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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 Music Night, Band Trip, EQAO 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 27th. 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.

## GRADE 8 GRADUATION



Plans have been finalized for our Grade 8 Graduation. This special event for our Grade 8 students will be held on Monday, June 27th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Little Rouge (Grad Group Photo will be taken at 5:30 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!

## School Council

As the school year draws to a close, the School Council wishes to thank all the parents who have supported our various initiatives. Your generous support and commitment has enabled the Council to make meaningful contributions to a variety of school activities including the Reading Program, the HollyJolly Christmas, the Winter Games, the Subway lunch program, Mathletes, Junglesport and the Staff Appreciation lunch. In addition, because of your generosity we have been able to assist with a number of purchases including outdoor play equipment and basketball nets, math manipulatives, sound equipment and technology. Thanks to all our parent volunteers without whom our work with the school would not have been possible. Thanks to our Council members who have committed their time, energy and ideas to making a difference at Little Rouge. And thank you to the staff at Little Rouge for partnering with us as we continue to make Little Rouge a great community for everyone, especially our students. We look forward to continuing our work early in the next school year.

Have a wonderful and safe summer!



## June 29, 2016 Dismissal



All schools in the York Region District School Board are committed to improving student achievement and well-being. On **Wednesday, June 29th, 2016** an early release day will take place to allow elementary teachers and support staff to take part in meetings during the afternoon of that day. These meetings will allow for school staff to engage in culminating activities regarding the review and revision of the School's Improvement Plan as well as year-end and transition activities that support student success.

As has been our practice in the past, **students will attend school during the morning of Wednesday, June 29th, 2016 only. Students will be dismissed early that day at 12:00.** Arrangements will be made to ensure that students who are normally bused to and from school will receive transportation at this time. Parents/guardians whose children attend after school child care should make appropriate arrangements to address this change in schedule.

## 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!**



## Kindergarten Registration for September 2016

### Kindergarten Registration Commenced on January 15, 2016

Kindergarten registration commenced on January 15, 2016 for the 2016-17 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 2016, 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.



## 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. Thank you for your assistance.



## Are You Moving?

Our preparations for the 2016-2017 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 2016.

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:	Tiffany, Jillian
Ms. Robinson	JK/SK:	Alleynedi'a, Shaheer
Mrs. Smith	JK/SK:	Aria, Ayesha
Ms. West	JK/SK:	Pauline, Adiran
Mrs. Whitten	JK/SK:	Isabella, Ethan F.
Mrs. Pankhurst	1:	Angad, Rayan
Mrs. Kurtes	1:	Zoe P.
Ms. Sherman/ Ms. Feng	1/2:	Dennis, Julia
Mr. Shubert	2:	Rowen, Brody
Mr. Gafar	2:	Koa, Chris
Mrs. Cohen	2/3:	Tiffany, Anjalika
Ms. Cavazon	3:	Tanya, Darren
Miss Ducas	3/4:	Sarah, Frank
Mrs. Pickthall	4:	Benson, Hiren
Mrs. Lemmon	5:	Moses, Lauren
Mr. Brown	5/6:	Eric K, Jenny Z
Ms. Campbell	6/7:	Kayanan, Samantha
Mrs. Chaudhary	6/7:	Shameecka, Rajith
Mr. Yusuf	7/8:	Ananth, Joey
Ms. Zappitelli	8:	Sowmiya, Abigail P.



### 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."

## **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.*

*For the month of May, the 'Golden Garbage Can' award was presented to **Ms. West's Kindergarten class ! Congratulations!***



## ECO NEWS!



### Garden Club at Little Rouge!



Our Eco Team and Garden Club are preparing for an afternoon of planting flowers in our gardens! We will be planting flowers that attract bees and butterflies in order to help increase their dwindling populations. We will be planting on Wednesday, June 8 from 3:30-5:00pm. We are also looking for plant donations from personal gardens, in particular, perennials that attract bees and butterflies such as: Foxglove, Asters, Butterfly bush, Lavender, Bee balm and Salvia to name a few. Any parents who have plants to share or who are interested in helping out during our afternoon of planting can contact Mrs. Lagerquist or Ms. Keon at the school.



### Be the Change

Hi Little Rouge community! Do you have any **new or gently used books** lying around the house that you would like to give to a good cause? Well you're in luck because in June, the Be the Change team is collecting books to donate to the Canadian Diabetes Association and the Native Women's Resource Centre of Toronto! So, if you have any books that you would like to donate, you can drop them off at the school at the designated area in the front foyer, from June 2nd to the 16th.

Thank you for your support,  
The Be the Change team



### 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 mid-ribs, 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.

### Primary Play Day Grades 1-3

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

Don't forget your sunscreen, hat and water bottle!



### Kindergarten Play Day

**When: Wednesday, June 15th (a.m.)**

Don't forget your sunscreen, hat and water bottle!

## Police Checks for Volunteers

At our May School Council meeting the issue of police checks for volunteers was discussed. This includes volunteers who help in the school, go on class trips and drive students to sporting activities or other events.

According to the YRDSB Policy and Procedure #280 Volunteers in our Schools, it is best practice that all volunteers hold a valid PVSC (Police Vulnerable Sector Check). The School Council members voted and agreed that this policy should be put in place at Little Rouge for the safety and security of the students, as well as the volunteers themselves.



**Volunteers are an important part of the Little Rouge school community and we hope that you will see the importance of having this done and continue to support the students and staff through volunteering both in and out of the school setting.**

Please see the details below of how to obtain a police check. If you would like to get one done over the summer so that it can be ready for the beginning of school, please call the office and we can send a letter home that you will need to take with you to get the check completed. If you already have a police check that has been done for another organization, please bring the original copy to the school so that we can determine whether or not it satisfies our board's policy.

