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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 Showcase, EQAO as well as other events such as the Bike/Walk to School Week. 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 26th. 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 **Tuesday, June 26th**, beginning at **5:30 p.m.**

at Little Rouge. Following the graduation, the students will then take a school bus to the Paramount 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!

June 28, 2018 Dismissal

All schools in the York Region District School Board are committed to improving student achievement and well-being. On **Thursday, June 28, 2018**, 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 Thursday, June 28, 2018 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 2018

Kindergarten Registration Commenced on January 19, 2018



Kindergarten registration commenced on January 19, 2018 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.

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.

School Assistant Positions for September 2018

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

This is a paid position over our lunch hour which is from 12:50-1:50 pm.



Students will receive their report cards on Thursday, June 28th.



Are You Moving?

Our preparations for the 2018-2019 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 2018.

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

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

School Council News



I know. Everyone says “It’s hard to believe it’s already June.” But seriously! It’s JUNE!! School Council meets for one final time this year on Tuesday, June 5th at 7:00 pm in the Staff Room.

We’ve had a busy May with Track and Field, Arts Showcase and Welcome to Kindergarten night. First of all, thank you to Ms. Kumar and Mr. Butler for putting together our track and field day and all of the staff who helped run the events. It certainly was a cooler day than expected but the kids still enjoyed the outdoors (and some freezies). Thank you to the parents who came to cheer on their kids and who helped with the freezies. Also, a big thank you to our teachers who put together a new and exciting Arts Showcase. Thank you to Mrs. Bayliss, Ms. Rose, Ms. Ducas, Mrs. Eisenberger and Ms. Bower for working so hard with our students and putting on such a spectacular show. Also thanks to staff who helped out with the visual arts show and during the evening show. We can’t wait until next year!

Thank you to all our parents and parent volunteers who have been a part of our Little Rouge community. We look forward to continuing our work together!

Student Attendance (lates & absences)

We are now using a new attendance system in the Board called Edsby. This system allows teachers to take attendance and record lates on the computer, rather than on paper. For this reason, students who arrive before 9:15, should report to their classrooms and teachers will mark them late on the computer. If students arrive after 9:15, they will still need to get a late slip in the front office.

If a parent is calling in a child ill and you are willing to share the reason (e.g., eye infection, stomach flu), please do so. If we were ever to have a health outbreak, the information would be helpful for Public Health.

Thank you for your support.



Thank you to the parents who provided treats to the staff for “Staff Appreciation” in May. We really enjoyed them and it was really thoughtful of everyone!

Kindergarten and Primary (K-3) Play Day

When: Thursday, June 20 (a.m.)

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



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.

**ROCKET RALLY
MAY
4As RECIPIENTS**



Active Living

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Chans	1
Colton	1
Jan Nathan	2
Lucy	3
Alex	4

Achievement

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Eva	JK
Cynthia	SK
Ethan K.	SK
Kylie	SK
Lucas	1
Neha	1
Madelynn	2
Zain	2
Harman	3
Horace	3
Kyle	3
Noriko	4
Neil K.	5
Zoey	8



Attitude

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
David	JK
Ethan Z.	JK
Rayn	SK
Zachary	SK
Christy	1
Shaun-Jeremy	1
Kiera	2
Eden	5
Ivan	5
Nida	5
Shajiev	5
Taryn	5
Thavin	5
Gilbert	6
Melanie	6
Harleen	8
Abigail	8

Arts

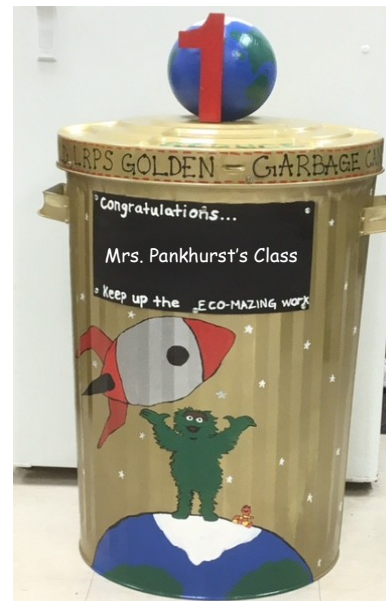
<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Kurtis	SK
Alyssa Z.	1
Katelyn	1
Ezekiel	2
Vienna	2
Arujan	4
Ieuan	4
Siri	4
Wendy	4
Abigail	8

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 May**, the 'Golden Garbage Can' award was presented to **Mrs. Pankhurst's Grade 1 class!**

Congratulations!



