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Character Matters!

Respect	Honesty
Empathy	Fairness
Initiative	Courage
Integrity	
Optimism	
Perseverance	
Responsibility	

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, Jungle Sport, EQAO, Music 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!

School Council

Thanks to all our parents for continuing to support the School Council's initiatives and your continued support of school activities. The Council continues to play an active role in the life of our school, but can only do so effectively with your support and participation.



Our Subway lunch program will continue during April and May. In April, the Subway lunch days will be on April 6 and 20.

Remember, the School Council meets on the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Our next meeting will be on May 2 in the staff room. Please make every effort to attend and participate.

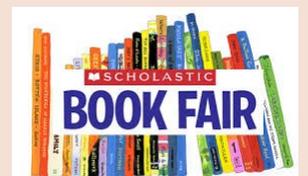
Scholastic Book Fair - April 11-15

The Scholastic Spring Book Fair is back!

It will be held in the library from 9am-3:30pm, beginning on Monday, April 11th and it will run until noon on Friday, April 15th.

Watch for the flyers going home soon with more information.

See you there!



Be the Change



Hello Little Rouge community! This month, Be the Change will be having a bake sale every Thursday (April 7, 14, 21, 28) at morning recess. We will be selling double chocolate cookies, confetti-sprinkled cookies, chocolate brownies, and banana chocolate chip mini-cakes. Each item will cost \$1, and they are all nut, egg, and trans-fat free.

All money raised will go towards building a school in Africa.

Thank you for your support.

The BTC Team

Be the change you wish to see in the world Gandhi

Lunch Assistant Positions

If you are interested in working as a Lunch Assistant to do occasional back-up, please contact the school office at 905-202-5960.

This is a paid position over our lunch hour which is from 12:50-1:50 pm.



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

Several students in Grade 6, 7, and 8 have signed up to participate in an after school program, 'You're the Chef', to learn how to follow and make delicious healthy recipes. This includes proper handling of food, proper hand washing and knife safety. Students will learn to create food that doesn't include meat and be amazed that we can make delicious snacks and meals without it.

Due to the high interest in the 'You're the Chef' program we will be dividing the participants into two groups. The first group will participate on the following dates: Friday, April 8, Friday, April 15, Friday, April 22, Friday, April 29. The second group will participate on the following dates: Friday, May 13, Friday, May 20, Friday, May 27, and Thursday, June 2.



If your child is participating in this program please ensure they have a way home at the end of the program unless you have indicated that they can walk home. If you are picking up your child please ensure you pick them up promptly at 5pm.



Are You Moving?

Our preparations for the 2016-2017 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 School
in September 2016.

We will be moving to : _____

(please provide name of new school, if known).

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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!

Mrs. Wilder	JK/SK:	Nathan, Evan U.
Ms. Robinson	JK/SK:	Ariana, Alexander
Mrs. Smith	JK/SK:	Nina-Simone, Karthik
Ms. West	JK/SK:	Kaz, Noah
Mrs. Whitten	JK/SK:	Ethan L, Sahar
Mrs. Pankhurst	1:	Hebe, Benjamin
Mrs. Kurtes	1:	Nathan, Vinushan
Mrs. Eisenberger	1/2:	Kiara, Brandon
Mr. Shubert	2:	Fatima, Chloe
Mrs. Cohen	2/3:	Sammi, Ryan
Ms. Cavazon	3:	Claudia, Krish
Miss Ducas	3/4:	Isabelle W, Tessa
Mrs. Pickthall	4:	Jayla, Melanie
Mrs. Lemmon	5:	Koji, Zoya
Mr. Brown	5/6:	Onis, Catherine Xu
Ms. Campbell	6/7:	Alexandra, Nicolas L.
Mrs. Chaudhary	6/7:	Mikaela, Rajith
Mr. Yusuf	7/8:	Jackie, Gopa
Ms. Zappitelli	8:	Sahana, Devak
Miss. Kung	CC:	Diva



In April, our focus is on Honesty.

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

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 **Ms. Cavazon's Grade 3 class!** Congratulations!



Please join us for

LRPS Music Night

Wednesday, April 27th, 2016

6:30PM (doors open at 6:15PM)

**Support our amazing young musicians and the music program
at Little Rouge Public School!!!**

Featuring

**LRPS Intermediate Band, Small Ensembles, Choir
and Various Class performances**

Performances

**Linus & Lucy, All About That Bass, Everything is Awesome, Be Our Guest,
To Reach the Summit, My Favorite Things, Eye of the Tiger, Scarborough Fair,
It's a Small World, and much more!**

Don't forget to buy Raffle Tickets (\$2) to enter the draw to win:

- A chance to conduct the band in the concert!
- One free recess to try out and play ALL the instruments in the music room!
 - An invitation to join the band party and enjoy all the yummy snacks!

