	Wikum, Anson
Miss Kung	CC:	Mahdiyah



In April, our focus is on Honesty.

"We behave in a sincere, trustworthy, and truthful manner."



On March 5th 2015 the grade 4-8 students from Little Rouge P.S went to the Centennial Community Centre to watch the Clarkson Cup. The Clarkson Cup is the final tournament for the C.W.H.L., which is the Canadian Women's Hockey League. It was a sunny but windy day, and the sky was beautifully blue with puffy white clouds; the perfect day for a competition. The students got to the game at 11:00 am, and they were so excited that they couldn't sit still. Everyone was given noise makers and the crowd was going wild as the Toronto Furies and Boston Blades took the ice. It was a fast paced and exhilarating game that included past

Olympians like, Natalie Spooner. Part way through the game, players from the Montreal Stars were signing autographs for all of the kids. There were over 2000 students from schools all over Markham there! That's a lot of autographs! At the end of the game, Boston beat Toronto 7-3. Boston would go on to win the tournament and the glorious Clarkson Cup championship title. What a great privilege and experience it was to see such skill and athleticism. We hope it will become a school tradition to go to the Clarkson Cup every year.

Written by: Brendan and Mikaela in Ms. McHardy's Gr. 5 Class

ECO NEWS!

Earth Hour 2015

On Friday March 27th, our whole school participated in a celebration of Earth Hour. We turned off the lights from 2:00 to 3:00 pm and the students were able to engage in activities using a minimal amount of energy.



On March 28th at 8:30 pm, hundreds of millions of people around the world turned off their lights for an hour to demand action on climate change. However, the students are learning that we do not need an event like this to lessen our impact on the environment! Here at Little Rouge we continue to live every hour as an Earth Hour and take pride in our actions to protect our world! - For more information on WWF- Earth Hour please visit <http://www.earthhourcanada.org/earthhour/>

Environmental Corner

How can you celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd?

- Clean up around your neighbourhood
- Plant a tree, flowers or shrubs
- Get outside and enjoy nature
- Build a bird house or bird feeder
- Have a picnic outside
- Make some art out of recycled materials
- Listen for activities happening in your community

Thank you for your support.

Earth Day



On April 22nd, for Earth Day, Little Rouge will be conducting a cleanup of our school yard, our neighbourhood, and the area around the pond in an effort to keep our community looking great and to continue to help the environment! Way to go Rockets!

Also on April 22nd, all students will be bringing home their own tree seed that is ready to be planted. Each seed comes with simple instructions on how it should be planted. All students are strongly encouraged to plant their seeds as trees are an important part of our community and provide oxygen, improve air quality, conserve water, preserve soil, and support wildlife.



The Kids' Conservation Organization

The Earth Rangers are an awesome team! They help endangered animals such as the swift fox, the eastern wolf, the bobolink, and the western screech owl. To help animals such as these, Earth Rangers travel all over Canada to different schools to talk about them. Kids can be a big help! Earth Rangers is looking for more kids to sign up as Earth Rangers, so they can help animals and their habitats. When the Earth Rangers came to Little Rouge they talked about a few different animals that are endangered and what they are doing to help. We also got to see some reptiles, and have a bird fly right over our heads!

For more information, or to become an Earth Ranger visit www.earthrangers.com

Written by: Aasiyah and Camryn from the Eco Team

'You're The Chef' is Coming to Little Rouge!

The Healthy Schools Club would like to sincerely thank the community for donating kitchen equipment and tools to the 'You're the Chef' program – an after school program that teaches Grades 6, 7 and 8's to prepare healthy recipes. Our school is still in need of some items and would greatly appreciate it if our community could support us with these. We still need:

- Electric Skillets
- Chopping Boards
- Colanders
- Graters
- Mixing Bowls
- Spatulas
- Whisks
- Cookie sheets



Grade 6, 7, and 8's – if you are interested in learning to prepare and cook healthy and delicious meals with your peers, please complete the form and return it to your teacher.

Kindergarten Registration for September 2015

Kindergarten Registration Commenced on January 16, 2015

Kindergarten registration commenced on January 16, 2015 for the 2015-16 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2015, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten. **A kindergarten information session for JK's and their parents will be held on Thursday, May 21st in the evening.** For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact your local school.



Books! Books! Books!

Do you have any books at home on your shelf that you have already read and don't need anymore?



Our Grade 8 students are having a Book Drive. They will be collecting as many books as they can to donate to the Goodwill Donation Centre. The books can be any genre and for any age.

Please check your book shelves at home and if you have any books you would like to donate, please bring them in. Your support would be much appreciated! The Grade 8's are hoping to collect 100 books! That would be awesome!

The deadline to send in your donated books is April 10th.

Baby Food Jars!

The Kindergarten team is looking for clean, empty baby food jars, preferably with lids, to be used for a variety of things such as crafts, holding paint, etc. They would like large or small jars. If you have any jars that you would like to donate to our kindergarten team, please send them in with your student. Thanks so much!



Scholastic Book Fair - April 13-17

The Scholastic Spring Book Fair is back! It will begin on Monday, April 13th and run until noon on Friday, April 17th.

Watch for the flyers going home soon with more information.



Forks & Spoons

If your child stays for lunch and brings an item that requires a spoon or fork, please remember to send one with him/her. We have many students who come to the office daily to get an utensil from us and unfortunately, we have limited available. We suggest that you keep a plastic spoon or fork in your child's lunch bag each day so that he/she has one if needed.





Save The Dates: May 25—June 4

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.

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' at the monthly Rocket Rally.

*For the month of March, the 'Golden Garbage Can' award was presented to **Miss Neprily's Grade 1 class**! Congratulations!*



York Region District School Board Student Surveys

In order to provide information for Board and School planning, York Region District School Board students in Grades 5 to 12 will be invited to participate in a school survey. The survey, which is anonymous and confidential, will be conducted from **April 7 to May 15, 2015** and will take place at school. The information from this survey will be used to identify areas to be addressed, monitor progress and plan strategies to support student achievement and well-being. Aligned with Board priorities, the survey will address topics including equity and inclusion, school safety, learning environment, student well-being and other priorities. If you have questions, please contact the school office.

UPCOMING DATES:

Thurs. April 2	Rocket Rally - Perseverance, 2:00 pm
Fri. April 3	Good Friday (NO SCHOOL)
Mon. April 6	Easter Monday (NO SCHOOL)
Mon. April 13 to Fri. April 17 until noon	Book Fair
Mon. April 13	School Council Meeting, 7:00 pm
Tues. April 14	Trip to CNE for Future Building Event (grades 7 and 8)
Fri. April 17	Hep B / HPV vaccinations (grades 7 and 8)
Mon. April 20	Parent Presentation – “The Power of Self Regulation”, 6:30 – 7:30 pm (please return forms by April 7 th to the office)
Mon. April 20	Fire Safety Visit (grade 3's)
Tues. April 21	Trip to Ontario Science Centre (grades 4 – 8)
Tues. April 28 & Wed. April 29	Rocks and Rings (grades JK – 5)
Thurs. April 30	Rocket Rally - Honesty

