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Respect    Honesty  
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# Little Rouge P.S.

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

As you are aware, I am leaving Little Rouge to become the Principal at William Armstrong P.S. as of this September.

I have really enjoyed my years at Little Rouge and have appreciated working with your children, the staff and you, the families. Little Rouge is a lovely school and I will miss many things including:

- The students' wonderful manners and friendly good mornings every day in the hallways
- The students' successes in the classrooms and beyond
- The staff and all the hard work they do to support the students' academics and well-being
- The students' and staff's good sense of humour and all the help they have given me over the past 4 ½ years
- The families who shared positive thoughts, both verbally and in writing, with me about how pleased they are with the school and their children's achievements – positive partnerships are so important

Best wishes to all of you. I am confident that Little Rouge's successes will continue under the leadership of Mr. Demacio and Mrs. Girdler. Best wishes to all of you for a wonderful summer and a new school year in the fall.

## Congratulations and Best Wishes

Congratulations and best wishes to **Ms Campbell** who has taken a new position in the Board as an Itinerant Transition/Guidance teacher. We will miss her skills and experience in junior/intermediate and Special Education but we know she will do a fabulous job in her new role supporting intermediate staff and students in the Markham area.

Best wishes to **Mrs. Bower** who has been running the music program at Little Rouge this year. She has done a fantastic job with the classroom program, bands and ensembles and the Arts performance. We wish her all the best as she continues in her teaching career in YRDSB!

Best wishes to **Mrs. Pragalathan**, our DECE in Room 103, who is moving to another DECE position at Aldergrove P.S. She has done a great job with our youngest students and we wish her well as she goes to a school closer to her home to support their Kindergarten program.

## Welcomes

Welcome to **Ms Welikala** who is joining us to teach in the primary division. She comes to us from Sir John A. Macdonald and brings a lot of experience in primary and the area of English as a Second Language which will be a great addition to our Little Rouge community.

Welcome to **Mrs. Bolhuis** who is joining our staff to teach Core French. She comes to us from Parkview P.S. where she has taught French and prep coverage for a number of years. Mrs. Bolhuis is currently on maternity leave so she will be joining us in March. In the meantime, an LTO will be hired to cover her French classes until then. We look forward to her joining us next spring.

## Track & Field



Congratulations to all of our athletes who competed at the Track and Field Area meet on June 11th! All of our students represented Little Rouge well demonstrating great sportsmanship throughout the day and we are very proud of them. As a school, we did very well at the event with Celia placing 5th in 400m, Henry placing 1st in ball throw, Maggie placing 2nd in 100m and running long jump, Davan placing 4th in 400m, Jayla placing 4th in high jump and 3rd in triple jump, Nicole placing 2nd in 200m, Joshua 6th in 400m, Ali placing 5th in high jump, Tasneem placing 1st in triple jump, Nakelia placing 3rd in shot put, Kira placing 4th in high jump, Eumika placing 6th in standing long jump, Hadi placing 5th in high jump, Jax placing 4th in triple jump, Christin placing 2nd in triple jump, Rowen placing 5th in 800m and 6th in 400m, Sophie placing 4th in high jump, Jacob placing 6th in high jump, and Anjalika placing 1st in standing long jump and 2nd in running long jump!

The York Region Track and Field meet took place on June 19th. Our qualifying athletes, Maggie Chung (100m, running long jump), Nicole Lee (200m), Anjalika Nandy (running long jump, standing long jump), Christin Cao (triple jump), Henry Scott (ball throw) and Tasneem Alli (triple jump) competed against the first and second place athletes from each of the York Region Area meets. Congratulations to all of them for competing amongst the best track and field athletes in all of York Region! Special mention goes to Maggie Chung for winning 2nd place in both of her events, Anjalika Nandy for winning 5th place in standing long jump and to Henry Scott for winning 4th place in ball throw! **Way to go Rockets! Congratulations everyone!**

## First Day of School Procedures

**On the first day of school (September 4th)**, 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.

**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 !**

### Outdoor Classroom

We are looking forward to seeing our **Outdoor Classroom** construction begin. This should happen in the next couple of months.



Thank you once again to the parents who provided nice cold treats to the staff for "Staff Appreciation" in June. We really enjoyed them especially on such a warm day! It was very thoughtful of everyone!

Also thank you to those parents who organized the Subway Lunches this year and helped distribute them. This was very much appreciated.

### 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.

### 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 winner of the '**Golden Garbage Can**' award will be shared in the **September newsletter**.

\* 4A's Recipients for June will be shared in the September Newsletter as well. \*



# Join Us for our 1<sup>st</sup> School Council Meeting of the Year!

**Monday, October 1, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m. in the Library**  
**Elections to be held for the 2018-2019 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 1, 2018. *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. The team will continue to water our garden daily until the end of the school year. Ms. Vandebek and Mrs. Lagerquist would like to extend a BIG THANKS to all our members!! Also a special thank you to our parent helpers: Teuen's mom and Calvin's mom. Have a wonderful and "GREEN" summer everyone!!!



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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 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](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) as of August 20. 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](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) [www.yrt.ca](http://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.

## **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, contribute to the outdoor classroom, purchase equipment for our arts productions, purchase equipment for outdoor play, and gifts for our grade 8 graduates. 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. You will be missed!

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. Dodds as she moves on to a new school next year. We are certain that William Armstrong will be the most well organized school in York Region! We welcome Mrs. Girdler as our full time Vice Principal. We look forward to her joining our administrative staff. Mr. Demacio is no stranger to us. But we are very excited to have him as our Principal! We are looking forward to great things under his leadership!

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

Eva Himanen and Laura Rowe  
School Council Co-Chairs

## ***Intermediate Band at Wonderland !***



On June 8th, the Intermediate Band (composed of grade 6-8 students) participated in the Music Festival at Canada's Wonderland. Arriving at 10:00 in the morning, they played in Wonderland's International Showplace. Their selections included three pieces (Pirates of the Caribbean, Mission Impossible and Handclap). The adjudicator had many glowing comments about how the band played with great musicality and worked together really well as an ensemble. The rest of the day, band members enjoyed the park, going on rides and eating treats. We're very proud of their accomplishments this year, and we look forward to more next year! Well done Intermediate Band !

### ***Elementary International Languages Program 2018-2019***

***First day of classes begin the week of September 14-20, 2018***

***New student registration (New registrants must submit a copy of the Birth Certificate) begins the week of September 7-13, 2018. Site locations, registration time and dates are listed on the yellow flyer.***

***Pre-registered students are to attend the first day of classes beginning the week of September 14-20.***

**Have a wonderful and safe summer!  
See you on September 4th!!!**

