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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.

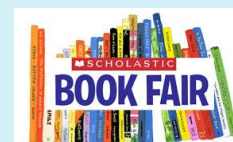
I would especially like to compliment the students on their excellent behavior when they are representing our school on field trips, and during school presentations. I have received many compliments on the students' participation, behaviour and cooperation. These are values and traits that our staff 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.

Scholastic Book Fair - April 3-7

The Scholastic Book Fair is back!

It will begin on Monday, April 3rd at 9:00am and run until Friday, April 7th at noon. It will be open during school hours and 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 the library. Our goal is to sell 500 books which would put approximately 200 new books on our library shelves!

Watch for the flyers with more information. See you at the Fair and thank you for helping us build a community of readers!

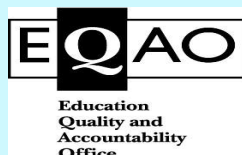


School Council News

Parent Council continues this month with a meeting on Monday, March 6th at 7:00pm. Just a reminder that all parents are invited to attend these meetings. This month we are taking a break from our Subway lunches but hope to resume again in April. Thank you to our Subway coordinator, Diane Kurm for her work in keeping these lunches going.

We wish all of our Little Rouge families a safe, happy and healthy March Break. We are looking forward to lots of activities in the coming three months. Stay tuned for more information.





Save The Dates: May 29-31

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.



Are You Moving?

Our preparations for the 2017-2018 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 2017.

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

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Message from our Trustee

With spring approaching and the hours of daylight increasing, now is a good time to enjoy the outdoors and our natural environment. Did you know that our Board has five [outdoor education centres](#), and students have opportunities to visit them and other outdoor learning spaces throughout their schooling? This is part of our commitment to giving students an opportunity to learn in and about the natural world. This learning supports students in gaining a deeper appreciation for nature and the importance of environmental sustainability.

"Modelling continuous environmental sustainability" is one of the goals outlined in our [Board of Trustees' Multi-Year Plan](#). We believe that we all have a role to play in reducing waste and protecting our environment. Our students, staff members and families continue to show leadership when it comes to supporting student learning and initiatives to reduce our ecological footprint.

Spending time outside as a family also provides a great opportunity to support and enhance your child's learning outside of school. Whether visiting a park or museum, reading with your child in your home language or asking questions about their day at school - know that there are many ways you can support their education and that you are making a difference.

I hope you all have a happy and safe March Break and enjoy the warmer weather ahead.

Allan Tam

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!

Kindergarten Registration for September 2017

Kindergarten Registration Commenced on January 20, 2017



Kindergarten registration commenced on January 20, 2017 for the 2017-18 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2017, 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 11th, 6:00-7:30 pm.

For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact your local school.

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.)





From the Basketball Court....

The **Intermediate Boys' basketball team** finished their season on February 13th at the Area basketball tournament. The boys had a successful season, and ended up making it to the playoffs at the final tournament. They played with poise at key moments, and it was clear that they have a real love for the game. They also showed a lot of respect to the other teams and the referees, representing the Little Rouge community in a positive manner. **Congratulations** to the following boys for their hard work and dedication:

- Brendan Russell
- Dilawar Khan
- Tasneem Ali
- Bilal Haider
- Sharath Nandan
- Nathan Ngo
- Jayden Shippey
- Zayn Ali
- Nikolas Munro
- Aiden Adonu
- Nivethan Ravichandran
- Harishan Jehan
- Carlton Au

Great job everyone!

Be the Change

In March, the Be the Change team will be participating in Free the Children's annual "We are Silent" campaign. This campaign is meant to raise awareness for children around the world who are unable to speak out against their poor living conditions, such as a lack of clean water and/or limited access to education. Let's show people that *we* care and *we* can stand up for their rights.

Thank you for your continued support everyone!

The BTC Team

Student Council Spirit Day

MARCH 30TH

*** HAT DAY ***

Wear a hat to show your spirit!



From the Basketball Court....

A big shout out to the **Intermediate Girls' basketball team** whose season has come to a close. The girls have had an incredible season showing growth at both ends of the court, and through their dedication, communication, and teamwork they have had one of the most successful years to date. The girls started the season off a little rocky, losing their first two exhibition games, however by the time the Area Tournament arrived, they came together. The Rockets were undefeated all day, and beat Wismer in the semi-final game by just one basket, scored in the dying seconds of the final half. The girls finally lost to Black Walnut in the gold medal game, finishing second place overall. The team battled hard and have come so far since the beginning of the season, and should be so proud of their second place finish at Areas, as well as their improvement as basketball players and athletes. **Way to go Rockets!** Keep up the hard work and see you on the court next year!

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.

Empty Milk Bags

Room 132 is still collecting empty milk bags. These bags will be transformed into mats for homeless people and for people in Haiti.

Thank you to everyone who has been bringing bags in! It is much appreciated!

Please drop them in the box in front of the office.



ECO NEWS!

This year **Earth Hour** will take place on Saturday, March 25th from 8:30pm - 9:30pm.

In support of Earth Hour, all schools and workplaces are encouraged to participate in the Board's Earth Hour/ Power Hour (Annual Lights Off/ Monitors Off Hour) on Friday, March 24th from 2:00 — 3:00 p.m.



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 February**, the 'Golden Garbage Can' award was presented to **Ms. Zappitelli's Grade 3/4 class!**
Congratulations!





ROCKET RALLY FEBRUARY 4As RECIPIENTS



Active Living

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Parth	2
Zayna	3
Ashley B.	6

Achievement

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Alexandra	JK
Jacob	JK
Rayn	JK
Alex L.	SK
Andi	SK
Ellen	SK
Elnaz	SK
Ethan A.	SK
Mia	SK
Chloe	1
Ethan F.	1
Ezekiel	1
Madelynn	1
Ryan	1
Celia	3
Harkomal	3
Ria	3
Anjalika	4
Sabriyya	4
Sarah S	4
Tiffany	4
Aakash	6
Koji	6
Tanvi	6
Abiramie	7
Nikolas M.	8

Attitude

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Brian	JK
Sharjun	SK
Jacky	1
Rayyan	1
Sarah	1
Kaavya	2
Preethika	2
Yehya	2
Aaden	3
Emma	3
Darren	4
Ivan	4
Deep	5
Richie	5
Arman	6
Bilal	6
Kashish	7
Zoe	7
Keziah	8
Mustafa	8

Arts

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Rima	2





LITTLE ROUGE PUBLIC SCHOOL

FUN FAIR 2017

Thursday, May 25, 2017

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!

UPCOMING DATES:

March 3	Earth Rangers (grades 1 – 6)
March 6 – 10	Jungle Sport (all grades)
March 13 – 17	March Break (NO SCHOOL) (Mar 10th is <u>not</u> a PA Day)
March 30	Rocket Rallies
March 30	Spirit Day – HAT DAY – wear a hat this day to show your spirit
April 3 – 7	Scholastic Book Fair
April 3	School Council Meeting (all welcome), 7:00 pm
April 10 & 11	Dental Screening – JK, SK, grade 2 and grade 8