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## *Character Matters!*

Respect	Honesty
Empathy	Fairness
Initiative	Courage
Integrity	
Optimism	
Perseverance	
Responsibility	



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## From the Principal's Desk



As our first 4 months draw to a close, I would like to again thank our staff and you, the parents, for working together to provide our children with excellent programs here at Little Rouge.

Thank you to all the parents who attended our parent/teacher interviews. Over 96% of parents were interviewed in person or by phone which is fabulous. As I've said before, good communication between home and school is vital for a student's success. Please be sure to celebrate your child's successes and praise him/her for working so hard during the first 4 months. Going to school is hard work! Set achievable goals for next term with your child. Be sure to ask him/her questions about school work and check the agenda daily for homework and important information. Your continued support in this matter is greatly appreciated by the staff here at Little Rouge.

## School Council News



School Council would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. Thank you for all your help this year and we look forward to an exciting year next year.

Please join us for the next School Council Meeting on Monday, January 12th from 7:00-8:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

(There will be no School Council meeting in December.)

## **REMEMBRANCE DAY - NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>**



On November 11th students and staff attended our traditional Remembrance Day assembly. It gave us an opportunity to honour Canadians, and other people around the world, who have sacrificed their lives in the name of peace and freedom. Student performances were very impressive as they reinforced the message through drama, dance and music. It was a pleasure to have a number of parents and relatives join us for the assembly. Thank you to the committee of staff members for organizing and preparing the students for this special event.

### Child Safety

When dropping off or signing out students, please report to the office. Please ensure all other caregivers are aware of this procedure as we want to keep all our children safe.

## Bus Cancellations



With the wintery weather upon us, we can expect to have a Snow Day or two. Please note that even though busses may be cancelled, the school will still be open and so your children are welcome to attend if you can drop them off and pick them up at 3:30. **Please remember that if buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not run in the afternoon even if the weather improves.**

If conditions of the roads force cancellation of bus service, the local radio stations will be informed as early as possible and will broadcast pertinent information to the community. E.g.: AM640; News 680; CFRB (1010); CHUM (1050); CISS (92.5); CHFI (98.1) etc.

## Forks and Spoons

If your child stays at school 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 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.



## Dress Warmly for Outdoor Play



As you know, our students are provided with nutrition breaks from 10:40-11:10 a.m. (recess) and 12:50-1:50 p.m. (lunch). Part of this break time is allocated for fresh air/exercise. It is important to the health and well-being of each student that they be able to release their energy through outdoor activity. Students need to come to school dressed to play outside during recesses (hat, scarf, gloves/mittens, boots, etc.).

It is advisable for children to bring extra pants and socks in case they get wet. Being physically active during winter is an essential part of a healthy lifestyle. The school administration keeps a close eye on weather conditions, including wind chill. When conditions necessitate, students will remain inside for recess. When conditions allow, reduced outdoor recesses may take place. If a student is well enough to attend school, then he/she will be expected to go outside for recess.

## Lost and Found

We have a number of items in our lost and found box outside the caretakers' office. If your child is missing any items, please take a look at the box – we would like to find homes for everything. Parents, please take the time to look through these items while visiting the school for our Holiday concerts.

## Kindergarten Registration to Commence January 16, 2015

Kindergarten registration will commence on January 16, 2015 for the 2015-16 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.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 parents is being planned for this spring. For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact your local school.



## Environmental Corner

What is GOOS paper?

GOOS paper stands for Good On One Side paper. Instead of putting all of your paper in the recycling bin start a container for your GOOS paper. It is great for drawing on or writing quick notes. Doing this one small thing will be saving hundreds of trees.



### Snowballs

Now that we have had our first round of snow, we want to remind everyone of an important rule.



As you know, the safety of our students is our first priority therefore students are prohibited from throwing snowballs on school property as it could result in others getting hurt. We will remind our students on a regular basis of the importance of keeping snow on the ground and hope as parents, you will do the same at home. Students who do not follow this rule will have consequences ranging from missed recesses to being sent home depending on the number of incidents and the result of the incident. We're confident that our students will remember the rules and not have this happen.

Again, we would ask your cooperation by discussing the above policy with your child. Thank you.

### Be the Change

The Be the Change team is selling their first ever **Be the Change t-shirts** with the team logo on it! They come in four exciting colours for you to choose from! The cost of each t-shirt is \$15 and all proceeds will go towards building another school in Kenya. Come into the school to see the t-shirt designs and colours, which are shown on posters throughout the school. Don't wait because orders are **due by Friday, December 5th**.

Thank you for your support!

The Be the Change Team

## Help Your Child by Working as a School Partner

### Motivate your children

- ☐ Listen to your children. Talk to them about school work and school experiences. They need to know that you are serious about their school work and that it is important.
- ☐ Be a positive school supporter
- ☐ Review school work and discuss it with your children
- ☐ Praise their efforts

### Communicate with the teacher and school

- ☐ Know the school rules, program expectations and discipline policy
- ☐ Know any teacher expectations
- ☐ Attend parent/teacher conferences
- ☐ Attend special events
- ☐ Read school/class newsletters and teacher notes in the student agendas

### More ideas for helping your child

- ☐ Make your child a partner in the home – give him/her responsibilities
- ☐ Get your child a library card – this is a great outing you could do as a family
- ☐ Set a good example – be a life long learner yourself. Learning is life long. Do it together as a family

*\*\* taken from*

*"Parents are Teachers – A Parent's Guide",*

*Edmonton Public Schools*

## Character Rocket Rally

**November's character trait was Courage.** "We face challenges directly. We seek help from others when necessary. We do the right thing even when it may be unpopular. We are able to recognize risks and danger and do not take unwise risks to gain the approval of those around us."

