



# 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

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!

## Terry Fox Run

On Friday, September 30th, the staff and students of Little Rouge P.S. participated in our annual Terry Fox Event. (A big thank you to the parents who helped out and joined us too!) It was a great success! The sun came out that afternoon as we completed our laps around the school. Some ran, walked or skipped (or even played hopscotch), some sang and laughed and others reflected. You showed amazing spirit Rockets!



A HUGE "thank you" to everyone for your generous donations to raise funds for cancer research. Because of your kindness, **we raised \$700** this year! Because we surpassed our school goal of \$500, staff members will have a special performance ready for the school audience at October's Rocket Rally. Stay tuned! Thank you once again for supporting this important event and for helping make a difference!

## School Council News

The 2016-2017 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 27th. We are delighted to announce the following representatives on our Council:

Co-Chairs – Kim Stewart & Eva Himanen  
Treasurer – Erin Burton-Wilson  
Secretary – Michelle Green



Our next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, November 7th, 2016 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!

## Waste Reduction Week in Canada: Oct. 17 – 23, 2016

Waste Reduction Week in Canada is a national environmental campaign that builds awareness around issues of sustainable and responsible consumption, encourages choice for more environmentally responsible products/services, and promotes actions that divert more waste from disposal and conserve natural resources. Let's all do our part to REDUCE!!



A **boomerang lunch** at Little Rouge is a lunch that has every piece of waste returned to its source. In other words, all GARBAGE in the lunch goes back home at the end of the day.

Purpose:

- To increase awareness of the amount of waste created in one day's lunch
- To encourage the use of reusable containers
- To discourage the use of disposable containers

Thanks for supporting Little Rouge's Boomerang Lunch!!

### School Bus Information



For school bus information please go online to: [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://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 **500** 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.



**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.**

**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.**

***Photo Day* is coming soon!**

Our school photos will be taken on **Friday, October 14th.**



**Lunch Assistant Positions**

If you are interested in working as a Lunch Assistant at our school, please contact the school office at 905-202-5960. **We currently need people for occasional backup.**

These are paid positions and require one hour a day, over our lunch hour which is from 12:50-1:50 pm.

A Police Vulnerable Sector Check will be required.

***Empty Milk Bags***

*Room 132 is collecting empty milk bags again this year. These bags will be transformed into mats for the people in Haiti. Please drop them in the box in front of the office.*



**Medical Information:**



It's very important that the school be informed if your child has a medical condition.

If your child currently has a medical condition that you have not yet informed us about, please contact the office immediately. There are required forms that must be completed so that in the event of an emergency, all school staff will be prepared to take the necessary action.



## Cross Country

The Little Rouge Rockets Cross Country Team participated in the Areas event on September 28th.

The team practiced diligently every day at recess leading up to the race! Honourable mentions go to Isabella in grade 3 who placed 3rd overall and Zaire in grade 5 who placed 11th. Both have qualified to go on to Regionals later this month!

