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From the Principal's Desk



As the year draws to a close, we can look back at all the events that have taken place at Little Rouge. Our students have had an exciting and productive year. We are very proud of their accomplishments and appreciate the support and cooperation of our parents and community. We truly are working together to make Little Rouge, "A Great Place to Be"!

The end of the school year always brings with it many changes. Grade 8 students leave for high school and make way for a new group of junior kindergarten students. It is also a time when we say good-bye to staff members as they move onto new positions and different challenges and welcome new staff to our school.



Ms. Rebeiro, our wonderful Child and Youth Worker (CYW) will be joining the staffs of Highgate and Milliken Mills P.S. in September. The students and staff at Little Rouge will miss her dedication, friendly smile and wonderful manner with our children, particularly those in Kindergarten and our Community class. We wish her all the best at her new schools.



Ms. Eaton, from Aurora Senior Public School, who will be joining our Special Education team. Ms Kaul, from Unionville Meadows, who will be joining our Special Education/Community Class team.

Both of these teachers come to Little Rouge with a variety of skills and experiences and we look forward to them joining our staff.



A very special welcome to Mr. Valentim who will be joining our school as Vice-Principal in September. He will be at Little Rouge for half of his time and at Unionville P.S. for the other half.

Mr. Valentim has been Vice-Principal at Randall P.S. for the past 2 years. He comes to us very highly recommended. Mr. Valentim has had a variety of teaching and leadership experiences in his career with a particular interest in the areas of Science, the Arts and Technology. He has taught a number of grades, with many years being spent in the intermediate division. We look forward to working with him in September!

Character Matters!

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| Respect | Honesty |
| Empathy | Fairness |
| Initiative | Courage |
| Integrity | |
| Optimism | |
| Perseverance | |
| Responsibility | |



GRADE 8 GRADUATION



Congratulations to our Grade 8 graduating class who will be having their ceremony on Tuesday, June 23rd. Thank you to the parents and other guests who will be coming to support the graduates. I know they will really appreciate it. Thank you as well to the staff who organized, set up and will participate in the graduation. The event could not happen without you. Thank you also to the parents who helped to organize and setup the reception for the grads and their families. Much appreciated!

Best wishes to our Grade 8's as they enter high school in September. Be sure to come back and let us know how you are doing.

Eco News

Congratulations to Little Rouge for our many efforts to make our school and community a little bit "greener"! All of our hard work earned us a **SILVER certification** from Ontario EcoSchools this year.

Way to go Rockets!

June 25, 2015 Dismissal



As per the letter that went home with students on June 1, the planned early release for students on June 25 is cancelled. **On Thursday, June 25, 2015 schools will be open and classroom instruction will continue for the entire normal school day.** Friday, June 26, 2015 will remain a PA Day.

Student Medication Pick Up

If your child has a supply of medication or an Epipen or Puffer at school in the office, please arrange to pick it up on the last day of school.

Thank you!



School Bus Information



Please go to schoolbuscity.com in August for a complete listing of bus stops in your area. Your child will be automatically put on a bus list according to your address and eligibility for bussing. All students who reside in homes south of Hwy7 are eligible for bussing. You do not have to pre arrange. If for any reason your child will not be taking the bus, please advise the teacher during the first week of school.

June's Character Trait was Optimism.

"We maintain a positive attitude. We look on the brighter side of situations. We are able to see opportunities even in the face of adversity. We have hope for the future."

We will be congratulating all of our winners and publishing their names in our September Newsletter.

So be sure to check it out!



Little Rouge PS Schedule

School Starts	9:00 am
Recess	10:40—11:10
Lunch	12:50—1:50
Dismissal	3:30 pm

Elementary International Languages Program 2015-2016

- **First day of classes** begin the week of September 18th to 24th, 2015.
- **New student registration** (New registrants must submit a copy of the Birth Certificate) begins the week of September 11th to 17th, 2015. Site locations, registration time and dates listed on the Yellow Flyer.
- **Pre-registered students** are to attend the first day of classes beginning the week of September 18th to 24th, 2015.

Parent requests for information (CRA, etc) Summer Process

During the summer months all requests from parents for records and information related to CRA Tax Benefit applications, etc will be handled by our Community Education Centre. For more information contact: 905-940-7800.

