



# Little Rouge P.S.

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## Character Matters!

Respect Honesty  
Empathy Fairness  
Initiative Courage  
Integrity  
Optimism  
Perseverance  
Responsibility



## From the Principal's Desk



May was a very busy month here at Little Rouge. All of our junior and intermediate students participated in Track and Field. In addition, many of our students participated in our Arts and Social Justice Celebration as well as other events such as Rocks and Rings. Finally, our new incoming JK students and their parents visited the school to hear all about the wonderful things that happen here at Little Rouge as they get ready to attend in September.

I can't believe there is only one month left and it's full of academics and activities as well. The grade 8's and their teachers are busy finishing up their elementary school career and are preparing for their graduation on June 23rd. Please ensure that you check your child's agenda on a daily basis for all the things that are happening during the month of June.

## School Council

A big thank you to all the parents who helped with the Staff Appreciation lunch. Everyone was well fed! Thank you also to everyone who has participated in the Subway lunches. This has helped to purchase art equipment and a musical instrument. The students are also really enjoying the new outdoor equipment.

Our final School Council Meeting is scheduled for June 1st at 7pm in the staff room. Everyone is welcome!

*Gail Auyeung, School Council Chair*



## GRADE 8 GRADUATION

Plans have been finalized for our Grade 8 Graduation. This special event for our Grade 8 students will be held on Tuesday, June 23rd, beginning at 5:00 p.m. at Little Rouge (Grad Group Photo will be taken at 4:30 p.m. sharp!)

A short reception will follow in the Library and students will then take a school bus to the Mandarin for dinner. We thank our Grade 8 Graduates for being part of the Little Rouge School Community and wish them well in their future endeavours!



## 'You're The Chef' Update



At "You're the Chef" we all had a wonderful experience. We learned how to make some delicious meals like banana muffins, homemade chili, pizzadillas, granola, and much more! We also learned how to hold a knife properly, and cut carefully. We got mixed up with tablespoons and teaspoons, but our amazing teachers taught us the difference! The program was fun because we got to hang out with friends, but at the same time we learned how to make new dishes. We definitely think all of you Grade 6 to 8 students should join this program because you get to make new meals and desserts you've never made before.

By: Liliyan and Andrea

## Lost and Found

We have a number of items in our lost and found box that are looking for homes. If your child is missing something, please check in the box outside of the caretakers' office. Any unclaimed items will be sent to a local charity at the end of the school year.

Thank you.

## Dress Code - Reminders

We have a dress code in effect with regards to appropriate wear during the warmer weeks. We ask that students refrain from wearing clothing that displays visible undergarments (e.g. bra straps, boxer shorts) and bare midriffs, and low cut tops or short shorts/skirts. Students who contravene our Dress Code will be asked to call home for appropriate clothing. If no one is available to bring appropriate clothing, we will provide replacement clothing that meets the dress code standards. We also encourage you to consider safety when selecting summer footwear (e.g. flip flops can prove to be hazardous when running and playing). We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a respectful and safe learning environment for all of our students.

## Student Medication Pick Up

**If your child has a supply of medication or an Epipen or Puffer at school in the office, please arrange to pick it up on the last day of school.**

**Thank you!**



## Are You Moving?

Our preparations for the 2015-2016 school year are underway, and our success depends on accurate projections of the school population.

**If you are moving out of our school area, please complete the form below and return it to the school as soon as possible.**

My child(ren), \_\_\_\_\_ (name(s),  
who is/are in grade(s) \_\_\_\_\_ (current grade/s), will not be attending Little Rouge Public School  
in September 2015.

We will be moving to : \_\_\_\_\_  
(please provide name of new school, if known).

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Character Rocket Rally

**May's character trait was Integrity.** "We are truthful and sincere. We ensure consistency between what we say and what we do as well as between what we believe and how we behave."

### Congratulations to our Integrity winners!

Mrs. Wilder	JK/SK:	Ira, Ivanka
Ms. Robinson	JK/SK:	Avin, Brandon
Mrs. Smith	JK/SK:	Anne, Nina-Simone
Ms. West	JK/SK:	Ragavi, Girithic
Mrs. Whitten	SK/1:	Ammaar, Vinushan
Miss Neprily	1:	Siri, Kush
Mrs. Kurtes	1:	Dennis, Logan
Mr. Shubert	2:	Kenny, Krish
Mr. Gafar	2:	Anjali, Philip, Florielyn
Miss Tse	2/3:	Diyaa, Alex
Mrs. Cohen	3:	Tiya, Andrew
Ms. Ramkissoon	4:	Jessica, Yash, Caroline
Ms. Buczkowski	4/5:	Ashlyn, Abigail
Ms. McHardy	5:	Ahmad, Mikaela, Henrick
Mrs. Pickthall	5/6:	Theesik, Jayden
Mr. Brown	6/7:	Chloe, Carlton
Mr. Yusuf	7:	Joey, Mathunesh
Mr. Cvitkovic	8:	Zummana, Elaha



### In June, our focus is on Optimism.

"We maintain a positive attitude. We look on the brighter side of situations. We are able to see opportunities even in the face of adversity. We have hope for the future."

