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Character Matters!

Respect	Honesty
Empathy	Fairness
Initiative	Courage
Integrity	
Optimism	
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Responsibility	



**Welcome
Back!**

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From the Principal's Desk



Welcome back to everyone as we begin 2017. 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 Fred Varley Public School on January 19, 2017 at 7 p.m. FI registration will begin January 19, 2017. In order to streamline the registration process, parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2017, 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 Fred Varley Public School to register between January 19 and February 10, 2017. 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.

School Council News



Happy New Year from the LRPS School Council!

We ended 2016 with a great carol sing hosted by Mrs. Pickthall and her class followed by a visit from Mrs. Clause and her "elves" to all the classes. Thanks to the parents who came and brought a little Christmas cheer...and candy canes...for our students.

We are kicking off this month with quite a bit of activity. January 19th, we are looking forward to hosting the snack station for our annual Winter Games. Thank you Mrs. Chaudhary for including us in this annual event. And thanks to all of our parents who have volunteered to help out. We're looking forward to a great day!

*Just another reminder that on January 26th we are once again hosting the **Mathletes** program in the **evening**. It is open to **all families at Little Rouge with children from FDK to grade 8**. Come with lots of energy and enthusiasm! This is one time that math is fun for everyone!*

We are also carrying on with our Subway lunches which continue to be a success. Please stay tuned for more activities!

***Please continue to be involved in the life of our LRPS community!**
Here's to a great New Year!*

Dress Warmly for Outdoor Play



As you know, our students are provided with 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 or more 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 always 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.**



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!

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.



Kindergarten Registration to Commence January 20, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Kindergarten registration for Little Rouge PS will commence on January 20, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. for the 2017-18 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2017, 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).



Be the Change

On behalf of Be the Change and Five With Drive, we would like to thank the entire school and community for your generous donations in support of Toonies for Turkey's. We raised **\$1472.00** which helped to buy 50 turkeys and support 130 families in Markham. That's wonderful!

Thank you for your continued support everyone!

The BTC Team



Brought to you by the Student Council

The Student Council was so impressed by the Little Rouge school spirit throughout the month of December. From wacky hair to ugly holiday sweaters and so many twins, the December Spirit Week was enjoyed by all.



This month the Student Council will be holding its annual **Winter Games** on **Thursday January 19th**. The Winter Games are designed to build school community, develop student leadership and provide fun for all! Students in grades 1 to 6 will participate in a variety of organized activities in mixed grade teams. The activities will take place both inside and outside the school. Students will have a special snack to enjoy - waffles and a cup of hot chocolate. The kindergarten classes will participate in a series of special activities in their classrooms, including a surprise craft. They will also get to enjoy a special snack of waffles and a cup of chocolate milk. The intermediate students will be developing their leadership and assertiveness skills through their roles as team leaders, station leaders and work crews. We are looking forward to a great day of building school spirit and community across the grades as we have some fun in the snow! **Please ensure that your child is dressed warmly, with appropriate outdoor wear, including extra gloves/mittens and socks on the day of the Winter Games.**

ROCKET RALLY DECEMBER 4As RECIPIENTS



Active Living

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Alexander	1
Aiman	5
Oliver	6
Matthew	7

Achievement

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Jayna	SK
Jonathan	SK
Vismaya	SK
Chloe P.	1
Lucia	1
Ragavi	1
Angad	2
Rojikha	2
Chloe	3
Jodie	3
Tanya	4
Vera H	4
Marae	5
Annie	7
Harishan	8
Jacob	8

Attitude

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Aghil	JK
Cyrus	JK
Danny	SK
Maryam	SK
Owen	SK
Audrey	1
Jesika	1
Jillian	1
Joshua	1
Shyna	1
Calvin	2
Julia	2
Mika	2
Alex	3
Fatima	3
Anjalika	4
Cole	4
Dev	4
Ashiga	6
Eric	6
Ethan	6
Zoya	6
Eumika	7
Harleen	7
Alexandra	8
Minahil	8

Arts

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Alex	SK
Campbell	SK
Evan	SK
Marcus	SK
Kyle	2
Winnie	2
Clayton	3
Megha	6



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.



Little Rouge's Friendship Bench

Just over a month ago a bench was placed outside at the back of the school near the basketball court. This bench was purchased as a memorial bench to help us to remember one of our teachers Ms. Chiu.

In 2013 Ms. Chiu was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer called Angiosarcoma. This was a rare form of cancer that sadly took her life. Ms. Chiu was an active member of our school. She loved her students, loved teaching and was an active member in the community.

To keep her spirit alive we decided to have a bench dedicated in her memory. This bench is Little Rouge's Friendship Bench, a place where students, staff and community members can gather, have a conversation or just simply hang out. The bench is red to symbolize Little Rouge and pretty like Ms. Chiu. We hope with this bench Ms. Chiu will always be a part of Little Rouge.



Would you enjoy Collaboratively 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**. If you are currently in grades **four or five** you may apply for the **arts@baythorn program**, where you will have the opportunity to explore the disciplines of Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, and Music in a **cooperative learning environment**.

To learn more about the **arts@baythorn** program, you and your family are invited to attend an information evening at Baythorn Public School on:

Thursday, January 19, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

**Applications will be available at bit.ly/arts_application2017
online after the January 19th, 2017 info night.**

**If you require further information, please call us at
Baythorn Public School
(905) 889-7992.**

Kate Kurek, Principal

The Arts Team

Meytal Daniels, Vice Principal

School Cash Online

SchoolCashOnline is an easy and safe way to pay for your children's school fees.

Since we started online payments last spring, Little Rouge PS has seen a steady increase in parents signing up and using School Cash Online. We currently have 70% of students registered and using it. Thank you to all who have embraced the change and moved forward with this. Parents and Guardians using School Cash Online have reported how easy it is and how helpful it is in the long run.



If you haven't signed up yet and need any assistance, please feel free to call the office and we will be happy to help you.

To start using School Cash Online visit
<https://yrdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>
Click "Get started today"



Why Use School Cash Online?

Convenient Make secure payments 24/7 from the comfort of your home

Easy To Use Online shopping with various payment methods

Safe Your child won't be carrying cash or cheques to and from school

Saves Time Manage your school expenses and view payment history in one place

The 'Golden Garbage Can' Award

We would like to thank Artist Stephanie Kozak for working with the following students, Abigail, Jesslyn, Averie, Ashani and Isabel, and would also like to thank Ms. Cavazzon and Ms. Zappitelli for working on the design of our new 'Golden Garbage Can'. It looks awesome!

Each month the Caretakers will 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 will be written on the can and it will be placed in the front hall for visitors and students to enjoy.

For the month of December, the 'Golden Garbage Can' award was presented to **Mr. Yusuf's Gr. 7 class ! Congratulations!**



UPCOMING DATES:

January 16	School Council Meeting, 7:00pm
January 19	Winter Games
January 20	PA Day (NO SCHOOL)
January 26	Mathletes Family Evening, 5:45-7:30 pm (all welcome - please send back your registration form that was sent home on Jan. 9th)
January 27	Rocket Rally
February 7	Immunizations—Meningococcal Vaccine (Grade 7s)

