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Character Matters!

Respect Honesty
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From the Principal's Desk



It is hard to believe that we're into the first week of October. After only a month at school, the students appear to have adjusted well to their new classes and their new teachers. As children do, they have easily adapted and have quickly learned what is expected of them.

The students have been kept very busy in the classroom. We have a very dedicated staff that care about the students and their learning. They should be commended for all their efforts and commitment!

Be the Change

The Be the Change team would like to welcome everyone back to school! This year looks to be very exciting, as we are trying to raise enough money to build another school in Africa!

On October 2nd, some Be the Change members will represent Little Rouge PS at Free the Children's annual We Day celebration at the Air Canada Centre. Members will learn about social justice issues around the world, through speeches and performances from activists, organizations and celebrities.

Be the Change is currently taking orders for popcorn which is a key fundraiser for us. Also in October, we will be kicking off our annual We Scare Hunger campaign, which is a non-perishable food drive, intended to help struggling families out in the Markham area. Stay tuned for more communication about these upcoming events!

Thank you for your support.
The Be the Change team

Friday's Terry Fox Run was very successful! We had a beautiful day and it was wonderful to see everyone walking, running, laughing, and having such a good time! Staff members, students and parents came together to participate in this important event and to help make a difference. Thank you so much!

We will continue to collect funds until Friday, Oct. 3rd so that L.R.P.S. can make a donation toward cancer research.



Be the change you wish to see in the world

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Waste Reduction Week!

October 20th-26th is Waste Reduction Week across Ontario. Each student is **STRONGLY** encouraged to bring a waste free lunch to school.

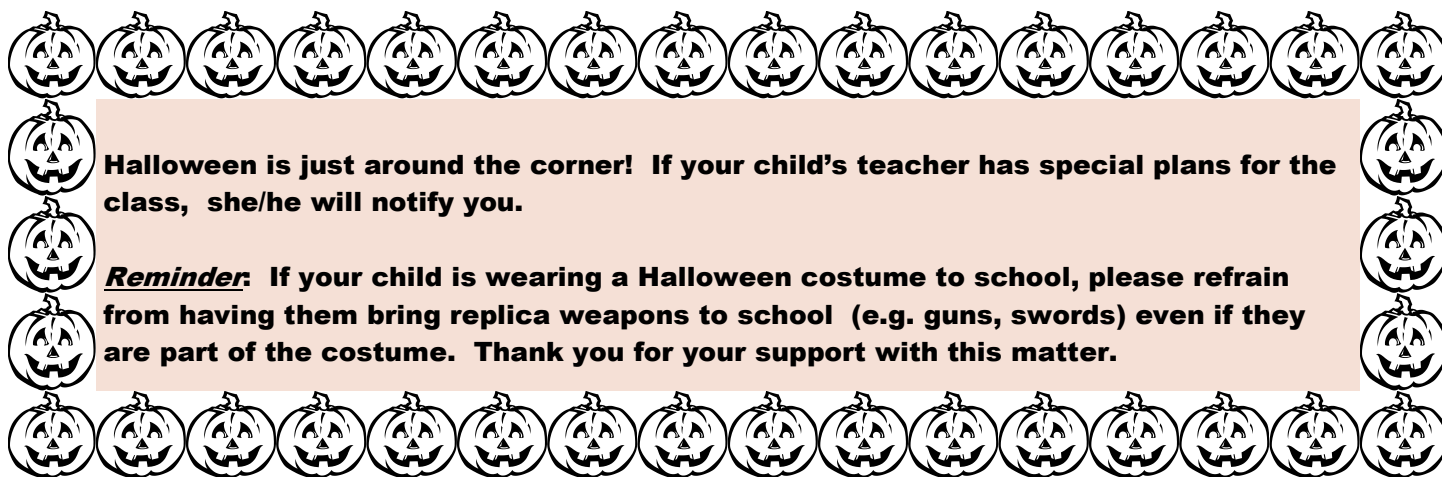
Things that count as waste...

- 1) Plastic wrappers from snacks
- 2) Juice boxes or juice pockets
- 3) Tin foil, plastic wrap, wax paper
- 4) Plastic bags

Indoor Shoes



Indoor shoes are essential to keep our classroom carpets and floors dry and clean. Please ensure that your child has a pair of shoes that can be left at school. Please also make sure that your child's name is inside the shoes. Children are not permitted to wear wet outdoor running shoes or boots in the classrooms. **Stocking feet are dangerous in the event of a fire drill.**



Halloween is just around the corner! If your child's teacher has special plans for the class, she/he will notify you.

Reminder: If your child is wearing a Halloween costume to school, please refrain from having them bring replica weapons to school (e.g. guns, swords) even if they are part of the costume. Thank you for your support with this matter.

School Council News

The 2014-2015 School Council would like to welcome all families back to another exciting year at Little Rouge P.S. The new Executive Council was selected during our first meeting on September 15th. We are delighted to announce the following representatives on our Council:

Chair – Gail Auyeung

Treasurer- Tim Lam

Secretary – To be decided

Voting Members - Eva Himanen, May Chong, Ateka Alidina, Belinda Lui

Our next meeting is scheduled for **October 6th, 2014 at 7:00 pm**. We encourage all parents and guardians to attend. We are looking forward to a year of active engagement in our children's school!



Environmental Corner

After we use things we throw them in the garbage and forget about them, but they actually stick around for a long time! Take a look and think about re-using or recycling before you put thing in the garbage!

