



# 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



The staff and students continue to be extremely busy here at Little Rouge. As always, the cooperation and enthusiasm shown by the students and the commitment and professionalism demonstrated by the staff continues to impress me. Thank you parents for your continued support of the classroom and extra-curricular programs.

### We would like to welcome the following staff:



Welcome to **Mr. Derek Butler** who will be teaching our physical education program for the year while Mrs. Lemmon is on maternity leave. He comes to us highly recommended and has taught both in York Region and overseas. Mr. Butler has a strong background in athletics. We are happy to have him here at Little Rouge.

Welcome to **Ms. Nicole Bower** who will be teaching music for our Junior and Intermediate students until the end of June. She has a strong background in music and brings a lot of skills and experience to Little Rouge. We are happy to have her join our school community.

Welcome to **Mr. Wally Robinson** who has joined us as a Supporting Administrator during Ms. Dodds' absence until December. He is a retired Principal with many years experience in York Region.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY 2017



You are invited to attend our Remembrance Day service this year which will be held on **November 10th @ 10:20am**. This year marks the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Passchendaele where 16000 Canadians were wounded or lost their lives. We remember them along with many other Canadians who have served our country well.

**Students will be given poppies to wear from the Canadian Legion.**

## School Council News



School Council is looking forward to another exciting year! If you have not yet come out to a school council meeting, we would encourage you to do so. It's a great way to get involved and support our Little Rouge staff and community. We are currently looking for volunteers to help out with some fundraisers. Specifically, we need some people to organize, coordinate and serve the Subway lunches twice a month. If this is something that interests you, would you please send an email to Eva Himanen at [little.rouge.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca](mailto:little.rouge.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca)

Finally, keep your eyes opened for our annual *Investment In Education Fund letter*. It will be coming out soon! We're looking forward to continuing our work together to make Little Rouge a great school community!

## SAFE SCHOOL REMINDERS - Please Help Us Keep All Our Students Safe!

We have a number of safety procedures in place to try to keep your children as safe as possible while they are with us. Many of these procedures were outlined for you in our September Start-Up Newsletter. Below are a few of procedures that we would like to, once again, bring to your attention:

### Little Rouge Strives to Be A NUT FREE SCHOOL

Due to the severe allergy to peanuts and/or nuts of several of our students, we are asking that **no peanuts or nut products** be brought into the school for snacks or lunches. Thank you for your support of our efforts to maintain a safe school environment for all of our students.

### SIGN IN/OUT For Visitors/Volunteers

We have noticed that from time to time parents/grandparents come to the school during recess and go right out to the yard to look for their children. For safety reasons, we ask that **all visitors and volunteers, whether family members or other community members, sign in at the main office when entering the school.** You will then get a "Visitor" badge to wear while you are here. If there is an urgent matter and you need to locate your child during recess, we will page your child from the office and have him/her come in from the yard to see you. Although it may be tempting to do so, please do not go straight from the parking lot to the yard. For the safety of the children, staff on yard duty have been asked to approach any adults on the yard without a Visitor/Volunteer Badge to re-direct them to the office. Thank you for your support and understanding in this matter.

### 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.

## Brought to you by the **Student Council**

On Tuesday October 31st, Student Council organized a successful Halloween dance for all divisions in the gym for all grades. Students had such a blast participating in a wide variety of activities in the gym like a pumpkin bean bag toss for the kindergarteners, limbo and ghost run for the primary division, just dance for the junior division, and a dance off for the intermediate division! Student Council was so impressed to see so many students wearing their creative Halloween costumes, or orange and black and to see so many students participating and having a great time with their friends.

Student Council is looking forward to providing more exciting school spirit days and events throughout the year!



## **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 October**, the 'Golden Garbage Can' award was presented to **Mr. Yusuf's Grade 7 class!**



**Congratulations!**

## On Your Mark! Get set! Go!



On October 4th, the Little Rouge Cross Country Team competed at the Area meet at Milliken Mills Park. Throughout our practices, the team showed perseverance and tremendous growth in their stamina, willpower and distance. All of our runners tried their best and made us proud. Special recognition to Deborah for placing 6th, Frank for placing 12th and Rowen for a 15th place finish! These runners competed at the Regional Cross Country Meet on Oct 17th. Thanks to our parent volunteer coaches, Laura and Sarah, who helped at the meet and with our training.

Your coaches,  
Mrs. Peacock, Ms. Zappitelli, Mrs. Whitten, Mrs. Morant, Ms. Kumar

### Progress Reports and Interviews

The progress report cards will be sent home on Wednesday, November 22nd.



### Inclement Weather



The arrival of November signifies the onset of the cooler weather. Please remember to ensure your children are dressed warmly and prepared for outdoor recess each day. We also know that those first 'snow days' always take us by surprise. If you suspect that busses may be cancelled due to the weather, please confirm this by checking local television stations, City TV, the A-Channel, CFTO TV, or radio stations, 640AM, 1010AM, 98.1FM, 99.9 FM. A bus cancellation message will also be available at 1-877-330-3001 after 6:30 a.m. ***Remember that if busses are cancelled for their morning run, they will be automatically cancelled for their afternoon run, even if the weather improves throughout the day.***



### Indoor/Outdoor Shoes



Please make sure your child has a pair of indoor shoes for the school. With the wet, and soon to be slushy weather, outdoor shoes track mud into the halls and classrooms. If the students are able to change into indoor shoes when they are in the building, this will contribute to a cleaner school environment for us all. Thanks for your support!

### Little Rouge School Website

Don't forget to check out our Little Rouge School website. It is full of great information; necessary documents and forms, an up-to-date calendar, links to useful websites, news from the York Region School Board and more. It is our goal to keep our website current as your one stop source of information. Please have a look and your feedback is welcome.