Admission is free.

**There will be opportunities to make donations to support the music program at LRPS.
We would greatly appreciate your help in raising funds to purchase more instruments,
sheet music and technology for the music room.**

Kindergarten Registration for September 2016

Kindergarten Registration Commenced on January 15, 2016



Kindergarten registration commenced on January 15, 2016 for the 2016-17 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2016, 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 12th, 6:00-7:30 pm. For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact your local school.

Empty Milk Bags

Room 132 is still collecting empty milk bags. These bags will be transformed into mats for the people in Haiti. Thank you to everyone who has been bringing bags in! Please keep those milk bags coming in! Drop them in the box in front of the office.

Student Safety

It has been brought to our attention that when students are walking to and from school, some of them are not remembering the safety rules.

Students should always be crossing the street at the corner (and not in the middle of the street) and looking both ways before crossing if there is no crossing guard. Older siblings should be making sure that their younger siblings are with them as they cross safely.

As well, some students are playing with soccer or tennis balls as they are walking. If they lose control of the balls and they roll out into the street, they should not be darting out after them.

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!

Board Policies and Procedures

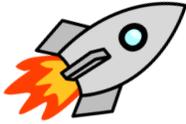
Policies and procedures govern the operation of the Board and our school. To ensure they remain current, the Board reviews policies and procedures on a regular cycle. Seeking feedback from staff and community members, including parents/guardians, is an important part of the review process.

All policies available for comment are sent to school council chairs, and are posted on the [Board website](#) along with information about how to provide feedback. The policies currently available for comment include:

- Student Accommodation Review (comments due by April 25)
- Anaphylactic Reactions (comments due by August 25)
- Respectful Workplace and Learning Environment (comments due by August 25)
- Environmental Responsibility (comments due by January 2, 2017)
- Appointment of Community Members to Board Committees (comments due by January 2, 2017)

To learn more, visit www.yrdsb.ca/aboutus/policy/.

ECO NEWS!



Boomerang Lunch Program



Beginning the month of **April** this year, the month of **Earth Day**, our Eco Team has decided to implement a daily **Boomerang lunch** program at Little Rouge which will continue for the rest of the year, and into next year! We believe that engaging students and the school community in small environmental initiatives can have a big impact on our environment.

HOW IT WORKS:

- Garbage that comes to school goes home
- Uneaten food and waste material is returned home in your child's lunch bag
- Recyclable and compostable materials can be disposed of **AT SCHOOL**

BOOMERANG LUNCH GOALS:

- Reducing the amount of waste we create from school lunches
- Reducing the cost of waste disposal so the school's resources can be put to better use.
- Encouraging healthy and nutritious lunches (many pre-packaged lunch items contain significant amounts of sugar, sodium, preservatives and fat)
- Creating awareness around recycling and composting
- Encouraging and promote the use of **reusable containers** and to discourage the use of disposable containers
- Helping you as a parent reduce the cost of lunches (a waste-free lunch can cost as little as \$2.50 per day, whereas a lunch containing pre-packaged items can cost \$4.50 or more per day)

WASTE FREE SNACK/ LUNCH TIPS:

- Use reusable lunch bags and containers.
- Use reusable drink bottles or a thermos.
- Use a cloth napkin and reusable utensils.
- Avoid using plastic wrap and "Ziploc" baggies
- Get your children to help pack their snacks/lunches with healthy foods.
- Only pack as much food as your child will eat.
- Label all containers with an initial or special symbol.



We look forward to your continuing support and hope you will join hands with us in teaching our students to be environmentally responsible citizens.

Thank you,
The Little Rouge Eco Team



Little Rouge Public School



Introducing...Flavoured Popcorn!

23g bags

On Wednesday and/or Thursday during morning snack time (10:30 a.m.), flavoured popcorn will be delivered to the classrooms of students interested in participating in the program. The popcorn must be ordered and paid for in advance. The cost to order popcorn *once* a week for a period of 8 weeks will be \$10, and to order on *both* days for 8 weeks, the cost will be \$20. The delivery dates will cover **May 4th - June 23rd**. **Order forms will be sent home next week so if you are interested, make sure you complete and return the form by the deadline of April 21st.**

Flavoured popcorn meets the healthy schools requirements. It is nut, peanut, egg, and trans fat-free. It contains no additives or preservatives, and is Foodland Ontario Certified GMO and pesticide-free.

Proceeds from this program will be used to support Little Rouge's "Adopted Village" in Kenya through the *Free the Children* organization.



Save The Dates: May 30—June 2

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.

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.

Attendance—Safe Arrival

Ensuring the safety of your children is our priority.
PLEASE REPORT ABSENCES DAILY.

Attendance is taken both in the morning and the afternoon each day. If you know your child will be absent, please call the office as soon as possible. You can leave a message after hours at:
905-202-5960.

