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Character Matters!

Respect Honesty
Empathy Fairness
Initiative Courage
Integrity
Optimism
Perseverance
Responsibility



From the Principal's Desk



I would like to say how proud I am to be the principal of such a wonderful school. Our students continue to be involved in many excellent programs in the classroom. These programs are due to the superb efforts of our dedicated staff, the participation by our students and the continuing support from you, the parents.

I would especially like to compliment the students on their excellent behavior when they are representing our school on field trips, and during school presentations. I have received many compliments on the students' participation, behaviour and cooperation. These are values and traits that our staff and students focus on in class and throughout the school. It is great to see the students demonstrating these traits in all areas of school life.

School Council



A big thank you to all the families that participated in the Mathletes event on February 11. Thanks also to all the parent volunteers who took the time out to assist at the Winter Games on February 19.

It is important that we, as parents, and as a community, support our children, teachers and the school's administration in these and other important activities that enhance the learning and overall school experience of our children.

Thanks for your continued support of the Subway lunch program. During March, Subway lunch will be provided on March 9 and 23 to those students who have ordered it. It is the funds raised from these and other similar initiatives, such as the Investment in Education fundraiser, that enables the School Council to contribute financially to our children's overall school experience.

We again wish to remind you of the importance of the safety of all our children. Be extra vigilant and remember to slow down while driving, particularly around the school zone and on school property.

Our next School Council meeting is on Monday, April 4 at 7pm in the staff room. Hope to see you there! (No meeting in March.)



Scholastic Book Fair - April 11-15

The Scholastic Spring Book Fair is back!

It will begin on Monday, April 11th and run until noon on Friday, April 15th. Students will be able to preview the Fair and make purchases with their classroom teachers during class time. Only students with money will be able to shop during recesses. For every book you purchase, funds go to our school to purchase new books for our library. Our goal is to sell 500 books which would put approximately 200 new books on our library shelves! Watch for the flyers going home soon with more information.



Save The Dates: May 30—June 2

This is the range of dates set aside to administer the annual EQAO tests to our Grade 3 and Grade 6 students. Parents of students in these grades are asked to please refrain from booking any appointments or vacations during this time as it is very important for all students to participate in this testing.

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.



Lunch Assistant Positions

If you are interested in working as a Lunch Assistant to do occasional back-up, 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.



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

February's character trait was **Fairness**. "We are sensitive to the needs of each individual. We treat each other as we wish to be treated ourselves. We interact with others without stereotyping, prejudice or discrimination. We stand up for human rights."

Congratulations to our Fairness winners!

Mrs. Wilder	JK/SK:	Daniyal, Neha
Ms. Robinson	JK/SK:	Kyle, Ganesh
Mrs. Smith	JK/SK:	Vismaya, Kaylee
Ms. West	JK/SK:	Everleigh, Girithic
Mrs. Whitten	JK/SK:	Jesika, Afnan
Mrs. Pankhurst	1:	Gavin, Harman
Mrs. Kurtes	1:	Ivy, Brayden
Mrs. Eisenberger	1/2:	Winnie, Aiden
Mr. Shubert	2:	Harkomal, Emily
Mr. Gafar	2:	Christin, Ajeeni
Mrs. Cohen	2/3:	Florielyn, Matthew
Ms. Cavazon	3:	Adi, Akshitha
Miss Ducas	3/4:	Deborah, Akshaya
Mrs. Pickthall	4:	Dashawnth, Ryan W.
Mrs. Lemmon	5:	Ashiga, Brandon
Mr. Brown	5/6:	Abigail, Curtis L.
Ms. Campbell	6/7:	Hadi N, Carlton Au
Mrs. Chaudhary	6/7:	Jax, Jayden S.
Mr. Yusuf	7/8:	Ronnie, Sanjeev
Mr. Cvitkovic	8:	Advait, Elhama



In March, our focus is on Perseverance.

"We stick to a goal and work hard even in the face of obstacles and challenges. We complete all tasks and assignments."

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 February, the 'Golden Garbage Can' award was presented to **Mr. Brown's Gr. 5/6 class!** Congratulations!



ECO NEWS!



A message from the Eco Team

Coming Soon! **Boomerang lunch!** Beginning in April, lunches at Little Rouge will be boomeranged, meaning all garbage items are to be returned home. Stay tuned - more information to come later this month!

Earth Hour



Earth Hour started in 2007 in Sydney, Australia when 2.2 million homes and businesses turned their lights off for one hour to make their stand against climate change. Only a year later and Earth Hour had become a global sustainability movement with more than 50 million people across 35 countries participating. Global landmarks such as the Sydney Harbour Bridge, The CN Tower in Toronto, The Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, and Rome's Coliseum, all stood in darkness, as symbols of hope for a cause that grows more urgent by the hour.

Earth Hour 2016 takes place on Saturday, March 19th at 8:30pm—9:30pm (local time) and is a global call to action to every individual, every business and every community throughout the world. It is a call to stand up, to take responsibility, to get involved and lead the way towards a sustainable future. Iconic buildings and landmarks from Europe to Asia to the Americas will stand in darkness.

