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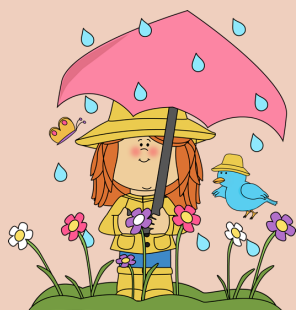
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Character Matters!

Respect	Honesty
Empathy	Fairness
Initiative	Courage
Integrity	
Optimism	
Perseverance	
Responsibility	



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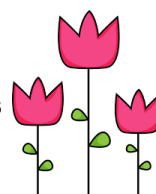
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From the Principal's Desk

It appears that winter might finally be leaving us, although very slowly in terms of up and down temperatures! 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, Arts Showcase, 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

This coming month we are continuing our Subway lunches on the following dates: April 3rd and 17th and through May on the 1st, 15th and 29th and on June 5th and 12th.



School Council is looking forward to partnering with our intermediate teachers for Career Day on April 24th. Stay tuned for further details.

Please join us at our next School Council meeting on Monday, April 9th in the staffroom at 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome!



Save The Dates:

May 22-24 (Grade 3's)

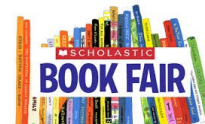
May 29-31 (Grade 6's)

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.

The Paws for Books Scholastic Book Fair is coming! **Monday, April 9th – Friday, April 13th**

The Fair will be open Monday to Thursday from 9-3:30 and Friday until noon. Our goal is to sell 500 books this week. If we are able to meet this goal, we could buy approximately 200 new books for our library!

We look forward to seeing you and thank you, in advance, for supporting this great event. It will be "doggone" great!



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.

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.

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.



ECO NEWS!



Earth Day

On April 26th, 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 27th.



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 School
in September 2018.

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

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Plastic Bag Grab challenge: April 16 - 20, 2018

The Plastic Bag Grab challenge is a waste reduction program for elementary schools across Canada that engages schools and students on the 3Rs hierarchy: reduce, reuse, and recycle.

For two years, the challenge has encouraged students to collect as many single-use plastic bags from their homes and communities as they can for recycling.

Now in its third year, the program will focus on ***reduce*** and ***reuse*** – the most important step in the 3Rs hierarchy. **As such, the challenge will reward schools that encourage and promote ideas and solutions that result in reducing how many bags are used and wasted in their communities.**

During Earth Week 2018 (April 16-20), schools are challenged to learn and take action on plastics waste by reducing their use, while collecting discarded plastic bags for recycling in their schools and beyond.

So what should you do?

1. Try to REDUCE the # of plastic bags you use by bringing your own, reusable bags EVERY time you go shopping!
2. REUSE plastic bags that you have – they can be used in many ways!
3. RECYCLE the bags you don't need – bring them to Walmart or various grocery stores which recycle them!
4. OR during EARTH WEEK – bring them to the school and we will count them and recycle them for you!

Ice cream treat prizes for the top classes in each division!



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 2018

Kindergarten Registration Commenced on January 19, 2018



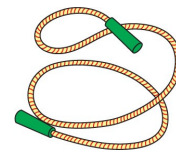
Kindergarten registration commenced on January 19, 2018 for the 2018-19 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2018, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten.

A Kindergarten Information session for JK's and their parents will be held on Thursday, May 17th, 6:00-7:30 pm.

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

Looking to clear out some clutter?

If you have any **gently used** puzzles, board games and outdoor equipment (i.e. balls, hula hoops, and skipping ropes) at home that you are not using anymore and you would like to donate to our school for our students to sign out from our Reflection Room at recess, please drop them off to **Mrs. Shire in the Reflection Room or at the Office.**



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 **Mr. Gafar's Grade 1 class!**

Congratulations!



ROCKET RALLY MARCH 4As RECIPIENTS



Active Living

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Nathaniel	1

Achievement

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Gloria	JK
Madison	JK
Jensen	SK
Kirsten	SK
Luca	SK
Agshathie	1
Danny	1
Bernice	2
Everleigh	2
Parth	3
Samana	3
Celia	4
Logan	4
Annie	8



Attitude

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Adam	JK
Layan	JK
Mavis	JK
Cyrus	SK
Arya	1
Tatiana	1
Evan U.	2
Jean	2
Kavin	2
Raghav	2
Addison	3
Lincy	3
Abdullah	4
Tina	4
Joelle	4
Aditya	5
Aiman	6
Ryan H.	6
Camryn	8

Arts

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Ashley	1
Omaid	SK
Ryley	SK



Music Alive Festival

The Instrumental Ensembles participated in the Music Alive Festival on March 27th. All their hard work paid off the day of the event when they were awarded **Gold** and **Silver** awards.

The **clarinet quartet** (Jazmine Aquino, Sameera Lakhani, Ashlyn Wong and Kira Willibus) received a Gold standing for their exciting rendition of "The Eye of the Tiger". Our **flute trio** (Morgan Sun, Mikaela Himanen and Matthew Deng) received Silver+ as they played a haunting version of "Hedwig's Theme". Our **trumpet duo** (Jax Nasimok and Ethan Elias) received Silver for their rousing version of "Star Wars". Finally, our **saxophone quintet** (Theesik Shanmuganathan, Matthew Lei, Ashani Srikantharajah, Rajith Rajkumar and Abigail Lam) jazzed it up with "The Pink Panther" for which they were awarded Silver. We are very proud of their accomplishments! Congratulations!

We look forward to our Intermediate Band participating in the Music Alive Festival later in April!

