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Character Matters!

Respect Honesty
Empathy Fairness
Initiative Courage
Integrity
Optimism
Perseverance
Responsibility



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 on to new positions and different challenges and welcome new staff to our school.

Congratulations and Best Wishes

Congratulations and best wishes to **Ms. West** who is retiring at the end of June. The Kindergarten children will miss her pleasant manner and good sense of humour. She always made sure the students received a fabulous program full of inquiries and great learning opportunities. We wish her all the best as she volunteers, continues her keen interest in photography and works on her quilting.

Congratulations and best wishes to **Mrs. Wilder** who is also retiring at the end of June. In her time at Little Rouge she has taught Kindergarten, grade 1 and library. The students will miss her welcoming smile and friendly conversations as they arrive each morning. She has always provided fantastic hands-on learning programs for her classes where they had chances to try new things. We wish her well in her retirement as she travels with her husband, continues her running and yoga, and learns horseback riding.

Welcomes

Welcome to **Mrs. Stacie Gangbar** who is joining our Special Education staff. She comes to us from Stonebridge P.S. and brings a wealth of experience and skills in Special Education which will be a great addition to our Little Rouge community. Mrs. Gangbar is excited to be returning to Little Rouge as she taught here a number of years ago as a long term occasional teacher.

Welcome to **Ms. Krystal Chung** who is joining our staff to teach in the primary division. She comes to us from Roselawn P.S. Her skills, including those in technology and differentiated instruction, will support our students in their achievement and our staff in their learning.

Welcome to **Miss Andrea Rose** who is joining us as a FDK (full day Kindergarten) teacher. She is joining us from Fairwood P.S. where she has been teaching FDK. Her training in Levelled Literacy Intervention and experience in different schools will be a great benefit to our students and staff.

Welcome to **Mrs. Ashley Eisenberger** who is coming to Little Rouge as a teacher in our primary division. She is happy to be back at Little Rouge where she has taught a number of students for the past couple of years. Her experience with various grade levels and her skills in the arts, particularly dance, will be great assets to our school.

Eco News

Congratulations to Little Rouge for our many efforts to make our school and community a little bit "greener"! All the hard work earned us a " **GOLD** certification " from Ontario Eco-Schools this year. A special thank you to the Eco team headed by Mrs. Lagerquist and Ms. Vandebeek for leading our school to this great award.

WAY TO GO ROCKETS !



Regional Track & Field

On Wednesday June 21st, three of our student-athletes traveled to Stouffville Arena to compete in the Regional Track and Field meet. In order to compete in this event, athletes must have placed in the top two at the Area meet earlier this month. Representing Little Rouge at this intense competition was **Jesslyn from grade 4**, who competed in Standing Long Jump, **Tasneem from grade 6**, who competed in Triple Jump, and **Trenyce from grade 8**, who competed in Shot Put. The students did an outstanding job and showed their Rocket pride, even under great stress and when faced with steep competition. We are very proud of them and hope to see an equally good showing from our future track athletes next year!

Way to go everyone!



School Assistant Positions for September 2017

If you are interested in working as a School Assistant, please contact the school office at 905-202-5960.

This is a paid position over our lunch hour which is from 12:50-1:50 pm.

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.

First Day of School Procedures

On the first day of school (September 5th), 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 5th 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.

School Council News

Another year has come to an end! We are so grateful for all the parent volunteers who continue to give of their time and energy to make LRPS a great community!

This year, parents have contributed financially as well as to the everyday life of the school. Thank you to our volunteer readers, our parents who have helped on field trips, those who have supported school spirit activities and Subway lunches and those who have helped in the classrooms and with our extra-curricular activities. As a result of the financial contributions this year we've been able to do the following: assist with the cost of Jungle Sport, host a Mathletes night, purchase more math manipulatives and KEVA blocks, basketballs for the gym, additional outdoor play equipment, invest in CODING materials, gifts for our grade 8 graduates, purchase art supplies and musical instruments. Little Rouge is a better place because of parents and their partnership with staff, students and administration to provide the best possible school experience for our children. May I encourage you over the summer to consider how you might become involved next year? There IS more to being involved than just attending School Council meetings. You might consider other ways to become involved: volunteering for events, participating in fundraisers, helping out with our volunteer reading program... Keep your eyes open for ways that you can become involved and make a difference at LRPS!

