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Respect Honesty
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From the Principal's Desk



At Little Rouge our focus continues to be student achievement and well being. Throughout this year, and in previous years, you may hear your child talk about learning goals and success criteria. Learning goals are brief statements based on the Ontario Curriculum that clearly identify for students what they are expected to know and do. Success criteria allow students to understand what success "looks like" and how to achieve it. Success criteria allow students to assess their work and monitor their progress and are used by teachers to provide descriptive feedback. It is important that our students are actively engaged in the learning process. There are many ways you can support your child at home by talking about their learning. Some questions that you can ask are: "What did you learn more about today? What did you improve at? What steps did you take to get there? What do you think you need to learn more about? Why? How did your new learning connect with what you already know?" We thank you for being our partners in education.

School Council News



Just a reminder that our next School Council meeting will be held on January 16th at 7:00pm. All parents are welcome!

We have a few activities to look forward to in the New Year including the return of our Mathletes program on January 26th for parents and students. And once again, we are happy to partner with the Student Council to bring warm, delicious snacks to our students during the Winter Games. Parent Council will also continue to sponsor the Subway lunches in the New Year.

One quick reminder about our Investment in Education Fund: Please consider the Little Rouge Community in your holiday giving. All funds raised will go directly toward supporting programs in the school. Donations of \$20 or more will be receipted. (A reminder note will be coming home shortly with more details.) Thank you to those parents who have already given a donation. It is much appreciated. Stay tuned for other opportunities to get involved in the Little Rouge Community in the coming months.

During this Christmas Season, we wish everyone a very joyful, healthy and safe holiday as you celebrate with friends and family. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! See you in 2017!

*** SAVE THE DATE***

LRPS Holiday Concert "Winter Wonderland" will be held on Thursday, December 15th. Please note that this year's concert will be held during the day at two separate times. Your child may be performing in one or both of the concerts. A letter was recently sent home indicating which performance your child will be in along with ticket requests.

Message From Our Trustee

As we near the end of 2016, I hope everyone has had a great school year so far and found opportunities to get involved with the life of the school.

It is wonderful to have opportunities to see not only what our students are learning, but to see how they are learning – collaborating and problem solving, using technology in exciting new ways, and engaged in hands-on activities.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the dedicated staff members, students, families and community members across our Board. Thanks to all of the great people we have in our system, we continue to advance student achievement and well-being.

Our Board continues to have a strong commitment to creating welcoming, inclusive learning environments that enable all of our students to thrive. Engaging families in your child's education and the school community is in an important part of creating that environment.

There are resources for families available on our Board website at www.yrdsb.ca/parents, including information on Board programs and supports, and tips for parents to support your child's learning at home and at school.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy holiday season and a wonderful start to 2017. I hope you are able to enjoy time with family and friends.

Allan Tam



From the Volleyball Court....



The **Intermediate Girls Volleyball team** finished their season on Monday, November 21st at the Area Tournament held at E.T. Crowle PS. The girls had an amazing day getting their serves over and returning the ball. They won 1 game and lost 2 well played games. The coaches were really proud of the way they played. Congratulations to everyone for a great season. **Way to go GIRLS!!**

Your Coaches, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Whitten



The **Intermediate Boys Volleyball team** competed the following day in their Area Tournament at Sam Chapman PS. The Boys fought hard and played consistent three hit volleyball during round robin play but fell just short, not advancing to the final round. Nevertheless, the boys should be extremely proud of a very successful season, and the coaches would like to congratulate the entire team on their drive, determination, and sportsmanship. **Way to go BOYS!!**

Your Coaches, Mrs. Lemmon and Mr. Williams

Also a special 'shout out' goes to Alexandra and Carlton who put forth much effort over the past years and have improved immensely. They received a T-shirt from Unity Volleyball to commend them on their wonderful attitude and great achievement. Well done!!

REMEMBRANCE DAY - NOVEMBER 11th



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 staff members for their contributions and preparing the students for this special event. Thank you to Ms. Cavazzon, Miss Ducas and Ms. Zappitelli for all their work organizing this special event.

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.

Be the Change

The Be the Change team is hard at work getting prepared to host Little Rouge's movie day on December 20th. If you haven't already, you can still donate \$2 until December 9th.

Also, the team is learning about being empathetic to people less fortunate than themselves, and learning about ways they can help out in their community over the holidays. Parents can help by discussing with their children the value of empathy and giving back to their community.

All the best over the holidays,

The BTC team

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.ca>



Cold Weather is on the Way

Please make sure your child(ren) dress(es) appropriately for the upcoming cold, winter weather. Warm boots, socks, pants, sweaters, coats, hats, mittens and scarves tucked inside the coat are very important for children of all ages to wear. Children will be expected to be outside during recess and lunch, so please make sure they are dressed for the weather.



As well, since we have approximately **500** students here at Little Rouge, and many children wear the same brands, colours and sizes of clothing, it would be very helpful if your child's name could be printed in ink in boots and labels of clothing. If your child has lost any items, please check our Lost and Found box just outside the Caretaker's office. It is always a good idea to send extra clothing with younger students as accidents do happen or they get wet on the way to school with rain or snow.

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 in the box - we would like to find homes for everything.