## June 25, 2015 Dismissal



As per the letter that went home with students on June 1, the planned early release for students on June 25 is cancelled. **On Thursday, June 25, 2015 schools will be open and classroom instruction will continue for the entire normal school day.** Friday, June 26, 2015 will remain a PA Day.

## Primary Play Day JK, SK, Gr. 1-3

**When:** Wednesday, June 17th (a.m.)

**Rain Date:** Thursday, June 18th (a.m.)

Don't forget your sunscreen and hat and water bottle.



## ECO NEWS!

### Repurpose Challenge



Calling all inventors, re-users, and creative minds! All Little Rouge students are invited to participate in the Ontario Eco School's *EcoAction Challenge*, which is taking place in schools and businesses across Ontario over the first week in June.

To participate in the Challenge, the Little Rouge Eco Team has organized a *Repurpose Challenge*. Before you put things in the garbage or recycling bin, think of ways you might be able to make use of those items again. Use them in a new way so that they can be REUSED! Work by yourself, with a partner or in a group! All contest entries should be submitted to room 227 by Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup>. All students are invited to check out the designs on Monday June 8<sup>th</sup> at morning recess or lunch recess to cast their vote for the best design!



### Calling All Library Materials and Textbooks!



In the days ahead, teachers will be collecting books belonging to the school that have been loaned to students. Please check around the house for any materials that belong to the school and return them promptly. Our preference would be to have the books returned rather than collect money from you.

### Kindergarten Registration for September 2015

#### Kindergarten Registration Commenced on January 16, 2015

Kindergarten registration commenced on January 16, 2015 for the 2015-16 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: [www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](http://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. For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact your local school.



### Jump Rope for Heart Update - WE DID IT!

A big thank you goes out to everyone who supported in raising money for the Heart and Stroke foundation. Your generous donations helped us to surpass our original goal of \$2000 by more than triple...yes that's right, we raised \$6,849.43! Wow!!! Prizes for fundraising will be sent to our school by the Heart and Stroke foundation in the coming week, and will be distributed accordingly. If your child raised more than \$500, they will receive a voucher for a Supercycle Clutch bicycle which can be redeemed at any Canadian Tire location. Don't forget that **Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>** is our jump rope event date! All students will participate in fun, heart healthy activities that will further boost awareness and promote the importance of taking care of our hearts.





### ***Empty Milk Bags***

Thank you to all the students and families who have contributed to our Milk Bag Program this year! We will be running this program in the new school year so students may continue to bring in their empty milk bags. Your donated milk bags are helping to make a difference in our world and we thank you for supporting us in spreading poverty awareness and taking small steps towards positive change.

### **Lunch Assistant Positions**

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

These are paid positions and require one hour a day, every day, over our lunch hour which is from 12:50-1:50 pm. We are currently in need of people for occasional back up.

### **Teachers of Tomorrow**

Throughout this school year some of our staff have been host teachers for Faculty of Education students. Our teachers have been providing assistance to, and sharing their knowledge and skills with these student teachers. We have had many students from various university teacher training programs.

*We wish them all well in their careers.*

## **Intramurals**

*One of the Greatest Things at Little Rouge P.S.*

Intramurals are a fun activity we do each week at Little Rouge. Students in grades 1 to 6 come together in the gym during morning recess to play a variety of sports. The students are split into two groups (primary: grades 1-3 and junior: grades 4-6). The different divisions play on different days. Each student is assigned a team to play with through the year. It gives a chance for them to be able to work with a team to get things done without too many arguments. Having fun is not possible without fairness. In Intramurals, all teams will get to play the same amount of times in a year to make it fair. At the end of every game, both teams line up and shake hands as a sign of good sportsmanship. One of the things that really stands out about Intramurals is that they are a tribute to Little Rouge's goal of being a healthy school. After doing lots of work and sitting in the classroom, your child is bound to get stiff! Playing a sport can wipe that off their minds (making them not stiff anymore) which is a great pleasure. Any student from grades 1-6 can join in at any time of the year and will be assigned to a team. Let's all thank the Healthy Schools club for creating Intramurals!