First Day of School Procedures

On the first day of school (September 8th), there will be signs posted on the school windows at the back of the school with the different grades on them, e.g., grade 1, grade 4. Before the bell rings, there will be teachers outside with orange vests who will have class lists on clipboards. You can give them your child's name and the teacher will be able to tell you what class your child is in. When the bell goes, student should line up by themselves (without their parents) at their grade level sign. We are asking that parents stand back from the signs and the lines so that the teachers can organize the children and ensure that all the children are put safely into their classes. Thank you for your understanding with this process. Once the teachers have their students, they will be escorted to their classrooms. This procedure applies to grade 1 – 8 students. The SK students will go to the Kindergarten pen and the teachers will direct them to their appropriate class and line. The JK students will be coming later in the day on September 8th to meet their teacher.

Parents are asked to say good-bye to their children outside the school.

We do not want parents coming into the school or classrooms due to crowds and safety issues. We appreciate your support with this process.

If it is raining on the first day of school, the students will be taken into the gym to be assigned to their classroom teachers.

At lunch (if your child/children are going home) and after school, please wait outside the school for your child/children to be dismissed. Again, we thank you in advance for your support with this.

The Importance of Daily Reading



It is very important to encourage your child to keep reading during the summer. Many children find it difficult to get back on track with their reading come September. Some research has suggested that students who are already having difficulty with reading, get even farther behind during the summer months. The summer is also a great opportunity for avid readers to finally get to read the books of their choosing. It is very beneficial to keep a log or a journal of what your child reads as this helps them to see their progress. It also helps you when you are talking to them about their reading. Your child can also record his/her ideas and thoughts about what he/she has read on tape, on the computer, or on an on-line blog.

Here are websites with printable reading logs for your fridge! <http://christianadhd.com/readinglog-butterflies.jpg>
<http://christianadhd.com/readinglog-watermelon.jpg>

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.

The winner of the 'Golden Garbage Can' award for June will be published in the September newsletter.

So be sure to check it out!



Join Us for our 1st School Council Meeting of the Year!



Monday, September 21, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m. in the Library
Elections to be held for the 2015-2016 Executive Committee

The School Council provides an invaluable service to the school and the community. Its role is to act in an advisory capacity to the Principal and to represent the parent community by bringing the parent perspective to the discussion table. Serving on Council provides you with the opportunity to learn about the inner workings of the school and it provides you with a voice in the decision making process – ***decisions which may impact your child!***

As we move into the new school year, we will need to establish a new executive committee, consisting of a Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. We also need to establish a General Membership. Below is a brief overview of each of the positions:

Chair:

- Call Council meeting and organize the Agenda with input from the Principal
- Chair the meetings; facilitate committee work
- Communicate with the Principal on a regular basis regarding school issues
- Ensure that minutes are recorded, parents are consulted, fundraising meets Board policies, and the council Constitution is reviewed annually

Treasurer:

- Maintain accurate records of financial transactions (this is now done with the school's Administrative Assistant as all funds go through the Board's Cash Net System)
- Provide a Financial Report to Council at each meeting

Secretary:

- Record the minutes of the meetings
- Provide a write-up of the minutes to members within 2 weeks of the meeting
- Ensure minutes are passed at the next meeting and amended as needed
- Post on school's website and for public viewing

General Membership:

- Maintain a school-wide perspective on issues
- Regularly attend school council meetings
- Participate in information and training programs
- Act as a link between the school council and the community
- Encourage the participation of all parents
- Participate on sub-committees that support the school's goals and contribute to a positive school climate for your children

If you are interested in any of these positions, please complete the nomination form in the start up package which goes home the first day of school. Elections or acclamations will occur at our first Council meeting on Monday, September 21, 2015. *Even if you are not interested in an official position on Council, we invite you to come out to our meeting on Monday – it will be a great opportunity for you to get a 'feel' for our school!*

Help make our school a place where your child loves to be!

Track and Field



We had an amazing Track and Field Day at our school, where the Grades 4-8 students participated in a variety of running and field events. Winners of each event were invited to compete at the York Region Area East North Track and Field. We had 59 students represent Little Rouge P.S. at the Area meet!