ROCKET RALLY NOVEMBER 4As RECIPIENTS



Active Living

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Sanaa	SK
Ryan W.	5
Kira	7

Achievement

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Graceann	SK
Jayden F	SK
Lucas H	SK
Lucas A	SK
Eshal	1
Everleigh	1
Jia	1
Lucas P	1
Mika	2
Aruthee	3
Harkomal	3
Averie	4
Isabelle R	4
Nathan T	5
Anjali	6
Brandon C	6
Evelyn	6
Rishi	6
Samantha K	7
Matthew L	7
Rajith	7
Nicolas L	8
Zayn	8

Attitude

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Edison	JK
Kaliyah	JK
Abena	SK
Annabelle	SK
Katelyn	SK
Tavneer	SK
Ethan	1
Kavin	1 (October Recipient)
Lucas H	1
Raghav	1
Rizwan	1
Ava	2
Benjamin	2
Marissa	2
Yaser	3
Ashvina	4
Jessica	5
Nayana	5
Amna	6
Brandon C	6
Bryan	6
Isadora	8
Nicolas L	8
Nyara	8

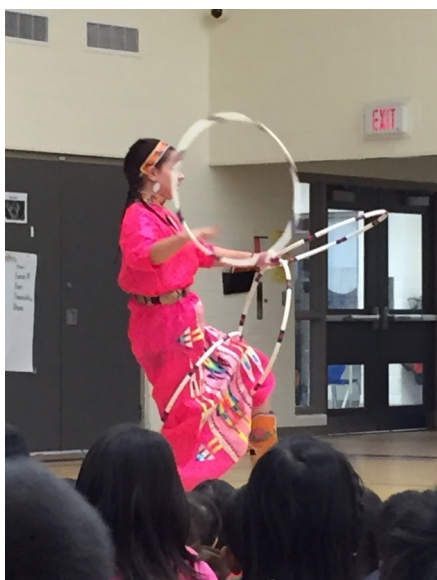
Arts

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Kaylee	SK
Mercedes	SK
Dean	1
Anna	2
Abia	3
Ieuan	3
Siri	3
Ryan	6
Tanvi	6

Turtle Island Performance

On November 15th, 2016, 'Tribal Vision' came to our school. They are a group who deliver Arts Education to Ontario schools, specializing in Native dance. Their performance was called 'Turtle Island' because many years ago, North America (the land they lived on) was shaped like a turtle. In this performance, we learned about how their costumes were made with different materials such as eagle, turkey and chicken feathers, porcupine fur and tobacco cans. They performed different types of dances in beautiful, colourful costumes using props such as hoops to make different shapes (Mickey Mouse, alligator, eagle, Earth, etc.). These hoops together represent unity – the way all different religions, cultures and races work together. Without unity, we would have nothing. This performance helped our class learn more about Communities in Canada from 1780-1850, which is the Social Studies unit we are learning about. The First Nations peoples were the first to live on the land we now call home, so it is important to honour them. For more information about Tribal Vision, go to www.tribalvisiondance.com.

Written by: Teresa, Ajeeni, Aruthee, Nidhi and Siri (Grade 3)



SCHOOL BUS CANCELLATION NOTICE DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

School bus service may be cancelled from time to time due to inclement weather and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements. Since busing schedules begin by 7:00 a.m. or earlier, all cancellation decisions must be made by 6:00 a.m. to ensure the safety of our students. Cancellation decisions are made by the Board and will only be made after thorough consultation with school bus companies servicing York Region.

Please note: If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents in the morning will need to be picked up by parents at the end of the school day.

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

RADIO AM Stations - 590, 640, 680, 860, 1010, 1050, 102.1, 1540, 1580,
FM Stations - 88.5, 89.9, 92.5, 93.1, 94.1, 94.9, 95.9, 97.3, 98.1, 99.1, 99.9, 101.1, 104.5, 100.7, 107.1
TELEVISION CITY TV, THE A-CHANNEL, CFTO TV, THE WEATHER NETWORK, GLOBAL

A bus cancellation message will also be available at www.schoolbuscity.com and by calling 1-877-330-3001.



Safety Awareness and Preparedness

The York Region District School Board is committed to providing safe learning environments for all students. Throughout the course of the year, all schools in the York Region District School Board conduct emergency preparedness exercises. To date, we have already conducted three of six fire drills and one of our two practice Lockdown Drills. In advance of our first drill, we reviewed protocols during an emergency with all students so that they understand the purpose and know what to expect.

Golden Garbage Can Design Winners !

Recently a contest was held for all students interested in entering their designs for the 'new' Golden Garbage Can. We could not narrow it down to just one design so it was decided that four designs would be chosen. These winners will work together and take elements from each of their designs to come up with one final design for the new Golden Garbage Can.

The winners are:

Abigail in Mrs. Chaudhary's class

Ashani in Mr. Yusuf's class

Jesslyn and Averie in Ms. Zappitelli's class

Isabel in Ms. Cavazzon's Class



The 'new' can will be presented at the Rocket Rally in December.

Congratulations!

UPCOMING DATES:

Dec. 15	<p>Holiday Concerts - see letter sent home</p> <p>Concert #1: 11:10am-12:50pm</p> <p>Concert #2: 1:50pm-3:20pm</p>
Dec. 20	<p>Movie Day for students (p arents are invited to come)</p> <p>9:20am-10:00am - (Community class, Kindergartens, Grade 1)</p> <p>11:15am-12:45pm - (Grades 2, 3, and 4)</p> <p>1:55pm-3:25pm - (Grades 5, 6, 7, and 8)</p>
Dec. 22	Rocket Rally, 11:15am
Dec. 24 –Jan. 8	Winter Break (Happy Holidays to everyone)
Jan. 9	Welcome back to school for 2017
Jan. 16	School Council Meeting, 7:00pm

Happy
Holidays!