To our grade 8 graduates, we wish you all the best as you move on to high school. We hope you take with you some wonderful memories from your time at Little Rouge.

To our staff and administration, thank you for your work with our children and partnering with us! We look forward to a new school year in September! We extend a special thank you and farewell to Ms. West and Mrs. Wilder who are moving on to a new and exciting stage of life: RETIREMENT!! Thank you both for your work with our very young students. You will be greatly missed!

On behalf of School Council we wish everyone a safe, healthy and happy summer!

Eva Himanen and Kim Stewart
School Council Co-Chairs



Little Rouge PS Schedule

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

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 JUNE**, the 'Golden Garbage Can' award was presented to **Mr. Gafar's class!**

Congratulations!





ROCKET RALLY JUNE 4As RECIPIENTS



Active Living

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Jonathan	SK
Owen	SK
Bernice	1
Salma	1
Florielyn	4
Nathan W.	5



Attitude

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Ethan	JK
Mikyle	JK
Zachary	JK
Annabelle	SK
Arya	SK
Kaleb	SK
Marcus	SK
Mia	SK
Sahar	SK
BerniceT.	1
Angad	2
Rima	2
Mr. Shubert's class	2/3
Ajeeni	3
Amber	3
Jimmy	3
Sage	3
Wendy	3
Sammi	4
Shajiev	4
Jayalee	5
Justin L.	5
Catherine	7
Jessie	7
Aislinn	8
Nivethan	8

Achievement

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Kurtis	JK
Ashrita	SK
Lucas	SK
Noah	SK
Lucas P	1
Nirushan	1
Quinton	1
Shichi	1
Chala	2
Mika	2
Muhammad	2
Abdullah	3
Affaah	3
Jimmy	3
Tyler	3
Henry S.	4
Tina	4
Aiman	5
Anson L.	5
Aryana	5
Gilbert	5
Anjali	6
Mona	6
Ahmad	7
Mitchell	7

Arts

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Avery	JK
Chloee T.	JK
Ellen	SK
Pauline	SK
Ruby	SK



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

Monday, October 2, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m. in the Library
Elections to be held for the 2017-2018 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, October 2, 2017. *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!



Garden Club News!



Check out our front garden at Little Rouge! Our garden club members worked hard to plant a variety of perennials to attract bees and butterflies in the hopes of increasing their population in our community. We had a beautiful afternoon and lots of fun getting our "hands dirty"! The team will continue to maintain our garden until the end of the school year. Ms. Vandebek and Mrs. Lagerquist would like to extend a BIG THANKS to all our members!!

Special thanks also to our community supporters: Ieuen's mom and Nicholas' (JK) mom, thanks for bringing in some plants and helping with planting! Jax's mom and dad, thanks for your plant contributions! Once again, thanks to Mr. Spong and the Home Depot for their generous donations of plants. Have a wonderful and "GREEN" summer!!





Student Transportation Services of York Region
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Web site: www.schoolbuscity.com

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 location.
- JK, SK and Grade 1 students must be met at the bus stop by a parent/guardian.
- Keep current phone numbers and emergency contact details with the school office.
- Record the bus company name 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 information for September by checking www.schoolbuscity.com as of August 21. 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 *10 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 Find Your Bus Stop tab at www.schoolbuscity.com www.yrt.ca . Students not eligible for transportation who wish to obtain York Region Transit information should visit their website at or phone 1-866-668-3978.



Have a wonderful and safe summer!
See you on September 5th!!!