Since Earth Hour takes place during the March Break, Little Rouge will be powering down on Thursday, March 24th from 2-3 pm to do our part and reduce our Eco footprint.

York Region 's Music Alive

Six Intermediate students from Little Rouge Public School will be performing in York Region' s Music Alive Festival on March 31th at Cosmo Music Concert Hall in Richmond Hill. The students have been practicing hard for the past month and they will be performing Woodwind/Brass Trio, Flute Duo, Clarinet and Baritone Solo. We wish them the best!

Save the Date! LRPS Music Night ~

We will have our first Music Night on April 27th, 2016. Many musical groups will perform and showcase their talents to support the Music program at Little Rouge. Please come and join us for the LRPS Music Night and hear the intermediate Band, small ensembles, choir as well as a number of class performances. Stay tuned for more information!

Dress Warmly for Outdoor Play

As you know, our students are provided with nutrition 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.).



It is advisable for children to bring extra pants and socks in case they get wet. Being physically active during winter is an essential part of a healthy lifestyle. The school administration keeps a close eye on weather conditions, including wind chill. When conditions necessitate, students will remain inside for recess. When conditions allow, reduced outdoor recesses may take place. If a student is well enough to attend school, then he/she will be expected to go outside for recess.

Kindergarten Registration for September 2016

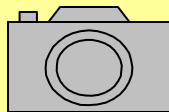
Kindergarten Registration Commenced on January 15, 2016



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. 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.

A Kindergarten Information session for JK's and their parents will be held on Thursday, May 12th, 6:00-7:30 pm. For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact your local school.

Grade 8 Graduation Photos were taken on March 2nd. Due to the snow storm and bus cancellations, a number of Grade 8 students were not at school so the photographer will be coming back to Little Rouge on March 22nd at 9am. So those students who missed getting their photos taken, please remember ...girls should wear a white blouse and boys should wear a white shirt and a tie.



Backpack Alert

Parents, please take a few minutes to lift your child's backpack and check that it is not too heavy for him/her. Recently, there have been articles in magazines and newspapers about the injuries caused by young children carrying heavy backpacks to school each day. Prevent unnecessary back injuries – don't let them carry everything they own to school each day!



Attendance—Safe Arrival

Ensuring the safety of your children is our priority.
PLEASE REPORT ABSENCES DAILY.

Attendance is taken both in the morning and the afternoon each day. If you know your child will be absent, please call the office as soon as possible. You can leave a message after hours at: **905-202-5960.**

In the case where we do not hear from a parent and we have been unable to reach a parent to verify an absence, it is the policy of York District School Board to contact the Police and report the child as missing.

PETS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

A reminder to parents/guardians who walk their pets to school:

- All dogs must be on a leash and kept outside the school.
- Consider leaving your pets at home. Larger animals sometimes intimidate smaller children.
- Fenced in Kindergarten play areas are off limits to pets.
- All excrement must be removed by pet owners. Please help keep our property clean and healthy.

This does not apply to service animals.

(This information is from the YRDSB's Guide to the School Year.)

Student absences have increased recently within several schools in York Region, related to illnesses with respiratory and enteric symptoms.

To protect staff, students and families from getting ill, remember to:

- Stay at home when you are sick, and keep your child home if they are sick
- Keep healthy by eating healthy foods, being physically active and ensuring your immunizations are up-to-date, including the seasonal flu shot
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Wash your hands often with soap and water or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available
- Cough and sneeze into your sleeve or a tissue, not your hand, and throw away used tissues immediately
- Avoid touching your face
- Clean and disinfect common surfaces

Symptoms of respiratory and/or enteric illness can include:

- Headache
- Chills
- Fever (over 38 degrees Celsius or 100 degrees Fahrenheit)
- Muscle aches and fatigue
- Runny nose
- Sneezing
- Sore throat
- Watery eyes
- Loss of appetite
- Nausea and vomiting
- Diarrhea

If you or your child are sick and do not improve, contact your health care provider.

Many viruses are commonly active at this time of year, for example norovirus and influenza (flu). Both viruses are very contagious and can be spread by contact with contaminated surfaces, such as door knobs or eating utensils. For more information, read the norovirus and flu fact sheets online at the following links:

[Norovirus fact sheet](#)

[Flu fact sheet](#)



