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## Character Matters!

Respect	Honesty
Empathy	Fairness
Initiative	Courage
Integrity	
Optimism	
Perseverance	
Responsibility	



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## From the Principal's Desk



Our students continue to be working very hard this term to gain new knowledge and skills. We are all proud of their efforts and the fine work displayed in the classrooms and around the school. We look forward to a great (but busy) final two months of school!

## School Council

Thank you to all of the parents that came to The Power of Self Regulation seminar. Remember to try the 21 day challenge. For anyone who missed the seminar, a copy of the presentation is on the School Council site.

The money raised at the Winter Fair has been used to purchase outdoor equipment which will soon be at the school for the children to enjoy.

School Council is organizing two more Subway Lunches scheduled for May 5th and May 26th.

Our next School Council meeting is scheduled for May 4th at 7pm in the staff room. All are welcome!

Gail Auyeung  
School Council Chair



## Kindergarten Orientation Little Rouge PS

**Date: Thursday May 7, 2015**  
**Time: 6:30—7:30 pm, in the Gym**



Please join us to:

- ◆ Learn about a typical day in kindergarten
- ◆ Find out about bussing
- ◆ Hear about our safe arrival program
- ◆ Learn more about the kindergarten curriculum expectations
- ◆ Learn about how we work hard to ensure your child's social and emotional well-being

**For children entering JK  
in September 2015**

*Please note: This evening is for parents and their JK child only, so they can spend some time with each other enjoying kindergarten based activities. Please arrange child care for other siblings. Thank you for your support with this request. See you there!*

## 'You're The Chef' Update

On April 21<sup>st</sup>, a group of Grade 6, 7 and 8 students got together after school to cook and eat together. We started off the session by learning the importance of properly washing our hands and properly washing any fruits and vegetables before preparing any food. We also learned how to hold a knife safely and how to cut food with it. We made simple items this week that allowed everyone to showcase what they learned. We successfully made a black bean dip with a vegetable tray filled with carrots, celery, and cucumbers, a very tangy guacamole, and also a delicious Pizzadilla! The Pizzadilla had mozzarella cheese, pizza sauce and of course green peppers to give it a healthy boost. Everyone had a fun time and enjoyed the food! It was wonderful seeing how a young group of children could put together these items safely while also cleaning up after themselves. They washed the dishes, wiped the counters, and even picked up items off the floor. If your child is participating in You're the Chef be sure to ask them what they made that day!

The Healthy Schools Team  
Ms. Kung and Ms. Ramkissoon



## Empty Milk Bags



A special thanks to parents, students and staff for all of the donated milk bags!

We are collecting milk bags until the end of June so please bring in what you have. Our goal is to weave two more mats by the end of June.

Thanks again for supporting our program!

## Book Drive

This year's Book Drive was a complete success! Everyone donated lots and lots of books. We collected a total of 400 books, smashing our goal of 100 books!!!

Thank you Little Rouge for helping us surpass this goal!!!



Grade 8 Book Drive group

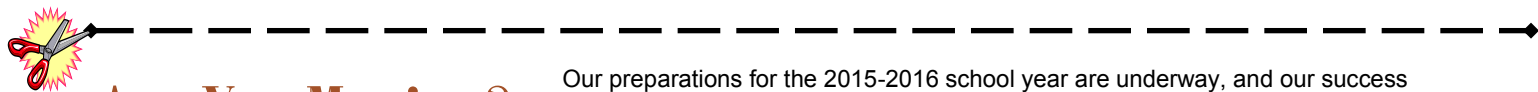
## Scholastic Book Fair - Update

Thanks to everyone for making another Scholastic Book Fair a success! We sold over 400 books and we were able to choose many new books to add to our library collection. Watch the shelves in the library for new and exciting titles arriving soon!



## Baby Food Jars!

The Kindergarten team is looking for clean, empty baby food jars, preferably with lids, to be used for a variety of things such as crafts, holding paint, etc. They would like large or small jars. If you have any jars that you would like to donate to our kindergarten team, please send them in with your student. Thanks so much!



