



# Little Rouge P.S.

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## Character Matters!

Respect	Honesty
Empathy	Fairness
Initiative	Courage
Integrity	
Optimism	
Perseverance	
Responsibility	



## 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!



## Kindergarten Orientation at Little Rouge PS

**Date:** Thursday May 12, 2016

**Time:** 6:00—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**



**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!

## School Council

Our final Subway lunch day for the year will be May 18, 2016. As a result of the funds collected from this program, the School Council has been able to contribute to some much needed school activities and resources, including outdoor playground equipment, math manipulatives and the Jungle Gym program. We look forward to your continued support next school year.

The School Council will be hosting a staff appreciation lunch on May 26, 2016. Volunteers and food contributions are welcome. For additional information, please contact Eva at [himanen@rogers.com](mailto:himanen@rogers.com).

The final School Council meeting for the year will be on June 6 at 7 p.m. in the staff room. All are invited and encouraged to attend.





## 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.

### 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.

### 'You're The Chef'

'You're the Chef' has been a great success so far!

The first group concluded their 4 sessions on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Thank you Mr. Yusuf for hosting a great session! The students have learned so much and were so excited to try their meals after school. Many of them took the leftovers home and were very excited to share them with their family members.

We are about to start a new session with a new group of students starting Friday, May 13. The next sessions are May 20, May 27 and June 1. Please ensure your child knows how they will be getting home. If your child would like to take leftovers home, please send them to school with a clean container with a lid.

We would like to thank all of our participants and parents for making this program a success.



### *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.



## 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

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

### Congratulations to our Honesty winners!

Mrs. Wilder	JK/SK:	Bernice, Nirushan
Ms. Robinson	JK/SK:	Shyna, Xavier
Mrs. Smith	JK/SK:	Alice, Max
Ms. West	JK/SK:	Annabelle, Owen
Mrs. Whitten	JK/SK:	Lucas, Katelyn
Mrs. Pankhurst	1:	Ammaar, Calvin
Mrs. Kurtes	1:	Samana, Tushan
Mrs. Eisenberger	1/2:	Kaavya, Zayna
Mr. Shubert	2:	Nidhi, Affaan
Mr. Gafar	2:	Ryan, Kush, Clayton
Mrs. Cohen	2/3:	Victor, Logan
Ms. Cavazzon	3:	Janush, Seiji
Miss Ducas	3/4:	Isabelle R, Alex L
Mrs. Pickthall	4:	Soraya, Nayana
Mrs. Lemmon	5:	Anthony Eng
Mr. Brown	5/6:	Bryan, Abiramie
Ms. Campbell	6/7:	Jessie, Aislinn
Mrs. Chaudhary	6/7:	Brendan, Nathan
Mr. Yusuf	7/8:	Rithuja, Qays
Ms. Zappitelli	8:	Christian, Sadiq



### 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."

## **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 April, the 'Golden Garbage Can' award was presented to Mrs. Eisenberger's Grade 1/2 **class**! Congratulations!*



# ECO NEWS!

Earth day was Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup>. In an effort to keep our community looking great and help the environment, all students participated in the annual Earth Day Clean Up. **Way to go Rockets!**

## PLASTIC BAG CHALLENGE

**1556** plastic bags were collected by the students at Little Rouge and delivered to Walmart to be recycled. Congratulations to the winning classes in each division who collected the most bags!

Primary – Mr. Gafar's class

Junior – Mr. Brown's class

Intermediate – Mr. Yusuf's class



May's eco theme is to conserve water, so it's a great time to rethink our use of water and to treat our water as an essential resource that should be used sparingly and not wasted. Every drop counts and every person can make a difference!

### Here are a few tips on how you can reduce your water use at home

- Turn off the water while you're brushing your teeth
- Take shorter showers or fill your tub up with less water
- Don't use the toilet as a way to dispose of tissues, use the green bin
- Water your garden with a watering can rather than a hose
- Fill a jug with tap water and keep it in your fridge so you don't have to leave the tap running for cold water before you fill your glass.

### Stop the smog!

Hit the brakes on smog! Carpool!