Congratulations for qualifying for our Area meet goes to Stewart Coleman, Eric Kocsis, Ethan Elias, Ryan DeLeon, Rishi Vattam, Tasneem Ali, Bilal Haider, Evelyn Li, Jenny Zhu, Mona Yue, Yannis Cheung, Onis Hawley, Ashley Bazzano, Brendan Russell, Hadi Naqvi, Rajith Rajkumar, Jax Nasimok, Denis Satmari, Henrick Fan, Abigail Lam, Jazmine Aquino, Ashlyn Wong, Sameera Lakhani, Jessie He, Abiramie Kamalanathan, Mikaela Himanen, Zayn Alli, Carlton Au, Nikolas Munro, Nathan Ngo, Jayden Shippey, Jacob Kwan, Nicolas Loeng, Chloe Coleman, Ronnie Tam, Alexandra Savva, Keziah John, Izzah Syed, Sean Simpson, Russell Minard, Justin Wong, Sadiq Hussein, Christian Bradley-Tennisco, Jackie Zhou, Rochelle Li, Sasha Felthman, Joey Lee, Elhama Rezai, Kayla Lima, Anthony Chao, Arnold Au, Ben Feng, Taahaa Ali, Eric Loeng, Loic Tagne, Jeffrey Luu, Jason Chen, Rina Chan and Jennifer Peng!

The York Region meet took place on June 17th. Our qualifying athletes, Ronnie Tam (high jump), Arnold Au (100m), Sadiq Hussein (high jump), Bilal Haider (high jump), Yannis Cheung (high jump), Chloe Coleman (200m) and Russell Minard (1500m) competed against the first and second place athletes from each of the eight York Region Area meets. Congratulations to all of them for competing against the best track and field athletes in all of York Region! Special mention goes to Chloe for winning 2nd place in the 200m and to Sadiq Hussein for winning 1st place in high jump!



Way to Go Rockets!



Trustee Greeting

As the 2014-15 school year winds down, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize our parents and guardians for their ongoing support of our students throughout the year. We know that parents are our most important partners when it comes to educating your children. Good schools become better schools when they are connected with parents and families.

During the year, I hope you have had the opportunity to enjoy some of the many student performances, sporting events and cultural celebrations that take place in schools across our region. These events would not take place without the support of our school staff. I would like to thank the staff for their work to support student achievement and well-being.

Allan Tam



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Helpful Student Transportation Tips for Parents/Guardians

Please consider the following helpful tips and suggestions when preparing for your child to ride the bus to and from school:

- * Often parents want to drive children to school on the first day. STS recommends that if you drive your children to school the first day, you also pick them up from school.
- * Communicate any changes to daycare locations to your child's school prior to the start of the school year to ensure your child is placed on the correct bus.
- * Ensure your grade JK-1 child has a Safe Rider sticker affixed to their backpack to help ensure they are dropped-off at the correct bus stop locations.
- * JK, SK and Grade 1 students must be met at the bus stop by a parent/guardian.
- * Keep current phone numbers records and emergency contact details with the school office.
- * Record the bus company and route # for your child and keep in a safe and accessible place.
- * Have an alternative arrangement for your child should unexpected circumstances such as traffic delay or any other emergency occurs.

Student Transportation Services of York Region would like to thank you for your cooperation as we continually focus on providing safe, efficient transportation for students.

SEPTEMBER SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION NOTICE

Each summer, Student Transportation Services of York Region (STSYR) makes adjustments to bus route schedules to accommodate new students and new school openings. As a result, some students may experience changes in their bus schedule or route number. Please confirm bus stop service for September by checking www.schoolbuscity.com as of August 19. If you are unable to find the information you require, please contact your school.

During the first two weeks of school, students should arrive at their bus stop *ten minutes early*. After this, students are asked to arrive 5 minutes early as each bus route develops its regular routine and service times

TRANSPORTATION ELIGIBILITY

In accordance with Board policies, transportation is provided for students who live within their designated Home School attendance area and outside their grade appropriate Non-Transportation Zone. Transportation eligibility changes throughout a student's school career. **Please note students currently in Grade 3 and Grade 8 who use school bus service may see a change in their eligibility as they transition to Grade 4 and Grade 9.**

Eligibility JK- Grade 8

- All YRDSB students in JK - Grade 3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are **not eligible** for transportation.
- All YRDSB students in Grades 4 - 8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are **not eligible** for transportation.

Eligibility Grade 9-12

- All YRDSB students in Grades 9 - 12 who live within a transit served area are **not eligible** for transportation.

Parents of students entering Grade 4 and Grade 9 may confirm their transportation eligibility by accessing the Bus Stop Information tab at www.schoolbuscity.com . Students not eligible for transportation who wish to obtain York Region Transit information should visit their website at www.yrt.ca or phone 1-866-668-3978.



**Have a wonderful and safe summer!
See you on September 8th!!!**