Brought to you by the **Student Council**

Spring is officially here, and we would like to welcome everyone back from March break!

On Friday, March 9th, the Student Council had organized a successful Spring Dance in the gym for grades 6-8. Everyone had a blast participating in a variety of St. Patrick themed activities such as rainbow limbo, bottle flip, lucky hat toss, and there was even a photo booth! Student Council was so delighted to see everyone participating, and to even have some brave dancers dance in front of everyone in our epic dance competition! Congratulations to our first place winner Onis!

On March 19th, St. Patrick's Day was a great Green spirit day that many students participated. Keep up the great work Rockets and Student Council can't wait to plan more events and spirit days for everyone in the upcoming months!



From your recording secretary,
Jazmine

'You're the Chef'

By: Ashley B. and Evelyn



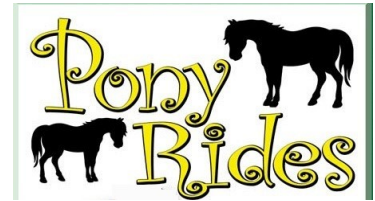
You're the Chef is a program that occurs once a year after school for grades 6-8. It teaches you how to make a variety of easy, healthy and delicious recipes that you could also create at home! This experience doesn't only teach you the basics of cooking, but it requires teamwork, responsibility and cooperation. Once a week for a set period of time, we get together, split up into groups and work together to make new types of food. We learn to work together and cooperate with others while making each recipe and of course, there are teachers supervising us, so they are able to provide assistance when needed.

Some of the foods that turned out to be surprisingly delicious were, the zucchini muffins, zucchini-fennel soup, fajitas and the roasted red pepper dip. At first, we all had some doubts about incorporating the fruits and vegetables into the recipes, but in the end everything turned out to be really good and everyone loved it. After making all the different foods in each session, it is our responsibility to clean up and wash all the utensils that were used. At the end, everyone gathers around the table and we each get a plate to try everything we made. There are usually some leftovers, so we bring the delicious foods home!

Overall, we thought You're the Chef was an amazing experience. We had the chance to cook and bake some delectable foods and we were able to do it with our friends.



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FUN FAIR 2018
Tuesday, June 19, 2018
4:30 pm – 7:00 pm



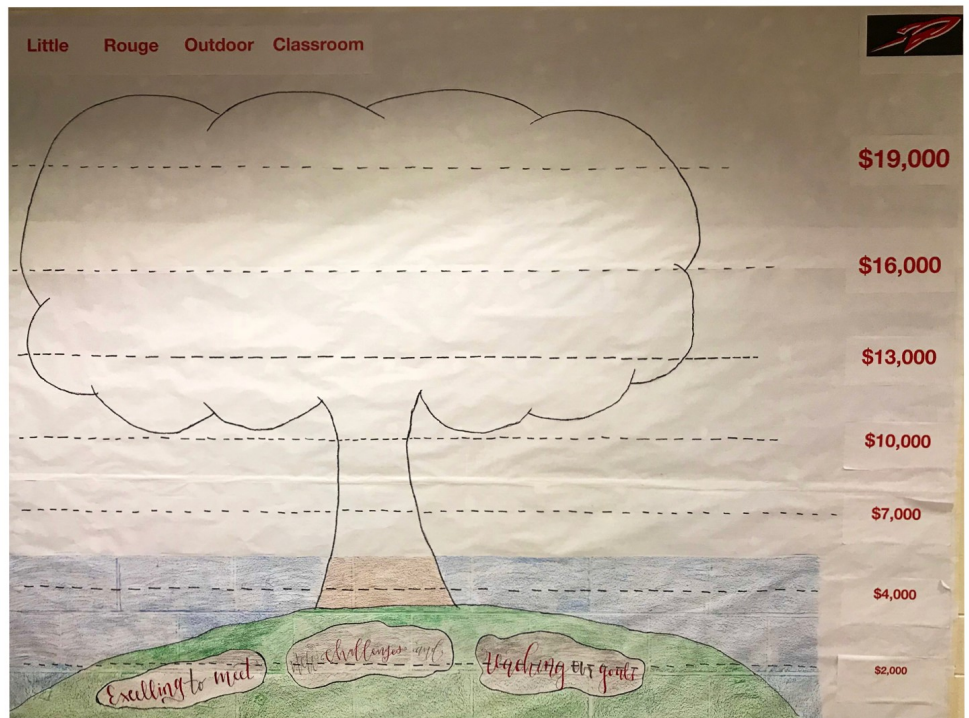
Little Rouge Outdoor Classroom April Update

We are excited to announce that we have reached \$5000 in fundraising for the Outdoor Classroom.

To date, fundraising includes:

- Milk Sales
- Popcorn Sales
- The Holiday Concert Raffle
- Investment in Education Donations

We look forward to additional funds from Grant submissions, Student Council, and a few other school based sources.



UPCOMING DATES:

April 2	Easter Monday (no school)
April 3	Subway Lunch
April 5	Kindergarten Groove Edge program, a.m. (here at Little Rouge)
April 9	French Performance, Grades 4-8
April 9	School Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
April 9-13	Scholastic Book Fair
April 17	Subway Lunch
April 26	Rocket Rally (whole school), 11:10 a.m.
April 26	Earth Day clean up (whole school), 1:50 p.m.
April 30	Dental Screening – Kdgn, grade 2 and grade 8
May 1	Dental Screening – Kdgn, grade 2 and grade 8
May 1	Subway Lunch
May 3	Trip to Science Centre, Grades 6-8
May 7	School Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