Whenever possible, walk or bike to school. If your parents drive you to school, try starting a neighbourhood 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 neighbourhood 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.

### Butterfly and Bee Garden

The Eco Team will be planting a garden to support bees and butterflies. If you think you can contribute to the garden in any way, please contact the Eco Team.





## 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.

## 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.



## 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 has 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	Kindergarten Pen at front of the school
All grade 1's and grade 2's (except Mrs. Cohen's class)	Door at the back of the school closest to the caretakers' door
Mrs. Cohen, Ms. Cavazzon and Miss Ducas' classes	Door at the back of the school closest to the basketball nets
Mrs. Pickthall, Mrs. Lemmon and Mr. Brown's classes	Door at back of the school closest to the caretakers' door
Grades 6/7, 7/8 and 8	Door coming off parking lot at side of school



## York Region's Music Alive Festival

Six students from the Little Rouge Public School performed at Cosmo Music Hall in Richmond Hill for York Region's Music Alive Festival on Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Our students performed beautifully in four separate categories and they received three gold and one platinum awards! Congratulations to Jacob Kwan, Methunesh Srikantharajah, Russell Minard, Paolo Bazzano, Morseda Kuka and Rochelle Li for their gold awards and Jacob Kwan for his platinum award!!!



## Music Night at Little Rouge

*"Music gives us a language that cuts across the disciplines, helps us to see connections and brings a more coherent meaning to our world." ~ Ernest Boyer*

On Wednesday, April 27th, L.R.P.S. held the Music Night concert where we celebrated the Music and the impact it has on our learning and in our lives. We had many amazing performances by students including the intermediate band, small ensembles, junior choir and various class performances. Many parents and community members came out to show their support and celebrate this incredible night.

Raffle tickets were sold for fun prizes such as conducting the intermediate band at Music Night and we had three winners drawn by our principal, Ms. Dodds, at the concert. Congratulations to Melissa, Ryan and Isabella for winning the raffle draw!

All the proceeds from the raffle ticket sales and donations will go towards Little Rouge's Music program and will be used for getting new instruments, sheet music and technology.

Thank you to our teachers and students, as well as parents and friends who made the Music Night extra special!





## *Canada's Wonderland Festival of Music*

Little Rouge's Intermediate Band will be performing at Canada's Wonderland Festival of Music on May 12, 2016 along with a number of other schools from various school boards. The band will perform four songs including *Linus and Lucy*, *To Reach the Summit*, *All About That Bass* and *Everything is Awesome*. Everyone is looking forward to this exciting musical experience!





## Dear Parents/Guardians,

As the school year is coming to an end, we are going to celebrate by having our **FUN FAIR** on **Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016** from 4:30 to 7:00 pm.

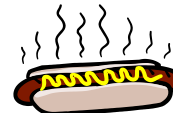
**These are some of the activities that will be taking place on that day:**

- Obstacle Bouncy Course
- Bouncy Castle (Kindergarten to Grade 3)
- Pony Rides
- 5 in 1 Activity Centre
- Splash Burst
- Arts and Crafts
- Face Painting
- Free Sports
- Nail Polish Station



**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



**Fire Fighters, Police Officers, and EMS will also be there with their vehicles for the children to explore. Carlton the Bear will be visiting the Fun Fair too!!**

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



**Pre-Order Forms were sent home on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

GET READY LITTLE ROUGE FOR.....

# FUN FAIR 2016

## **Attention Parents and Small Business Owners !**

At the Fun Fair 2016 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, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**

## Steve Chapell Communications

## Mobile Device Privacy & Security Worksheet

The following instructions provide a general guideline for improved protection when using socialmedia on mobile devices. Please refer to your specific operating system and hardware releases.

Two methods may be implemented for managing children's social media usage:

1. Usage agreement
2. Monitors and controls

Usage agreements may include voluntary non-usage periods (homework, bedtime) or the surrendering of devices.

