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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.

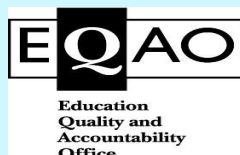
I can't believe we're into the final three months of school. Where has the time gone? I know we'll be very busy here at Little Rouge over the next 3 months with Track and Field, EQAO, Music Night, Grade 8 Graduation and many more programs and learning experiences. Please be sure to check the school newsletter,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

School Council News School Council continues to remain active in the life of our Little Rouge Community. We were thrilled to participate in last month's Jungle Sport which the kids thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you Miss Ducas for organizing this event!

This coming month we are continuing our Subway lunches on the following dates: April 12th and 26th and through May on the 17th and 31st. Our last Subway lunch will be on June 14th.

We have a number of upcoming events that we are excited about. Stay tuned for more information on Career Day, Staff Appreciation luncheon (June 1st) and a new and exciting addition (sponsored by School Council) to the Fun Fair on May 25th. We look forward to your participation in these events.

Please join us for any of our upcoming council meetings in the staffroom at 7:00pm: May 1st and June 5th. Everyone is welcome!



Save The Dates: May 29-31

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.

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.

Be the Change

Students and staff took part in the Free the Children's "We are Silent" campaign at the end of March. Participating classes were silent for a period of time, in order to raise awareness and compassion for people around the world who do not have the freedom to speak. As a result, we remained silent for a total of 13,361 minutes. That works out to an average of 33 silent minutes per student. Great job everyone!

Stay tuned for more Be the Change initiatives in the future.

Thank you for your continued support everyone!

The BTC Team

ECO NEWS!

Earth Day



On April 27th, after lunch, Little Rouge will be conducting a cleanup of our school yard and our neighbourhood, in an effort to keep our community looking great and to continue to help the environment! Students are invited to bring their own gloves for the clean-up. Raindate will be April 28th.

Also, Grade 4 and Grade 7 students will be going out tree planting with the Friends of the Rouge Watershed on April 12th. This will be an excellent opportunity for students to explore the environment, our impact on it and to take action to make improvements to it.



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.



Are You Moving?

Our preparations for the 2017-2018 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 2017.

We will be moving to : _____
(please provide name of new school, if known).

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Please join us for
LRPS Music Night

Thursday, May 4th, 2017

6:30PM (doors open at 6:10PM)

**Enjoy a night of beautiful music performed by
our amazing young musicians
at Little Rouge Public School!!!**

Featuring

***LRPS Intermediate Band, Small Ensembles,
Choir, African Drumming, Recorder Ensemble***

Performances

**Happy, Skyfall, Les Miserable, Yesterday, Flintstones, Gathering in the
Glen, Theme from Superman, Get Back Up Again and much more!**

Special Guest Performance

**Mr. Michael Westwood, Clarinet
and Ms. Zwarich**

Don't forget to fill out your Raffle Tickets at the concert
to enter the draw to win:

A chance to conduct the band in the concert!

Admission is free!

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. If you are coming to the school for an event or to meet with a staff member please remember, you must sign in at the office, get a visitor's badge and let the office know where you are heading before a school visit. Thank you for your support and understanding in these matters.

Kindergarten Registration for September 2017

Kindergarten Registration Commenced on January 20, 2017



Kindergarten registration commenced on January 20, 2017 for the 2017-18 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2017, 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 11th, 6:00-7:30 pm.

For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact your local school.

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.