## 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

**April's character trait was Honesty.** "We behave in a sincere, trustworthy, and truthful manner."

### Congratulations to our Honesty winners!

Mrs. Wilder	JK/SK:	Elyssa, Hebe
Ms. Robinson	JK/SK:	Hei Hei, Calvin
Mrs. Smith	JK/SK:	Alex, Anna
Ms. West	JK/SK:	Imee, Dean
Mrs. Whitten	SK/1:	Anehan, Addison
Miss Neprily	1:	Zayna, Melanie
Mrs. Kurtes	1:	Victor, Isabel
Mr. Shubert	2:	Emma, Jesslyn
Mr. Gafar	2:	Akshaya, Terry
Miss Tse	2/3:	Nathan T, Gilbert, Ethan
Mrs. Cohen	3:	Minu, Davan
Ms. Ramkissoon	4:	Zoya, Anthony
Ms. Buczkowski	4/5:	Jessie, Darius
Ms. McHardy	5:	Henrick, Jayson
Mrs. Pickthall	5/6:	Jax, Zayn
Mr. Brown	6/7:	Izzah, Sadiq
Mr. Yusuf	7:	Alexander, Ananth
Mr. Cvitkovic	8:	Nesha, Peter



### In May, our focus is on 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."**



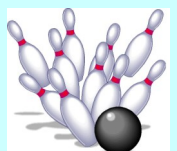
## Playing on the Schoolyard After School Hours

With the warm weather here, we are noticing that many of the students are lingering at the end of the school day to play on the field or at the basketball nets. It's wonderful that the students are spending time outdoors (far better for them than sitting in front of a screen ...), however, we need you to be aware that there is **no supervision outside at the end of the day**. We have teachers supervising the Kiss and Ride and in the Bus Loop until 3:45, so children playing on the schoolyard after school are doing so at their own risk, but, hopefully with your knowledge and your permission.

## Our Trip to the Markham Bowl!

Written by: Diva Patel

We went to the Markham Bowl for a field trip. First, we took a Viva bus to the Markham Bowl. I liked the bus ride so much. Next, we went to the Markham Bowl for bowling. I rolled the ball to the pins to knock them down. Then, we tried to get a lot of points. I cheered for my friends. Finally, I feel happy because my team won. I had a great time at Markham Bowl.





## ECO NEWS!

Earth Day, the global environmental movement, was on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Due to rain and muddy conditions, Little Rouge will be conducting its Earth Day cleanup on Friday May 1st in an effort to keep our community looking great and to continue to help the environment. Way to go Rockets!

All students took home tree seedlings to plant. We hope you found a spot to plant your seedlings so they can grow into trees that will turn harmful carbon dioxide into oxygen and make our community look beautiful.



## Environmental Corner

Hit the brakes on smog! Carpool! If your parents drive you to school, try starting a neighborhood carpool by sharing a ride with friends who live nearby. Ask your parents if they would volunteer to drive you and the other students from your neighborhood to school for a week. The next week, see if a friend's parent can do the driving. By taking turns, you're keeping more cars off the road and producing less smog.

## Helping Hands Café

**What is it?** Once a month the 'Boys on a Mission', along with the help of Ms. Valkanis, Ms. Dellosa and Ms. Rebeiro, prepare a hot lunch that is sold to our Little Rouge Staff.

**Why?** All funds raised thus far were donated to a family in need that was brought to our attention by a member of our staff. Future funds that are made will be donated to a good cause. The Helping Hands Café seeks to help others in need by donating our profits to those who need it more than we do. We want to reinforce empathy for our students and show them the benefits of charity work.

**What have we made?** So far, our Helping Hands Café has served delicious lunches such as Greek Lentil soup, Pasta Salad, Grilled Cheese, and Spaghetti and Meatballs! Mmmm.



## Friendship Club

**What is it?** Friendship Club is a "NO BULLY ZONE" where students come to participate in crafts, games, building positive social skills and enhancing their problem solving skills.

**When does it run?** Friendship Club runs on Day 1 and 3 at lunch recess in room 132. Supervision is provided by Ms. Valkanis, Ms. Dellosa and Ms. Rebeiro. Students are invited to eat lunch with us or come down after they eat their lunch in their classrooms.