*By: Rishi Vattam and Aakash Neel Nandy*

### **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' at the monthly Rocket Rally. For the month of May, the 'Golden Garbage Can' award was presented to **Ms. Valkanis' class! Congratulations!***





## Curriculum Corner

### Preventing “Summer Slide”

Summer is fast approaching and with it will come fun times outdoors, relaxing moments and the possibility of “summer slide”. “Summer slide” is the term used to describe any educational loss in skills that occurs over the summer. Children who continue to read over the summer continue to grow and those who do not read experience a decline in their reading skills. According to Richard Allington, professor of literacy at the University of Tennessee, the “loss can be as much as three months for the average student... and three to five months for struggling readers.” (2009, Knoxville News Sentinel Co.)

However, children should not spend the summer cooped up indoors completing worksheets. Here are some meaningful, but fun, ways to keep kids’ brains working over the summer:

- **Help your children read for enjoyment**

- ☐ Read as a relaxing break from the hustle, bustle and heat of the summer. 15-20 minutes daily would be great (e.g. before dinner, before bed).
- ☐ See a movie as a family then read the book together to decide which is better. (Or better yet, read the book first!)
- ☐ Choose a wide variety of texts, including novels, picture books, comic books, magazines, newspapers, websites, board game instructions, video game tips and tricks
  - ◆ Quality online news for kids:
    - \* Time for Kids ([www.timeforkids.com](http://www.timeforkids.com))
    - \* National Geographic for Kids (<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/>)
  - ◆ Age-appropriate blogs for kids:
    - \* [http://blog.scholastic.com/ink\\_spot\\_26](http://blog.scholastic.com/ink_spot_26)
    - \* [kidsblogs.nationalgeographic.com/blogs/](http://kidsblogs.nationalgeographic.com/blogs/)
  - ◆ Grade appropriate booklists can be found at:
    - \* <http://www.summerlearningactivities.com/sla/>
- ☐ Talk about what you are each reading (parents included!) and tell each other what you like or dislike about the text.
- ☐ Visit the public library as a family outing. Walking there is a great way to be active at the same time.
- ☐ Have your child research the places they want to visit for the summer and determine the itinerary for the visit.

- **Help your children write for fun**

- ☐ Keep a journal or travelogue to describe the summer’s events, trips and their reactions and feelings about what they’ve done and where they’ve been.
- ☐ Create a comic book version of your summer adventures together.
- ☐ Have your child write the shopping list for the family camping trip or a list of what needs to be done before you can leave for your family vacation.

- **Help your child continue to think mathematically**

- ☐ That shopping list they made for the trip? Let your child help you do the actual shopping.
- ☐ Help your child use a map to calculate distances and timing to your summertime destinations.
- ☐ Practise math facts in the car to pass the time. Kids especially love games like “Bizz buzz” which can be adapted for different ages. (e.g. Count up by ones, but “Bizz buzz” on all the even numbers. Count by fives but “Bizz buzz” on all the multiples of four).

This spring Scholastic Canada held a nationwide poem writing contest. Participants were asked to write a haiku poem about the seasons. Five winners from K-2 were selected amongst all of the entries across Canada. Congratulations to Emily Lui in Ms. Kurtes' Grade 1 class whose haiku poem was selected as one of the winners!

*A red leaf falls down  
warmly welcomes it to the ground  
With many others*

*Written by: Emily Lui*

### **Special Education Track and Field**

I went to the Special Education Track and Field event. I was there with my teachers (Ms.Kung, Ms.Serentino, Ms.M, and Ms.Magadi) and friends (Vidu, Dhanyal, and Winnie). I did a lot of things at Track and Field. First, I ran in the race. Second, I jumped far in the sandpit. Third, I ran through the cones during the obstacle course. Fourth, I threw the ball far away. I got first place ribbons for winning the race and the obstacle course. The ribbons were red. I felt happy that I won. I like Track and Field.

**Written by: Diva Patel**

## **Be the Change**

The Be the Change team had another busy and successful year! With all of your help, we managed to donate \$1200 to Plan Canada's "I am a Girl" campaign, 426 pairs of gently used shoes to Running Free, over 500 books to the Salvation Army, and over 500 non-perishable food items to Five with Drive. We also participated in Free the Children's "We are Silent" campaign, hosted our sixth annual "We Day" celebration, and raised more money to put towards our goal of building another school in Kenya.