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 March**, the 'Golden Garbage Can' award was presented to **Ms. Fenster's Grade 3 class! Congratulations!**





ROCKET RALLY MARCH 4As RECIPIENTS



Active Living

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Aarnav	JK
Nevan	JK
Ryan	JK
Aarib	SK
Skylar	SK
Abby	1
Abecha	1
Tushan	2
Mikaela	7

Achievement

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Christy C.	SK
Kathan	SK
Fiona	1
Jan Nathan	1
Makayla	1
Nirushan	1
Ryan	1
Arujan	3
Chris	3
Clayton	3
Henry H.	4
Isabella	4
Jesslyn	4
Krish	4
Carlton	8

Attitude



<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Emily	JK
Greyson	JK
Kirsten	JK
Nandita	SK
Ganesh	1
Natalie	1
Thanishka	1
Winnie	2
Betty	3
Emma	3
Kush	3
Mirhan	3
Ryan	4
Alex M.	5
Micah	5
Curtis	6
Kyle V.	6
Rida	6
Spruha	6
Henrick	7
Aris	8
Dominic	8

Arts



<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Yusuf	JK
Bavisha	SK
Kalia	SK
Brandon	2
Andrew	5
Dilawar	6

Subsidized Tree Planting Programs for Residents Living in York Region

Interested in adding more green to your landscape? There are many planting programs available in York Region through our partnerships with Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and the Local Enhancement and Appreciation of Forests Organization (LEAF). Need a tree, some shrubs or even a forest? One of these programs might just have what you're looking for. Let York Region help you restore and improve your property.

Love Your Yard – Planting Program for Small Properties



LEAF's **Subsidized Backyard Tree Planting Program** helps you get the right tree in the right place to support native pollinators. For approximately \$150 to \$220 per tree you will get a site consultation in your yard with an arborist, a five to eight foot tall tree (or two to four feet tall for evergreen trees) and full planting service. LEAF also has a Do-It-Yourself option, for those who like to get their hands dirty! For more information visit LEAF.



This spring, love your yard with a LEAF **Native Shrub Bundle**. Planting a variety of native tree and shrub species can provide pollinators the food and habitat they need throughout the growing season.

Available bundles:

- **Native Bee** - pre-determined shrubs designed to provide habitat and food for native bees year round
- **Edible** - shrubs of your choice to best suit your taste buds

Each bundle includes:

- Four lovely native shrubs for the price of three
- Free delivery right to your door
- Specific shrub fact sheet to help achieve your garden goals
- Mulch and an illustrated planting and care guide

Supplies are limited, and bundles are available on a first-come, first-served basis. To order visit [LEAF](#).

Grow Your Legacy – Forest Planting for Large Properties



Own land in York Region?

Grow memories.

Remember running through the woods as a kid?

The fresh air.

The fallen leaves.

The freedom.

Imagine creating those unforgettable experiences for your kids on your own property.

If you own two or more acres in York Region, we'll plant a forest for you. Experts will help you every step of the way — from funding assistance, to planning and planting, to tending your growing forest. A forest is a gift that grows for generations. Contact us to find out more york.ca/treeplanting.

Upload your best photos taken in the York Regional Forest for a chance to win a Henry's gift card, and have your photo featured in the Forests of York Region 2018 Calendar.

For more information and to enter visit york.ca/forestphoto



LIBRARY NEWS!!!

**The LRPS Library website is up and running!
Check it out at:**

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/littlerouge.ps/library/Pages/default.aspx>



UPCOMING DATES:

April 3	School Council Meeting, 7:00 pm
April 3-7	Book Fair
April 10 & 11	Dental Screening – JK/SK/Gr.2/Gr. 8
April 11	Grade 7 VIP
April 11	French Performance by Roland Bibeau, Gr. 4-8, 9:30 am
April 12	International Day of Pink – to recognize anti-bullying – please wear pink this day
April 12	Tree Planting, Gr. 4 & Gr. 7
April 13	Grade 8 VIP
April 14	Good Friday (NO SCHOOL)
April 17	Easter Monday (NO SCHOOL)
April 27	Earth Day Rocket Rally, 11:15am (Yard Clean-up begins at 1:50 pm)
April 27	Spirit Day – “Disney Day”
May 1	School Council Meeting, 7:00 pm
May 4	Music Night, 6:30 pm
May 11	Welcome to Kindergarten Evening (for new JK 's coming in September), 6:00 pm