2018 Fun Pass

Celebrate the summer with savings when you plan a trip to Ontario's attractions with the 2018 Fun Pass.

The 2018 Fun Pass coupons provide free admission for up to two elementary school-aged children at [18 popular attractions](#) when accompanied by a paying adult or senior. Parents can also save \$5 on a daily parking permit at selected [Ontario provincial parks](#). Simply bring a coupon to any participating attraction. Visit Ontario.ca/funpass for more information about the program and to download the coupons.

Suggested tweets

The #ONfunpass is back! Get your Fun Pass at Ontario.ca/funpass

Two kids get in free at 18 Ontario attractions when accompanied by a paying adult with the #ONfunpass. Ontario.ca/FunPass

Suggested hashtags

#ONFunPass

Track and Field

We had a great track and field day this year! Thank you to Ms. Kumar and Mr. Butler for organizing the event, Mrs. Bayliss for providing first aid as needed and to all staff who helped run the events. Also thank you to our Parent Council for providing and helping out with the freezies.

Our track and field team is competing at the Area Track and Field competition on June 11th and some of our athletes may continue on to the York Regional Meet on June 19th in Stouffville.

Good luck to Koa Yamashita, Matthew Lee, Rowen McCurdy, Kush Dhussa, Alex Vlahopoulos, Ieuan Harris, Logan Umoquit, Rumman Haider, Jordan McKenzie, Joelle Cheng, Celia Bansavator, Nidhi Joshi, Christin Cao, Wendy Wang, Ajeeni Ajanthan, Henry Scott, Neil Karkhanis, Jacob Eagle, Abilash Balavigneswaran, Ryan Kurm, Jesslyn Luu, Nicole Lee, Isabella DaSilva, Sophie Xu, Anjalika Nandy, Florielyn Jaro, Anson Law, Davan Luu Li, Frank Chen, Anish Susikumar, Benson Liu, Steven Ma, Maggie Chung, Sana Farooqui, Deborah David, Jayla Cox, Marae Zarifa, Joshua Zheng, Curtis Leung, Ethan Elias, Ali Musavi, Ryan DeLeon, Tasneem Alli, Eric Kocsis, Mona Yue, Tanvi Yadav, Ashley Bazzano, Roshana Suthar, Piravena Pushpanathan, Evelyn Li, Nakelia Zimunya Graham, Jax Nasimok, Theesik Shanmuganathan, Matthew Lei, Harish Balavigneswaran, Brendan Russell, Hadi Naqvi, Kira Forde, Abigail Lam, Abiramie Kamalanathan, Jazmine Aquino, Sameera Lakhani, Eumika Young, and Ashlyn Wong! **Go Rockets Go!**

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

A huge congratulations goes to the Battle of the Books team who won 2nd place at the annual Markham Battle of the Books competition!

Over the course of this school year, these students worked hard to read the almost 40 books on the list and practice answering clues about the main characters, plots and authors of these books. The students learned how to trust each other and work together as a team with positive, supportive team members. Congratulations Krish Tejpal, Kush Dhussa, Angelika Nandy, Chloe Xyrafis, Harkomal Saggar and Anish Susikumar on your success! Your hard work has paid off!



eBook Summer Reading Opportunity



Did you know that you can now get free eBooks and audiobooks from the school library? It's easy! Just visit <http://yrdsb.lib.overdrive.com/> and borrow digital books by logging in with your student number – just remember to put a zero in front of it! (e.g. 0xxxxxx) You can enjoy on all major devices, such as iPhone®, iPad®, Android™ phones and tablets, Chromebooks, laptops or desktop computers. The collection has books like *Big Nate* and *The Secret Path* and thousands more. Visit the York Region District School eBook library for more information or access the site 24/7 at <http://yrdsb.lib.overdrive.com/> Any questions? Just ask your school librarian.

NEW TO OVERDRIVE?

Use these steps to borrow digital books from your school and start reading or listening to them right in your web browser.

- 1
Go to your school's OverDrive website:
<http://yrdsb.lib.overdrive.com/>
- 2
Sign in with your student ID or school login.
- 3
Borrow a book.
- 4
Go to your Checkouts page (under your Account). From there, click the Read or Listen button to open the book in your browser.

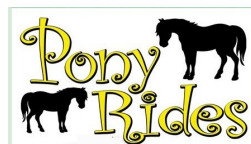
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Borrowed titles will automatically return at the end of the lending period. You can also return titles early to free up space in your school account.