**Cost** – There is \$30 fee provided the school supplies a letter stating that the person is going to be volunteering in the school (upon request, we will provide you with a school letter).

### **How to get one:**

- A ) In person – Richmond Hill – Yonge/Elgin Mills – 10720 Yonge Street (the Stouffville location is now closed) - if everything is fine with the police check it can usually be done in about 10 minutes  
(Hours M-F – 8 – 6, Sat. 8 – 4)
- B ) On-line – takes about 7 – 10 days. You would be notified when it is ready and can pick it up at the nearest police station but must bring ID (see below for acceptable ID) – most stations open 24 hours

### **ID is required for in person or online application**

You will need to provide 2 pieces of government ID – one with a photo so passports and driver's licenses are fine but no health cards or SIN cards.

If a person does not have a driver's license they can bring a recent piece of mail with their address on it but they still require photo ID.

If you have any questions or concerns about this, please call the office. Thank you.



### ***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.

### **Wonderful News!**

What a fabulous “giving” community we have at Little Rouge. As a school we raised \$2006.60 for the fire victims of Fort McMurray. The Be the Change group pledged to match donations up to \$1000 so as a school we are sending a cheque to the Red Cross for \$3006.60!!! **AMAZING!!!** Thank you to all the families who donated money to this very worthy cause. We know the money will be well used and appreciated by the families in Fort McMurray to help them rebuild their lives after this devastating disaster.

### **Message from our Trustee Allan Tam**

*As the school year comes to a close, I would like to thank you for all that you have done to help make this school year a successful one for our students.*

*We share a common goal - to give our young people every opportunity to reach their full potential, and we all have a role to play in supporting that goal. However you choose to get involved, your engagement and support make a difference. We know that good schools become better schools when they are connected with families.*

*Thanks to the ongoing efforts of our students, families, staff members and community partners, we are creating a welcoming, caring and inclusive learning environment that fosters student achievement and well-being.*

*As we move into summer, I encourage you to seek out opportunities to continue and complement the learning that takes place throughout the school year. That could mean taking a nature walk, visiting a museum or reading a book. Whatever your plans are over the next few months, I hope you have a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer.*

### **Report Cards**

Students will receive their report cards on Wednesday, June 29th.



### **Area Track & Field**

The Area Track & Field meet will be held on Monday, June 13th at the Stouffville Arena for those students attending.

***Go Rockets Go!***



### Canada's Wonderland Music Festival

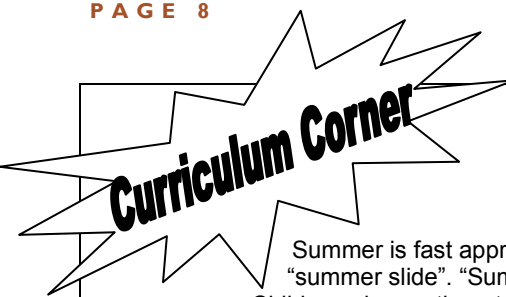
The Intermediate Band members at Little Rouge had a chance to perform at *Canada's Wonderland Music Festival* on May 12, 2016 at Kingswood Theatre Event Tent. The students had lots of fun performing and received great reviews for their wonderful performance. In addition, they were given a valuable learning experience working with a renowned adjudicator and a trumpet player, Mr. Garry M. Page.



### Annual Volunteer Tea at LRPS

On Wednesday, May 25th, LRPS held our annual *Volunteer Tea* hosted by our Principal, Ms. Dodds, to thank all our wonderful parent-volunteers who have offered their help and valuable time this year. The volunteers enjoyed a mini-concert, listening to a number of small ensembles performed by the Intermediate Band members while enjoying some refreshments.





## 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\\_splot\\_26](http://blog.scholastic.com/ink_splot_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).



# Fight the Bite!

## Protect yourself against West Nile virus and Lyme disease

If you are heading outdoors to keep active, go camping or work in your garden, protect yourself and your family against West Nile virus and Lyme disease. West Nile virus is spread to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito; Lyme disease is spread through the bite of an infected blacklegged tick.

### What you can do:

- Cover up when you go outdoors with light coloured long sleeved shirts and pants
- Use an insect repellent containing DEET
- Check yourself and your children for ticks
- Remove attached ticks as quickly as possible
- Clean up standing water around your home where mosquitoes like to breed

You can still enjoy the great outdoors; just remember to ***Fight the Bite!***

For more information about West Nile virus and Lyme disease, including the safe removal of ticks, contact York Region Health Connection 1-800-361-5653, TTY 1-866-252-9933 or visit: [york.ca/westnile](http://york.ca/westnile) or [york.ca/lymedisease](http://york.ca/lymedisease).



**Community and Health Services**  
Public Health

### 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. Lehman, Mr. Capone, Mr. Lusty and Mr. Theodorou** 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** 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 15            Final Firefighter Visit (Grades 1 – 3), 2-3:30pm

June 15            Kindergarten Play Day, a.m.

June 17            Primary Play Day (Grades 1-3), a.m.

June 20 – 24      Jungle Sport (Grades K-8), all week

June 20 – 24      Spirit Week at Little Rouge  
                          June 20 – Tacky Tourist Day  
                          June 21 – Twin Day  
                          June 22 – Beach Day  
                          June 23 – Toronto Sports Team Day  
                          June 24 – School Spirit Day

June 27            Grade 8 Graduation

June 28            Rocket Rally—Optimism, 2 pm

**June 29            Last day of school – Dismissal 12:00**

June 29            Report cards go home

June 30            P.A. Day (No School)