LITTLE ROUGE PUBLIC SCHOOL
FUN FAIR 2016

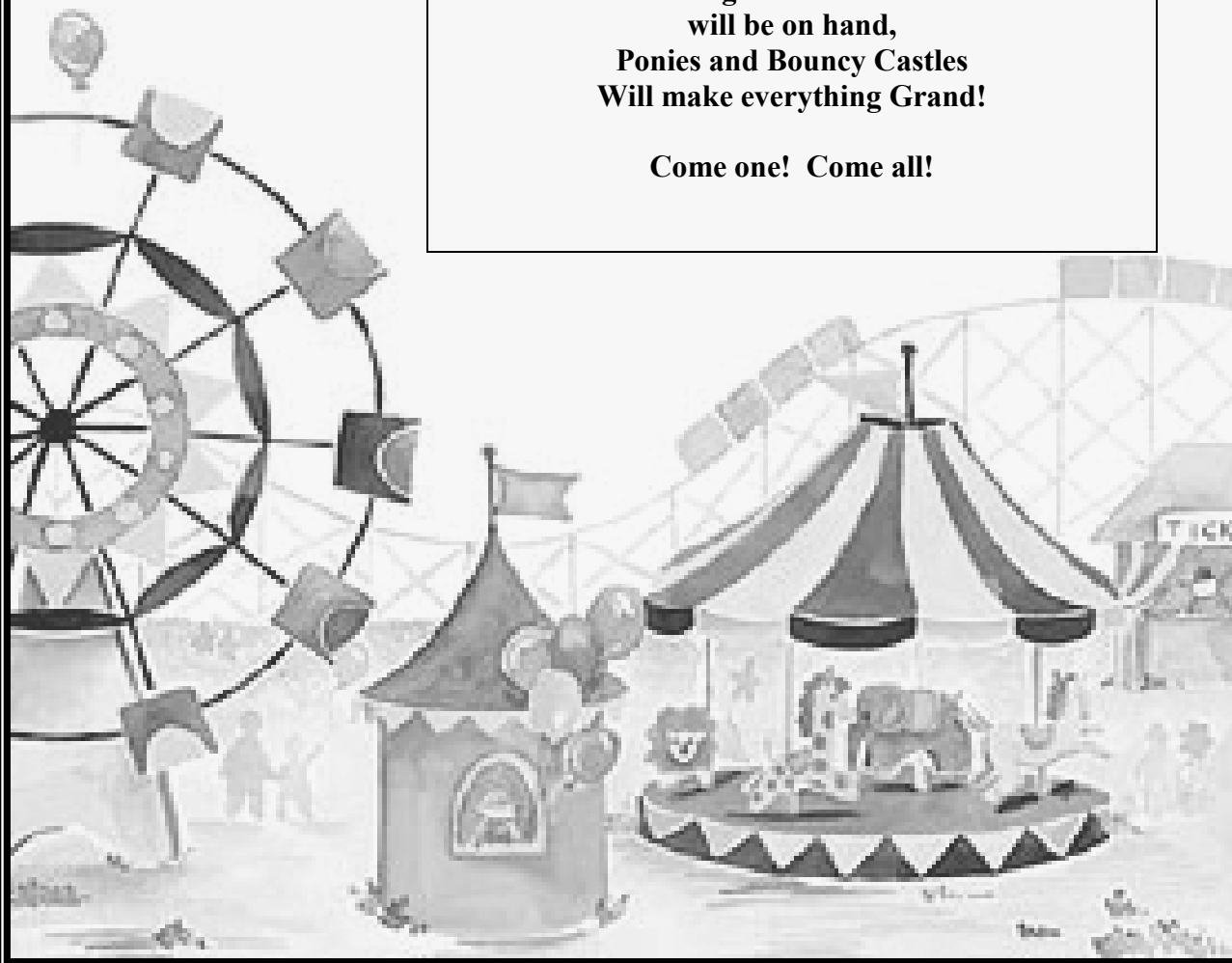
Thursday, June 2, 2016

4:30 pm – 7:00 pm

**Rides, Food and Games
are on the list of fun,
Hurry on over,
for the Fun Fair has begun!**

**Firefighters and EMS
will be on hand,
Ponies and Bouncy Castles
Will make everything Grand!**

Come one! Come all!



A message from Bur Oak Secondary School:

We are looking forward to meeting our new Grade 9 students in September.

Please find a link [Bur Oak February Newsletter 2016](#)

Empty Milk Bags

Room 132 is still collecting empty milk bags. These bags will be transformed into mats for the people in Haiti. Thank you to everyone who has been bringing bags in! Please keep those milk bags coming in! Drop them in the box in front of the office.

Student Council Spirit Events:

- Friday, March 11 St. Patrick's Day / Green Day
- Monday, March 21 Pyjama Day
- Thursday, March 24 Easter Bunny Day (spring colours -- yellow, pink, green)
- * Gr. 1-3's—Easter Bunny Bowling, lunch recess 1:10 pm
 50 Cents to play

UPCOMING DATES:

- March 2 Grade 8 Grad Photos, 9:00am
- March 9 SUBWAY Lunch
- March 9 Parent Workshop—Parenting the Social Media Generation, 6:30pm
- March 10 Trip to Science Centre, Grades 3-8
- March 12 – 20 March Break (NO SCHOOL) (Mar. 11th is not a PA Day)
- March 22 Grade 8 Grad Photos, 9:00am (for those who were absent Mar. 2nd)
- March 24 Grade 2 Firefighter Visit, 9:30-10:30am
- March 23 SUBWAY Lunch
- March 25 Good Friday (NO SCHOOL)
- March 28 Easter Monday (NO SCHOOL)
- March 30 Rocket Rally, 11:10 am