Parents can examine the child's mobile usage by logging into the account at the provider. As well, monitoring and control features can be utilized through a range of apps, including:

- FamilyTime - Texts, calls, browsing, contacts, location, app control and usage. Free and paid.
- Mobicip Safe Browser - Time limits, content filtering, browsing, app usage. Free and paid.
- TeenSafe - Texts, calls, Instagram, Facebook, WhatsApp, Kik, web browsing and searches, contacts and location. Paid.

If you have not already, consider creating an account in one or all of the social media services used by your child. Two approaches can be taken – openly follow and communicate with your child through the service, or monitor your child and their friends' accounts anonymously.

Enforce the requirement for you to have all of your child's passwords, while they share none with their friends.

Place a message on the lock screen where you could be reached if your device gets lost, the finder may try to return it to you.

Password-protect each of device screens, app purchase and control, and social media accounts.

### Screen lock

iOS: Settings > (Touch ID &) Passcode > Turn Passcode On  
Android: Settings > My Device > Lock Screen > Screen lock > PIN

### App purchase and control

iOS: Settings > General > Restrictions  
Android: Google Play > Menu > Settings > Require authentication for purchases



For social media accounts, create a password of 12+ characters, uppercase letters, lowercase letters, numbers, symbols.

Bad: '123456', 'password', 'qwerty', username, first name, pet's name, etc...

Good: Mango%9i5druM

Mobile device users can be tracked and the location of their photos identified through Location Services. Disable this until such a time as you need it. Then enable it, then disable when finished.

iOS: Settings > Privacy > Location Services

Android: Settings > ... More > Location Services

Discourage children from expressing inflammatory opinions in social media, as well as revealing confidential information – vacations, financial, family problems, etc. Parents should refrain from exposing seemingly innocent family photos and information; 'practice what you preach'.

The majority of apps spy on personal information on your device and in your accounts. Utilize available restrictions on this privacy invasion on a per app basis:

iOS: Settings > (app) Settings; deny permission(s)

Android: Research and download a compatible permission manager, i.e. 'AppOps'. Open AppOps > Device > (app) > deny permission

Implore children to report online bullying to you. It will not end otherwise.

Perhaps the most urgent social media concepts for children to embrace are the scope and duration of postings. At the beginning of high school, impress upon them that university/college and business recruiters search applicants' social media footprint. Children should remove any ill-advised postings and discontinue such bad habits immediately.

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Do you share photos with family and friends but would like to avoid including anonymous strangers? Please read 'Precious Memories' at [www.stevechappelle.ca](http://www.stevechappelle.ca).

If you would like to periodically receive notification of similar articles addressing information privacy and security concerns please send a Twitter follower request to @SteveChappelle or send an email to [steve@stevechappelle.ca](mailto:steve@stevechappelle.ca).

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## Coming to and from school

Now that the nice weather has arrived, more students are using bicycles, rollerblades, skateboards or scooters to travel to school. These are great forms of exercise, but it is important for students and their families to remember the following:

- Students must wear a helmet for safety reasons
- Students must walk their bikes and not ride their skateboards or scooters on school property - we don't want students getting knocked off these items or bumping into others while riding on them
- Bikes should be locked on the bike rack for security reasons (unfortunately the school is not responsible for lost/stolen items)
- Rollerblades, skateboards and scooters must be stored in a locker or backpack during the school day



## UPCOMING DATES:

May 2	J/I French presentation, 9:15 am
May 2	School Council Meeting, 7:00 pm
May 3	Kindness Program (various classes)
May 5	Storyteller Reading Workshop, Grades 1-6
May 6	P.A. Day <b>(NO SCHOOL)</b>
May 11	Battle of the Books (Franklin P.S.), 7 - 9:00 pm
May 12	Band to perform at Wonderland
May 12	Welcome to Kindergarten Night – for all new JK's and their parents, 6:00 pm
May 23	Victoria Day <b>(NO SCHOOL)</b>
May 25	Special Needs Area Track and Field Meet
May 26	Rocket Rally, 2:00 pm
May 27	J/I School Track and Field Day
May 30- June 2	EQAO for Grade 3 and 6 students
June 2	Fun Fair, 4:30-7:00 pm
June 3	P.A. Day <b>(NO SCHOOL)</b>

