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Character Matters!

Respect	Honesty
Empathy	Fairness
Initiative	Courage
Integrity	
Optimism	
Perseverance	
Responsibility	



From the Principal's Desk



Welcome back to everyone as we begin 2015. We hope you all had a great break and have returned refreshed and rejuvenated. Our term is well underway and exciting things continue to happen in all of our classroom programs. These excellent programs continue to happen because of our dedicated staff, supportive parents and involved and enthusiastic students. Thanks to everyone for continuing to make Little Rouge, a "Great Place to Be".

One of the key factors that influence student achievement is the amount of time students spend reading. We encourage students to read every day. Family members play an important role in developing literacy skills for students of all ages. Young students acquire reading skills when an adult helps them understand the reading process through daily practise. When young children are read to they learn much about how reading works. Older students benefit from hearing more difficult texts when an adult reads to them. All students develop the ability to understand what they have read by discussing text and making connections between what they have read and their own personal worlds. Oral conversation about a variety of topics increases our students' abilities to make sense of the reading that they do. Research also shows that when students see their parents reading on a regular basis they develop a positive attitude towards literacy. We can never underestimate the power we all have to advance the skills of the children in our lives.

French Immersion Information Session and Registration

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. 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.

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.).

Being physically active during winter is an essential part of a healthy lifestyle. This includes remaining outside for 30 minutes at both morning and lunch recess. With severe weather conditions, reduced outdoor recesses or indoor recesses may take place. This decision is made on a day by day basis and would typically occur, according to school board policy, at about the -20 °C mark (with wind chill). Please ensure that your child(ren) come to school with extra clothes as it is easier to take off a layer if they get too hot than it is to put on a layer they may not have if they get cold. Also, please pack extra socks and pants so your child will have something to change into if they should happen to get wet.

Are you too sick to go outside at Recess?

Thank you to everyone who follows our school rule that states if you are too sick to go out for recess, you are too sick to attend school. Please note that supervision is not available for students to remain in classrooms nor at the office during recess times if they are ill. If your child attends school, he or she will be expected to go outside at both morning and lunch recess.



Lost and Found Items

Lost and Found items will be displayed in our front foyer on Wednesday January 14th and Thursday January 15th. Students and families are welcome and indeed encouraged to look through the items to see if any of their belongings are present. We have a number of running shoes, coats, sweaters, track pants, lunch containers, as well as hats and gloves that we would love to see returned to their owners! Any items not picked up by end of day Thursday will be packed and sent to a local charity.

School Council News

Happy New Year!

What better way to start your New Year then getting involved with your child's school.

Come out to the next School Council meeting on Monday, January 12th at 7:00 pm in the staffroom.

Also parents keep a look out for the next Subway lunch.



Child Safety

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

Kindergarten Registration to Commence January 16, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

Kindergarten registration for Little Rouge PS will commence on January 16, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. for the 2015-16 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.edu.on.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 the office. (905-202-5960)



What To Do With Old Electronics?



Did you get or give new electronic toys over the holiday? Are you going to throw out your old electronics?

Don't put it in the trash!!!

All electronic waste can be dropped off at the York Region Household Hazardous Waste Depot.

Here is what they will accept:

- Televisions (limit of 2), Radios and Stereos (without speakers), Video Game Consoles, VCR's
- Computers and computer accessories (limit of 4), Electronic Games
- Scanners, Printers, Modems, Digital Cameras
- Telephones (mobile/cellular & "Hardwire"), Electronic Pagers, Fax Machines
- CDs & DVDs

Environmental Corner

This is just a reminder that we are collecting ink cartridges, cell phones and batteries to recycle. If you have any at your home or business, please send them to the school. We have a box set up in the front hall of the school to collect these items.

Thank you for your support.



Phone Number Changes

Just a reminder that if you have any changes in your home, work or cell phone numbers, please let the office know so we can update our records. We want to ensure that we are able to reach you in case of any emergencies.

Thank you!

Grade 8 Secondary School's Information Sessions for September 2015 Enrolment

Markham District High School	January 8, 2014	7:00 pm
Bur Oak Secondary School	January 15, 2014	7:00 pm
Unionville High School	January 19, 2014	7:00 pm

Empty Milk Bags

Just a reminder, Room 132 is collecting empty milk bags. These bags will be transformed into mats for the people in Haiti. So please keep those milk bags coming in! Drop them in the box in front of the office.



Be the Change

Do you have any gently used shoes (any size, any type) sitting around the house?

In January, the Be the Change team will be collecting used shoes to donate to Soles4Souls, who will then give the shoes to people in need around the world, free of charge. Currently, Soles4Souls is on a mission to collect 1 million pairs of used shoes in each province of Canada. So, let's do our part by donating as many shoes as we can to their Ontario branch!

The Be the Change Team

Character Rocket Rally

December's character trait was 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."

Congratulations to our Empathy winners!

Ms. Robinson	JK/SK:	Ayla, Xavier
Mrs. Smith	JK/SK:	Alice, Tawheed
Mrs. Wilder	JK/SK:	Elyssa, Logan
Mrs. West	JK/SK:	Joshua, Mika
Mrs. Whitten	SK/1:	Alex, Sarah
Miss Nepriily	1:	Celia, Emma
Ms. Murley	1:	Aruthee, Noriko
Mr. Gafar	2:	James, Sammi
Mr. Shubert	2:	Emma, Abhilash
Miss Tse	2/3:	Avi, Jayden
Mrs. Cohen	3:	Melanie, Deborah
Ms. Ramkissoon	4:	Lauren, Jessica
Ms. Buczkowski	4/5:	Tasneem, Ashley
Ms. McHardy	5:	Sky, Abirامية
Mrs. Pickthall	5/6:	Salwa, Idil
Mr. Brown	6/7:	Andrea, Keziah
Mr. Yusuf	7:	Gopa, Ashwin
Ms. Zappitelli	8:	Jeffery, Bella
Mrs. Valkanis	CC:	Justin



In January, our focus is on Initiative.

We act without being prompted by others. We are eager to do what needs to be done without having to be told to do it. We take the first step towards the achievement of a goal.

Throwing of Snowballs is Not Allowed

In order to promote a safe and respectful environment on our school playground, students have been told that the throwing of snowballs is prohibited. Students are aware that snowballs may contain pieces of ice and rock and that they can cause injury to others or damage school property. Student safety is a priority at Little Rouge. Parents are asked to discuss the importance of keeping the snow on the ground and to remind students of our safe schools policy.



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.

arts@baythorn

Would your child enjoy learning the Ontario curriculum through the Arts?

If so, the York Region District School Board offers an Elementary integrated Arts program at Baythorn Public School. Students currently in grades four and five may apply for the arts@baythorn program, where they will have the opportunity to explore the disciplines of Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, and Music while meeting the expectations of the Ontario Curriculum for grades five, six, seven, and eight.

To learn more about the arts@baythorn program, students and their families are invited to attend an information evening at **Baythorn Public School on Thursday, January 15, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m.**

Applications will be online via the school website and available after **January 16, 2015.**

if you require further information, please call us at Baythorn Public School: (905) 889-7992

Jacqueline Linton
Principal

Jennifer Rosenberg
Vice-Principal

UPCOMING DATES:

Friday, January 16	P.A. Day (NO SCHOOL)
Friday, January 16	JK Registration for September 2015, begins at 8:30 a.m.
Thursday, January 29	Rocket Rally (Initiative)
Monday, February 2	P.A. Day (NO SCHOOL)
Monday, February 16	Family Day (NO SCHOOL)
Thursday, February 19	Term I Report Cards go home