As the school year is coming to an end, we are going to celebrate by having our **FUN FAIR** on **Tuesday, June 19th, 2018** from 4:30 to 7:00.

These are some of the activities that will be taking place on that day:

- Obstacle Bouncy Course
- Bouncy Castle (Kindergarten to Grade 3)
- Pony Rides (Kindergarten to Grade 4)
- 5 in 1 Activity Centre
- Carnival Games
- Splash Burst
- Face Painting/Henna
- Balloon Animals
- Nail Polish Station
- Photo Booth



We will also have Food and Snack stalls:

- Hamburger Combo
- Fries Combo
- Chicken Hotdog Combo (Halal)
- Veggie Burger Combo
- Cotton Candy
- Snow Cone
- Pop/Water
- Ice Cream



Fire Fighters and Police Officers will also be there with their vehicles for the children to explore. We will also be having a talent show!

In order to enjoy these fun activities and yummy food you have to **PRE-ORDER** your tickets!

Pre-Order is available online at <https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com>
Pre-Order will be available on **Tuesday, June 5th!**

FUN FAIR 2018

Attention Parents and Small Business Owners!

At the Fun Fair 2018 you can **bring your own** table and sell your products for only \$30.



You can sell anything you like except food, drinks, or snacks.

To reserve your space,
please contact

Mr. Yusuf
at (905) 202-5960 before
Friday, June 8th, 2018

* Junior Speeches *

Little Rouge's Speech Competition involving the Junior Division took place last month!

Students in grades 4 to 6 learned about speech writing and delivery, and they researched, wrote and presented their speeches to their classmates and teachers. Each class voted on several speakers to represent their class at the Junior Division Speech competition!

The class representatives and their topics were:

Gr. 4	Tyler:	Pollution
Gr. 4	Celia:	Polar Bears (2nd place in Gr. 4)
Gr. 4	Aruthee:	Ecoteam at Little Rouge (1st place in Gr. 4)
Gr. 4	Clayton:	Nuclear Energy
Gr. 4	Teresa:	Sea Turtles
Gr. 4	Maya:	Coral Reefs
Gr. 5	Isabella:	Hamburgers (1st place in Gr. 5)
Gr. 5	Neil:	World War 2
Gr. 5	Dev:	Black Holes
Gr. 5	Victor:	"You can change the world" (Overall winner in the Junior Division)
Gr. 5	Anjalika:	Procrastination
Gr. 5	Taryn:	Ressor Family (2nd in Gr. 5)
Gr. 5	Vera:	Exclusion
Gr. 6	Frank:	Empathy
Gr. 6	Nayana:	Nutella
Gr. 6	Diyaa:	Girls Are Better Than Boys (1st in Gr. 6)
Gr. 6	Karissa:	Stereotypes (2nd in Gr. 6)
Gr. 6	Alex:	Videogames for Education

Congratulations to all the class representatives! The speeches were interesting, engaging and well presented!

Congratulations to all who participated! Well Done!

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 6 from 3:30-5:00pm** (in case of rain we will delay until Thursday, June 7, same times). 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. Vandebek at the school. Thanks!!!

On Tuesday, May 22nd and Thursday, May 24th, the grade 4 and grade 7 classes visited the Rouge Conservation Site to plant trees and shrubs with the Friends of the Rouge. We received the following message from them:



We would like to thank you for being a part of our planting events and in doing so, helping to protect and restore the ecological integrity and health of Rouge Park and Watershed. We were happy that your students were able to take part in our 28th Annual Community Tree Planting, and had a pleasure spending time with your staff and students out in the watershed.

Your students and teachers planted approximately 200 native trees and shrubs! This brings FRW closer to our 2018 goal of planting and caring for native trees, shrubs, and flowers. Impressive work!



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. Lusty, Mr. Theodorou and Mr. Snodden** 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 4	P.A. Day (No School)
June 5	Final School Council meeting of the year, 7:00 p.m.
June 6	Summer Games, Grades 4-8
June 8	Intermediate Band to perform at Wonderland
June 11	Area Track and Field meet
June 19	Grade 8 Graduation Trip
June 19	Fun Fair, 4:30-7:00 p.m.
June 20	Primary Play Day
June 26	Grade 8 Graduation, 5:30 p.m.
June 28	Report cards go home
June 28	Last day of school – 12:00 – Dismissal
June 29	P.A. Day (No School)