### Congratulations to our **Courage** winners!

Ms. Robinson	JK/SK:	Shichi, Shaheer
Mrs. Smith	JK/SK:	Brayden, Erika
Mrs. Wilder	JK/SK:	Mason, Nathaniel
Mrs. West	JK/SK:	Dorgon, Kevin
Mrs. Whitten	SK/1:	Tyler, Chloe
Miss Neprily	1:	Tina, Chris
Ms. Murley	1:	Angelina, Rmaan
Mr. Gafar	2:	Seiji, Anjalika
Mr. Shubert	2:	Varshana, Sabriyya
Ms. Cavazon	2/3:	Richie, Aiman
Mrs. Cohen	3:	Alisha, Jason
Ms. Ramkissoon	4:	Piravena, Rishi
Ms. Buczkowski	4/5:	Aisha, Megha
Ms. McHardy	5:	Paige, Kadan
Mrs. Pickthall	5/6:	Mustafa, Jennifer
Mr. Brown	6/7:	Nikolas, Chloe
Mr. Yusuf	7:	Morseda, Advait
Ms. Zappitelli	8:	Tristan, Nesha
Miss Kung	CC:	Dhanyal
Mrs. Valkanis	CC:	Wikum



### In December, our focus is on Empathy.

We strive to sense and appreciate the emotions of others, to "stand in their shoes". We demonstrate appreciation of and concern for their feelings. We try to understand issues from their perspectives even though we may not agree with them personally.

## Little Rouge School Website

Don't forget to check out our Little Rouge School website. It is full of great information; necessary documents and forms, an up-to-date calendar, links to useful websites, news from the York Region School Board and more. It is our goal to keep our website current as your one stop source of information. Please have a look and your feedback is welcome.

<http://www.littlerouge.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca>



## From the Volleyball Court....



The Intermediate Girls' Volleyball team finished their season Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at the Area Tournament held at E. T. Crowle Public School. The girls put forth much effort throughout the season improving their bumps and serves. A huge thank you goes out to the parents who volunteered to drive to each event. Way to go GIRLS!!!



Your Coaches,  
Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Whitten, and Ms. De Bruijn

The Intermediate Boys' Volleyball team competed in the Area Volleyball Tournament at Legacy Public School on November 26<sup>th</sup>. The boys played aggressive, three hit volleyball which led them out of round robin play and into the quarter final game. Although the boys lost in the quarter final, they finished strong with a competitive presence that followed them all season long, leading up to the final tournament. Thanks for a great season boys! You have made Little Rouge proud! A special thanks to our parents who drove to the events all season long.



Your Coach,  
Ms. McHardy

### Triple P Tip of the Month ~ Self-Esteem

Children form views of themselves as a person, their value as an individual and how good they are at doing certain things as they grow up. It is important for parents to encourage children to be confident to develop healthy self esteem. This means children having a true sense of their strengths and weaknesses.

#### KEY STEPS:

- Praise your child's efforts and achievements
- Tell your child you care
- Help your child make friends
- Encourage your child to set goals, do things for themselves and assess their achievement
- Encourage your child to express their ideas and make decisions
- Help your child manage their feelings, think realistically and be optimistic
- Teach your child to solve problems for themselves



## French Immersion Information Sessions and Registrations

Information sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at Sam Chapman Public School on January 15, 2015 at 7 p.m. FI registration will begin January 16, 2015. In order to streamline the registration process, parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2015, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can visit or call the school office and request an *Office Index Card - short version*. The Office Index Card must be signed by the principal of the home school. Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to Sam Chapman Public School to register between January 16 and February 13, 2015. This eliminates the need to provide duplicate enrollment information or to pre-register.

YRDSB's FI Accommodation Plan provides long-term consistency and equity of access to all students in York Region and will enable YRDSB to continue to offer the FI program to all who wish to enrol. The FI program will be offered in Dual Track or Single Track settings, in a variety of configurations. In order to meet community needs and optimize available space in our schools, a community's Grade 1-8 FI program may be provided over more than one school during the course of a student's FI education. This will allow flexibility in addressing community needs and the opportunity to use existing space in schools. More information is available on the Board's website: [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca). Please note: Some of the FI accommodation plans will require facility modifications or the development of new schools and will require short-term transition plans that might include overflow while we work toward the long-term vision. Overflow refers to situations in which the Board directs students to attend a school other than their community school or optional program for a specific period of time, as defined in Policy #108.

### UPCOMING DATES:

Dec. 9	6:30 pm – K – 3 Holiday Concert
Dec. 11	6:30 pm – Grade 4 – 8 Holiday Concert
Dec. 15	Mr. Shubert's class to Outdoor Ed Centre
Dec. 16	Mr. Gafar's and Miss Tse's grade 2's to Outdoor Ed Centre
Dec. 17	Miss Ramkissoo's grade 4's <u>and</u> Miss Buczkowski's grade 4's to Outdoor Ed Centre
Dec. 18	Rocket Rally —Empathy
Dec. 18	Mr. Yusuf's and Mr. Brown's grade 7's to Outdoor Ed Centre
Dec. 22	Winter Break begins. Return to school on January 5th