The main reason for our success is the year-long commitment by our Be the Change members, as well as the students and parents in our Little Rouge community who always take the time to help out for a good cause. To everyone who helped out, thank you!

**Sincerely,  
Be the Change**

## **Friendship Club**

Friendship club is coming to a close and we want to thank all of the wonderful students who have come to room 132 and shared their wonderful talents, personalities and creativity. The staff members from room 132 wish you a wonderful and safe summer!



## **Report Cards**

Students will receive their report cards on Thursday, June 25.

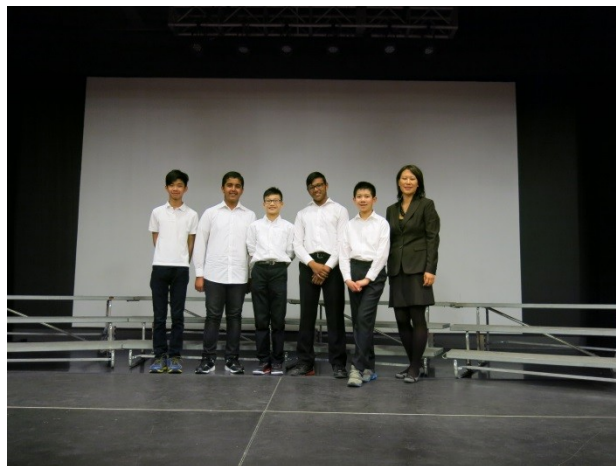


## Music at Little Rouge

### York Region's Music Alive Festival

Gold, Gold and Gold!!! Huge congratulations to Jeffrey Luu, Sanjay Vasanthakumar, Jayden Ng, Saad Shaikh, and Jacob Kwon who performed at York Region's Music Alive Festival on April 30<sup>th</sup> 2015!

Music Alive is a music festival where more than 14,000 student musicians from schools all over the York Region District School Board come together and perform from March to May every year. Five students from Little Rouge P.S. entered in 3 categories and their wonderful performances won them gold certificates in all three categories performed! The students have been working very hard in addition to practicing their intermediate band repertoire. Congratulations!!!



### **Canada's Wonderland Music Festival**

The Intermediate Band members at Little Rouge had a chance to perform at Canada's Wonderland Music Festival on May 8, 2015 at Kingswood Theatre. Students performed very well and received great reviews. In addition, they were given a valuable learning experience working with a renowned adjudicator and a clarinetist, Mr. Peter Stoll.



### **LRPS Junior Recorder Band**

LRPS Junior Recorder Band is made up of extremely dedicated grade 4 and 5 students who have been practicing together since the beginning of the second term. The students have been meeting for rehearsals every week, and their hard work was evident in their successful performances in both morning and afternoon concerts for Arts/We Day on May 14, 2015. Great job everyone!!!



## Some Special Thank You 's

**\*\* To our Community!** Our hats are off to you! Thank you for your time and commitment!

**\*\*To our many parents and community volunteers** who help in our classrooms, on excursions and with special events. We couldn't do it without you!

**\*\*To our School Assistants** for taking good care of our students who stay for lunch. It is really appreciated!

**\*\*To our School Council members** for all the time and effort you put into meetings. We appreciate your support!

**\*\*To our Caretaking staff, Mr. Geniole, Mr. Capone and Mr. Lusty** for all your hard work in keeping the school looking wonderful all year long. We couldn't do it without you!!!

**\*\* To our Office staff, Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Hooper** for keeping the office running and taking such good care of the students. Your hard work is so appreciated!

**\*\*To our Educational Assistants and CYW** for all your help with the students in the classrooms and all the extras you do around the school. You're all great!

**\*\*To our teaching staff and DECE's,** you work so hard every day to teach our students to be successful in their academics and extra-curricular. Thank you so much!

### UPCOMING DATES:



June 1	School Council Meeting, 7:00 pm
June 4	Volunteer Tea, 10:30 am
June 5	P.A. Day <b>(NO SCHOOL)</b>
June 17	Firefighter Visit for Grades 1 – 3
June 17	Primary Play Day, a.m. (Rain Date: June 18, a.m.)
June 19	Jump Rope for Heart
June 23	Grade 8 Graduation, 5:00 pm (Group Photo, 4:30 pm)
June 24	Rocket Rally—Optimism, 2pm
June 25	<b>Last day of school for students – Full Day</b>
June 26	P.A. Day