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Character Matters!

Respect	Honesty
Empathy	Fairness
Initiative	Courage
Integrity	
Optimism	
Perseverance	
Responsibility	



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From the Principal's Desk



Welcome back to everyone as we begin 2018. 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.

Kindergarten Registration to Commence January 19, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Kindergarten registration for Little Rouge PS will commence on January 19, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. for the 2018-19 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2018, 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).



SAFE ARRIVAL - Please call the school if your child is going to be away or late - 905-202-5960

If your child is going to be away from the school or will be arriving late for any reason, please contact the office with this information. If you are calling between 4:30 p.m. and 8:30 a.m. of the following morning, you can leave a message on our answering machine.

Confirming the whereabouts of every absent child can take quite awhile and could result in a child being missing for some time. Board policy dictates that if a student has not arrived at school, and all attempts to contact the parents have been unsuccessful, then our next step will be to contact the police and report the child as missing.

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 (3:30 pm).

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.

Parents of Bus Students – A couple of reminders:

- If you are driving your child(ren) to school on inclement weather days, please do not drop them off until 8:45 as there is no supervision until then and we want our students to be safe and supervised.
- Please do not park in the bus loop (at the front of the school) when dropping off or picking up as this area is only for buses and is a fire route and you could be ticketed.

Thank you.

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.

ROCKET RALLY DECEMBER 4As RECIPIENTS



Active Living

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Aria-Lee	JK
Kate	JK
Owen	1
Isabella	5

Achievement

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Kishan	2
Chloe P.	2
Matthew Lee	4
Anjali	7
Caroline	7
Moses	7



Attitude

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Alexandra	SK
June	SK
Abena	1
Kaleb	1
Kalia	1
Sahar	1
Selina	1
Ali	2
Audrey	2
Charlie	2
Makayla	2
Ragavi	2
Ryan	2
Christin	4
Maryam	4
Antonio	5
Isabella D.	5
Tanya	5
Alex L.	6
Dashawnth	6
Jessica	6
Justin	6
Ryan W.	6
Miki	7
Ashlyn	8
Abigail L.	8 (November Award)

Arts

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Aghil	SK
Raymond	SK
Ruby	1
Horace	1
Julia	3
Rojikha	3
Kush	4
Florielyn	4



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 December**, the 'Golden Garbage Can' award was presented to Ms. Petsopoulos' Grade 1 class.

Congratulations!



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.**



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.



Changes to Phone Numbers and Emails

Just a reminder that if you have any changes to your home, work or cell phone numbers or email, 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!

*** UPCOMING DATES ***

Jan. 15	School Council Meeting, 7:00 pm
Jan. 19	P.A. Day (no school for students)
Jan. 19	JK (FDK Year 1) Registration for September begins at 8:30 am
Jan. 25	Rocket Rally (Jr/Int at 11:15am, Primary at 12:00pm)
Feb. 2	P.A. Day (no school for students)
Feb. 5 – 9	Jungle Sport (whole school)