**What have the students done so far?** The students in our Friendship Club just performed an AMAZING anti-bullying presentation and dance at our last Rocket Rally. Students have also made rainbow loom creations, beading, knitting, ironing beads, robots and so much more!



## Late Arrivals

I would like to thank you for your cooperation with our daily student entry and exit procedures. The consistent use of a specific entry and exit door for each classroom best ensure that we are providing a safe environment for all students. Our structured entry of students each morning and afternoon begins in your home. **Your help is required to make sure your children arrive on time before 8:55 a.m. and start their day by entering the school only through their assigned door. Beginning every morning at 8:45 a.m., students are supervised in the school yard by several staff members. Parents are encouraged to make sure that their children arrive well before the entry bell rings at 8:55 a.m.** All children are also dismissed at recess, lunch, and at 3:30 p.m., using their classroom's assigned door.

Any student arriving after O'Canada and the announcements have started is considered late. Students should wait outside the office while the announcements are being made and then enter to get a late slip.

Arriving to school on time is a key skill that our children will need to value in order to be successful throughout life. No one succeeds at work if they are routinely late, and no one appreciates the person who arrives after a movie starts and interrupts what everyone else is watching. School is no different! Late students miss out on learning and struggle to start their day smoothly. As well, late students interrupt and distract the other students and teacher from the critical morning routines and the learning that is happening in the classroom

It is our goal to develop good attendance habits that will benefit the students as they grow older and take on the responsibilities of young adults.

In case you are unsure of the door that your child's class enters through, please see the chart below:

Grade/Class	Entry door location
Kdgns and Mrs. Whitten's SK's	Kindergarten Pen at front of the school
All grade 1's and Mr. Gafar's grade 2's	Door at the back of the school closest to the caretakers' door
Mr. Shubert, Miss Tse and Mrs. Cohen's classes	Door at the back of the school closest to the basketball nets
Miss Ramkissoon, Miss Buczkowski and Miss McHardy's classes	Door at back of the school closest to the caretakers' door
Grade 5/6, 6/7, 7 and 8	Door coming off parking lot at side of school

## 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

**The LRPS Jump Rope date is June 19th!** Your child should have already taken home their Jump Rope fundraising envelope, so feel free to start fundraising! As was shared in our kick-off assembly, we encourage you to submit your donations online. This makes it easier on the volunteers at the Heart and Stroke Foundation, and there are also prizes to be won. **Please make sure your donations/envelope are submitted by the end of May.** We are hoping to reach a school fundraising goal of \$2,000.

Thank you for your support!







## Curriculum Corner

### Critical Thinking and Questioning

All day long, in all subject areas, students are asked a wide variety of questions to determine their understanding, push their thinking and develop their critical thinking skills. These questions are tied to the areas of the Ontario Achievement Chart and can be specific to individual concepts or as broad as “Why?” or “How can you tell?”

#### Examples of questions based on the Achievement Chart:

- ◇ Knowledge and Understanding:
  - Is this a story or a poem?
  - What is the sum of  $4 + 6$ ?
- ◇ Thinking:
  - What can you infer about the main character based on how he reacted to the problem in the story?
  - Mr. Grocer sells his apples for \$2.87 a bag. One family bought 5 bags of apples and paid with a fifty dollar bill. How much change did Mr. Grocer give them?
- ◇ Communication:
  - Choose two opposing characters in the story and **explain** their point of view.
  - **Justify** your solution to the problem.
- ◇ Application:
  - Use what you have learned about adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing to help you solve the problem below...
  - Use what you have learned in your science unit to write a diary entry showing how astronauts meet their biological needs in space...