In the case where we do not hear from a parent and we have been unable to reach a parent to verify an absence, it is the policy of York District School Board to contact the Police and report the child as missing.

Bill Crothers Secondary School Presents...

The 2016

Return to Learn

Concussion Management Symposium

An informative evening about sport-related concussion management for parents, students, educators, and coaches.

Featuring a keynote presentation from...

Dr. Neilank Jha - Neurosurgeon and Concussion Expert

Concussion Management Today

additional presentations from...

Cherie Piper, Three-time Olympic Gold Medalist

Concussion Management in Elite Sport

Dr. Frances Flint - Sport Psychologist

Social and Emotional Considerations for Concussion Rehabilitation

Dr. Sari Kraft & Stefanie Moser, Athletic Therapist

Clinical Management of Concussion : From Family Medicine to Athletic Therapy

Rebecca Green - YRDSB Superintendent

Concussion Management Protocol in Our Schools

April 11, 2016 at 7:00 PM

Bill Crothers Secondary School

44 Main Street | Unionville, ON

Admission is FREE, but space is limited.

[Click here to register!](#)



The York Region District School Board **Summer Institute** is a program that offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum for children and youth entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8.

Programs are offered at in Richmond Hill, Markham, Stouffville, Newmarket, Woodbridge, Vaughan and Georgina from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm [Summer Institute Locations Map](#).

[YMCA Before and Aftercare Registration](#); programs available at all locations

Weekly Sessions July 4, 2016 to August 12, 2016

For registration information and to see what types of exciting programs are being offered this summer, please visit www.yrdsb.ca and select programs and services.

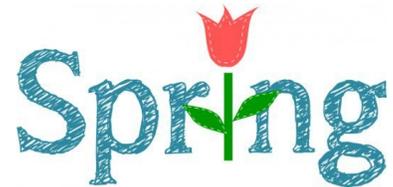
Aldergrove S.I.	150 Aldergrove Drive, Unionville
Armadale S.I.	11 Coppard Ave., Markham
Crosby Heights S.I.	190 Neal Drive, Richmond Hill
Discovery S.I.	120 Discovery Trail, Maple
Lakeside S.I.	213 Shorecrest Road, Keswick
Lake Wilcox S.I.	80 Wildwood Ave., Richmond Hill
Maple Leaf S.I.	155 Longford Dr., Newmarket
Milliken Mills S.I. (located at Highgate PS)	35 Highgate Dr., Markham
Oscar Peterson S.I.	850 Hoover Park Drive, Stouffville
Sixteenth Avenue S.I.	400 Sixteenth Avenue, Richmond Hill
Unionville Meadows S.I.	355 South Unionville Ave., Markham
Woodbridge S.I.	60 Burwick Avenue, Woodbridge

[Summer Institute Programs Index](#)

For additional information please email performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca or call 905-884-2046 ext. 241.

SIGN IN/OUT For Visitors/Volunteers

We have noticed that from time to time parents/grandparents come to the school during recess and go right out to the yard to look for their children. For safety reasons, we ask that **all visitors and volunteers, whether family members or other community members, sign in at the main office when entering the school.** You will then get a "Visitor" badge to wear while you are here. If there is an urgent matter and you need to locate your child during recess, we will page your child from the office and have him/her come in from the yard to see you. Although it may be tempting to do so, please do not go straight from the parking lot to the yard. For the safety of the children, Staff on Yard Duty have been asked to approach any adults on the yard without a Visitor/Volunteer Badge to re-direct them to the office. Thank you for your support and understanding in this matter.

UPCOMING DATES:

Apr. 4	Grade 7's to Vivian Outdoor Resource Centre
Apr. 6	Subway Lunch
Apr. 6	Wilder/Smith – Scientists in School
Apr. 11, 18, 25	Grade 3 Swim to Survive – Mrs. Cavazzon's class
Apr. 12	Grade 7 VIP presentation
Apr. 13	Day of Pink – anti-bullying day – wear pink to school today
Apr. 14	Grades 6 and 7 Scientists in School
Apr. 18	Whitten – Scientists in School
Apr. 19	Vaccinations – Hep B and HPV
Apr. 20	Grade 3 Fire Visit
Apr. 20	Subway Lunch
Apr. 21	Grade 2 Fire Visit
Apr. 22	Rocket Rally –Honesty , 11:10 am
Apr. 22	Earth Day – school wide clean up, 2-3 pm (weather permitting)
Apr. 26	West/Robinson – Scientists in School
Apr. 25 & 26	K – Grade 5 - Rocks and Rings (curling program in the gym)
Apr. 27	Music Night, 6:30 pm
May 2	French performance (J/I classes), 9:15 am
May 2	School Council Meeting, 7:00 pm
May 3	Kindness Club – various classes
May 6	P.A. Day (NO SCHOOL)