Aluminum Cans: 80 - 100 YEARS

Glass Bottles: 1,000,000 YEARS

Plastic Bags: 15 - 20 YEARS

Plastic Containers: 20 - 30 YEARS

Nylon Fabric: 30 - 40 YEARS

Rubber Boot: 50 - 80 YEARS

Orange & Banana Peel: 2- 5 WEEKS

Eco News

Litterless Lunches at Little Rouge

As an ecoschool, we are focused on making wise environmental choices to benefit our local and global community. One of our first eco initiatives is to examine the waste that we are producing as a school and work really hard at reducing it. We have found that a great deal of our waste is coming from **lunches** and **snacks**. We would like all students and parents to make a serious effort to pack litterless lunches and snacks.

Here are some ideas to get you started:

- 1) **Use reusable containers** instead of plastic wrap or plastic bags.
- 2) **Pack stainless steel forks and spoons** or wash and reuse your plastic ones over and over.
- 3) **Use a reusable lunch box or bag**, avoid plastic bags or paper bags.
- 4) **Pack your water or juice in a reusable container** and avoid juice boxes or disposable plastic bottles.



School Bus Information



For school bus information please go online to: www.schoolbuscity.com

This site will give you bus stops, pick-up and drop-off times. You must be at your designated pick-up 10 minutes prior to the stated time. Students under the age of 10 years require an adult to be present at the drop off stop. If no adult is present the student will stay on the bus and be returned to the school where you must pick them up **immediately**.

If buses are 10 minutes late or more please consult the website for late bus details, please do not call the school as we do not have any further details.

During inclement weather if the buses DO NOT run in the morning, they will NOT run in the afternoon. If they do pick up in the morning they WILL drop off in the afternoon.

Cold Weather is on the Way

Please make sure your child(ren) dress(es) appropriately for the upcoming cold, winter weather. Warm boots, socks, pants, sweaters, coats, hats, mittens and scarves tucked inside the coat are very important for children of all ages to wear. Children will be expected to be outside during recess and lunch, so please make sure they are dressed for the weather.

As well, since we have approximately **450** students here at Little Rouge, and many children wear the same brands, colours and sizes of clothing, it would be very helpful if your child's name could be printed in ink in boots and labels of clothing. If your child has lost any items, please check our Lost and Found box just outside the Caretaker's office. It is always a good idea to send extra clothing with younger students as accidents do happen or they get wet on the way to school with rain or snow.



SAFE ARRIVAL - Please call the school if your child is going to be away or late - 905-202-5960



If your child is going to be away from the school or will be arriving late for any reason, please contact the office with this information. If you are calling between 4:30 p.m. and 8:30 a.m. of the following morning, you can leave a message on our answering machine.

Confirming the whereabouts of every absent child can take quite awhile and could result in a child being missing for some time. **Board policy dictates that if a student has not arrived at school, and all attempts to contact the parents have been unsuccessful, then our next step will be to contact the police and report the child as missing.**

Cross Country

On September 30th, the Little Rouge Rockets Cross Country Team participated in the Area East Championships at Milliken Mills Park against several other schools. All of our 32 competitors ran their best and had a great day! Special mention to Russell Minard who placed 3rd and will be representing Little Rouge at the Regional Championship on October 10th! A special thank you to all the parents and grandparents who came out to support the team and cheer on our runners!



Ms. Rebeiro, Mrs. Whitten and Mrs. Kumar – Cross Country Coaches

Character Rocket Rally

September's character trait was Respect. "We respect ourselves and treat others with courtesy, dignity, and positive regard. We honour the rights of others. We respect their belongings, the environment and the world around us."

Congratulations to our **Respect** winners!

Mrs. Whitten SK/1:	Dean, Rumman
Miss Neprily 1:	Jodie, Rudra
Mr. Gafar 2:	Sarah, Janush
Mr. Shubert 2:	Dev, Eliot
Ms. Cavazzon 2/3:	Marae, Anson
Mrs. Cohen 3:	Ryan, Jessica
Ms. Ramkissoon 4:	Koji, Anjali
Ms. Buczkowski 4/5:	Mitchell, Evelyn
Ms. McHardy 5:	Jazmine, Hadi
Mrs. Pickthall 5/6:	Shameecka, Rajith
Mr. Brown 6/7:	Abigail, Jacob
Mr. Yusuf 7:	Ashwin, Levina
Ms. Zappitelli 8:	Sanjay, Harold
Miss. Kung CC:	Diva
Ms. Valkanis CC:	Brady



In October, our focus is on **Responsibility**.

"We are accountable for all our actions. We follow through on our commitments."

Aussie X

On September 18, 19, 23 and 24, Aussie X came to Little Rouge Public School. Grades JK to 2 were taught netball while grades 3 to 6 had fun learning about and playing cricket. Each class played for half a day. All of the talented and friendly workers were from Australia.

Students learned about the Australian culture and common expressions. We also learned about animals, sayings, weather and sports. We talked about the koala, the dingo, the kookaburra and the kangaroo. We learned to say, "Good on you mate," and "Gday mate."

The students had friendly competitions. The whole project was very well organized. The workers were enthusiastic. The students were inspired and loved the presentations. We had lots of fun with Aussie X!

By Jennifer Lin in grade 5

Safety Awareness and Preparedness

The York Region District School Board is committed to providing safe learning environments for all students. Throughout the course of the year, all schools in the York Region District School Board conduct emergency preparedness exercises. To date, we have already conducted two of six fire drills and one of our two practice Lockdown Drills. In advance of our first drill, we reviewed protocols during an emergency with all students so that they understand the purpose and know what to expect.

UPCOMING DATES:



Oct. 6	Hep B & HPV Immunizations (Gr. 7 & 8)
Oct. 6	School Council Meeting, 7:00 pm
Oct. 10	Photo Day (JK-Gr. 8)
Oct. 13	Thanksgiving (NO SCHOOL)
Oct. 14	School Bus Safety Program (JK-Gr. 8)
Oct. 27	PA Day (NO SCHOOL)
Oct. 30	Rocket Rally—Responsibility