#### Setting Students on the Path to Success:

When confronted by so many questions of varying degrees of complexity, there are a few important strategies that teachers teach students and which parents can reinforce at home:

##### Strategy #1:

- ◇ Understand what the question is actually asking.
  - Do this by rereading the question and finding synonyms for “tricky” or “new words”.
  - Break the questions into parts if necessary. (This is particularly effective for math problems and opinion questions. *e.g. What is your opinion... and why?*)

##### Strategy #2:

- ◇ Turn the question “inside out”.
  - This sets the students on the “right path” when constructing their answer.
    - *Sample question: Why is Wayne Gretzky considered “the Great One”?*
    - *Corresponding answer: Wayne Gretzky is considered “the Great One” because...*

##### Strategy #3:

- ◇ Revisit the text to help you find the answers.
  - Whether “the text” is a literary text, a science paragraph or a math problem, students need to reread it in order to help them find the answers or evidence they are seeking.
  - Once they have selected information from the text, they can then add their own ideas to enhance their response.

#### Practising Question-Answering Strategies at Home:

Using the EQAO website is an authentic way to help students practise these strategies. Since EQAO is a **primary** and a **junior** assessment, not just an assessment of Grade 3 and Grade 6 learning, this website can be used for students in grades 1-6. The website can be found at [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com) and contains past years’ language and math texts, questions and problems.

Little Rouge Public School and The “Be The Change” team is proud to present our

# Arts and Social Justice Celebration

**Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Art Gallery (featuring artwork from students in K – Grade 8) opens at 11:10

Presentations and Performances will occur throughout the day

(Primary classes to attend from 11:10 – 12:00 and Junior/Intermediate classes to attend from 1:50-3:30)

## Performances will Feature:

- The Intermediate Band
- Small Ensembles
- Junior Recorder Band
- And “Be The Change” presentations focused on raising awareness on how students can, and have been, making a difference in the world (p.m. only)

To be able to involve all of our students in our celebration, this event will take place beginning after morning recess until the end of the day.

**We hope you will be able to join us too!**

Please bring a non-perishable food donation in lieu of admission.

There will also be opportunities to make donations to support the Arts at LRPS. These funds will help us purchase new sheet music and instruments, an upgraded sound and lighting system, and visual art supplies/equipment.



**Save The Dates: May 25—June 4**

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.

## Show Your School Spirit! Get your Little Rouge T-Shirt!



### T-Shirts on sale for only \$12!

Every morning recess from Mon. April 27- Fri. May 8  
Available sizes: Youth Small to Adult Large (first come, first serve)  
**Bring your money and pick up your shirt on the same day!**

#### York Region's Music Alive

Five Junior and Intermediate students from Little Rouge Public School will be performing in York Region's Music Alive Festival on April 30th at Cosmo Music Concert Hall in Richmond Hill. The students have been practicing hard for the past couple of months and they will be performing Woodwind/Percussion Trio, Clarinet Solo and Woodwind Trio. We wish them all the best!

#### Canada's Wonderland Festival of Music

Little Rouge's Intermediate Band will be performing at Canada's Wonderland Festival of Music on May 8, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. along with a number of other schools from various school boards. The band will perform four songs including *Yesterday*, *Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious*, *Stratford March* and *Viva La Vida*. Everyone is looking forward to this exciting musical experience!

#### 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 March, the 'Golden Garbage Can' award was presented to **Mr. Brown's Grade 6/7 class ! Congratulations!**





### **UPCOMING DATES:**

May 4	Grade 4/5 and Ms Valkanis and Miss Kung's classes to Casa Loma
May 4	School Council Meeting, 7:00 pm
May 7	Welcome to Kindergarten Night for new JK's and their parents, 6:30 pm
May 8	Intermediate Band to Music Festival at Wonderland
May 11	Grade 1 and 2 classes to Toronto Zoo
May 14	Arts & Social Justice Celebration, 11:10-3:30 pm
May 18	Victoria Day <b>(NO SCHOOL)</b>
May 20	Miss Kung and Ms Valkanis' classes to Track and Field meet
May 22	Lend a Hand Assembly, 2:00 pm
May 25-27	Grade 3 EQAO
May 26	Miss Ramkissoo's class – Wonder of Japan workshop
May 28	Rocket Rally—Integrity
June 1-3	Grade 6 EQAO
June 1	School Council Meeting, 7:00 pm
June 5	P.A. Day <b>(NO SCHOOL)</b>

 **MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS!**