<http://www.littlerouge.ps.yrdsb.ca>





# ROCKET RALLY OCTOBER 4As RECIPIENTS



## Active Living

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Connor	JK
Ainesh	SK
Chloe T.	SK
Enzo	1
Jacky	2
Cross Country Team	

## Achievement

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Benjamin W.	SK
Nicholas G.	SK
Leah	1
Joshua	2
Natalie	2
Shyna	2
Marissa	3
Terry	5
Ethan	7
Abiramie	8
Eumika	8
Jazmine	8

## Attitude

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Kathryn	JK
Eden	SK
Olivia	SK
Tvisha	SK
Chloe	1
Graceann	1
Kaia	1
Mercedes	1
Sharjun	1
Chala	3
Gilbert	3
Rima	3
Xavier	3
Yumi	3
Aruthee	4
Christine	4
Jordan	4
Maya	4
Ryan	4
Darren	5
Isabelle	5
Krish	5
Karissa	6
Bryan C.	7
Eric	7
Brendan	8
Matthew L.	8

## Arts

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Pauline	1



# ECO CLUB

**PACK A WASTE-FREE LUNCH EVERYDAY!**

**1. REDUCE**

**THE OVER-PACKAGED FOOD TRAP**  
A lunch that contains single-use cartons and pre-packaged snack foods leaves behind plastic, cardboard, foil and other wasteful wrappers that often end up in the landfill.

**AVOIDING THE TRAP IS EASY!**

**BULK UP!**  
Choose to buy food that is not over-packaged like dried fruit, trail mix and other yummy snacks at a bulk food store.

**LET NATURE WRAP YOUR FOOD FOR YOU!**  
Oranges, bananas, apples and hard-boiled eggs all come with their own handy packaging.

**2. REUSE**

**CHOOSE A PERMANENT PACKAGING SOLUTION**  
Pack a waste-free lunch using items such as:

- reusable lunch bag or box
- thermoses
- stainless steel water bottles
- reusable plastic containers
- cloth napkins
- reusable utensils

**AVOID THE FEROCIOUS FIVE WEAPONS OF WASTE!**

- Plastic: Sandwich Bags, Wrap, Shopping Bags, Utensils
- Styrofoam Containers
- Aluminum Foil
- Throw away Paper Bags and Napkins
- Drinking Pouches

**3. RECYCLE**

**IF A NON-REUSABLE ITEM SNEAKS INTO YOUR LUNCH:**

**RECYCLE:**

- pop cans
- plastic containers
- cardboard packaging
- juice boxes

Your school and municipality can tell you what's on the "yes" list.

**REMEMBER:**  
Recycling is a great way to reduce the amount of garbage that goes to the landfill, but processing recyclables still uses a lot of energy!

**4. COMPOST**

**BRING YOUR APPETITE!**

Only bring as much food as you can finish and place leftovers in a vermicompost bin, municipal organics collection bin or backyard composter.

**FEED ME!**

ONTARIO **ecoschools**

Did you know that school lunches are a major source of waste in Ontario? The Recycling Council of Ontario estimates the average student's lunch generates a total of 30 kilograms of waste per school year, or an average of 8,500 kilograms of waste per school per year.

Little Rouge P.S. is asking students to pack a **waste-free lunch** every day. If you do have any garbage, then follow the **PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT** in order to be mindful of the amount of garbage being produced.

## GIVE US YOUR EMPTY MARKERS!

In collaboration with Crayola, LRPS will be collecting used markers to be recycled into clean fuel. This fuel can be used to power vehicles, heat homes, cook meals and more!

Please help us by sending your kids to school with any used markers you have around the house, including non-Crayola brands.



# Turn Markers Into Energy!

## Flu Season is on its way—are you ready?

Flu season is nearly here. Be prepared by getting the flu shot as early as possible. The first and best step to preventing influenza (the flu), is to get the flu shot every year. Influenza spreads quickly and easily from an infected person to others. Everyone six months of age and older can get the flu shot.

Flu shots are available at:

- Health care provider's offices for people six months of age and older
- Participating pharmacies, for people five years of age and older

Visit [ontario.ca/flu](http://ontario.ca/flu) to find where you can get the flu shot.

### How can the flu be avoided?

- Get the flu shot!
- **Wash your hands** well and often with soap and warm water. If soap and water are unavailable, use an alcohol-based **hand sanitizer**
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and throw the tissue out immediately. Wash your hands afterward. Cough into your upper sleeve if you don't have a tissue.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Avoid large crowds and stay home when you are sick
- Keep common surfaces and items clean and disinfected

To learn more about flu and the flu vaccine visit [york.ca/flu](http://york.ca/flu)

Community and Health Services  
Public Health  
[york.ca](http://york.ca)

## **Pizza lunch Orders UPDATE and reminders**

- **Orders are placed online**, approximately every 2 months.  
*(this is done to help spread out the payment schedule for families)*
- Flyers or hard copy orders are NOT sent home with students.  
*We are always trying to be eco friendly.*
- Parents are notified by email, when each new session begins.  
*Please make sure our emails are not going into your junk mail.*
- **After the deadline is reached, pizza for that session is no longer available to order.**
- **Late orders are not accepted** so please make sure you are ordering on time.



Thank you for your support.

To order online please go to:

<https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>

**UPCOMING DATES:**

- November 10 Remembrance Day Service, 10:20 am, Gym
- November 22 Progress Reports go home
- November 23 Parent/Teacher Conferences (evening)
- November 24 Parent/Teacher Conferences (morning)
- November 24 P.A. Day (NO SCHOOL for students)
- November 30 Rocket Rally (Jr/Int at 1:50, Primary at 2:30)