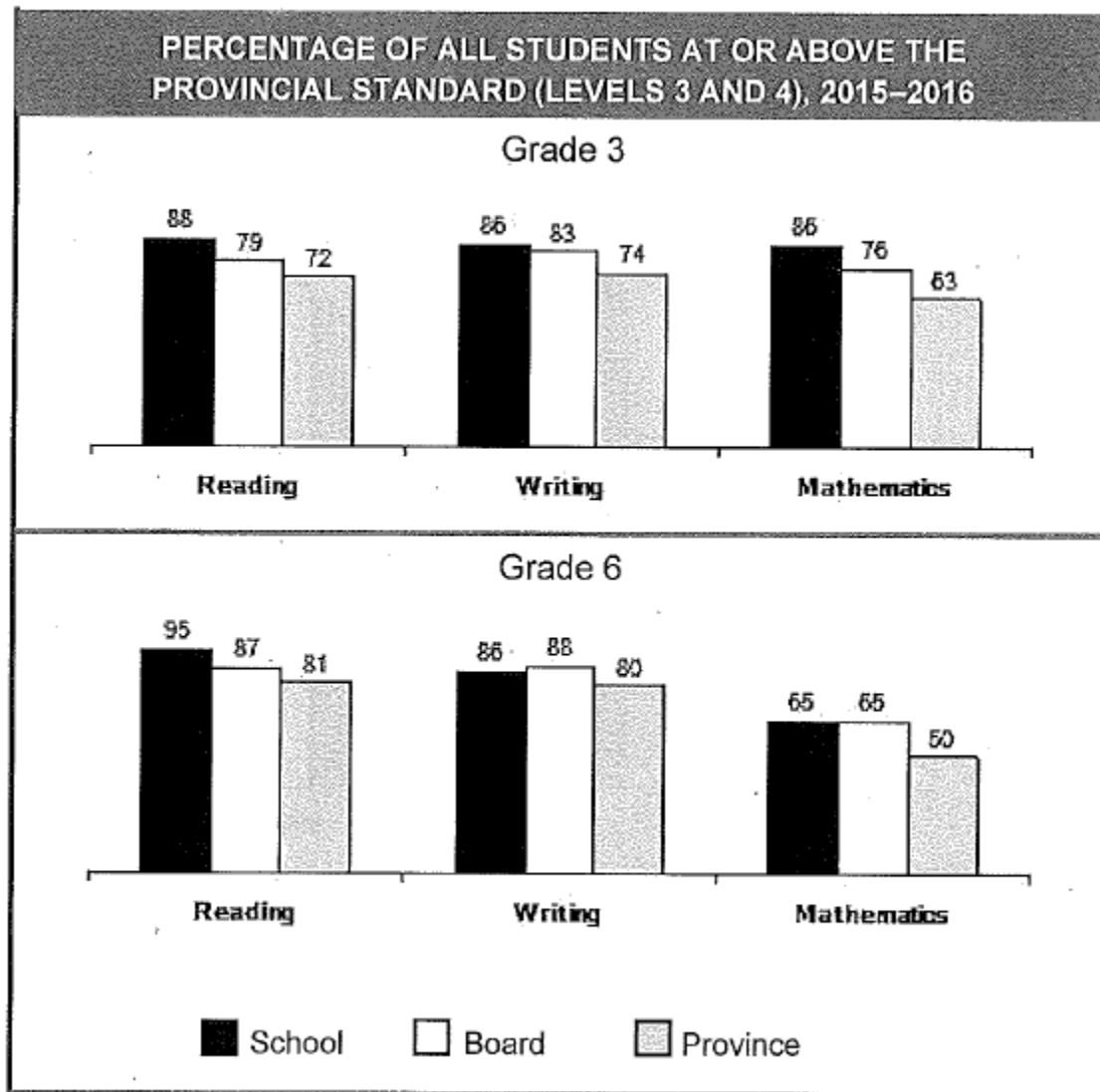
All of our runners finished with determination and proudly represented Little Rouge!

Coaches Ms Kumar, Ms Morant, Ms Peacock, Mrs Whitten and Ms Zappitelli wish to thank the dedicated parent volunteers, Coach Laura and Coach Sarah, who so passionately trained our grade 3 and 4 athletes!



## EQAO - School Results

We have received the 2015-2016 results of the Provincial Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, Primary Division (Grades 1-3) and Junior Division (Grade 4-6). As you can see from the graphs below, our Little Rouge Grade 3 and 6 students performed well, scoring, in most cases, above the Board and the Provincial averages. Please keep in mind that the student contextual data differs from year to year, e.g. the number of exempt students, the number of students identified with special needs, the number of ELL students, and specific context pieces do impact the overall results. Our staff will be analyzing the results and disaggregating the data and we will use this information to help us with our plans for overall school improvement. The EQAO testing results are a snapshot of achievement and is used along with other schoolbased assessments to plan for improved student achievement. Ongoing classroom assessments remain a fundamental method of determining each student's strengths and needs as we plan for each student's success.



Dear Parent/Guardian

On the basis of parent feedback and support received last year, the School Council has decided to continue the Investment in Education Program (IIEP) for this school year.

Thanks to the generous donations received last year the School Council was able to purchase playground equipment, make much needed enhancements to the playground, and contribute to the purchase of school supplies (e.g. math resources) and to fun learning activities such as Jungle Sports. In addition, the school was able to utilize proceeds from the Board's IIEP cost sharing program to purchase chrome books.

### **What is the IIEP?**

The IIEP is a common program among schools in York Region which involves parents making an optional donation to the school through the School Council. Funds donated will be used in areas such as:

1. Technology - the Board has a cost sharing program that matches funds raised by the school up to a specified amount (this past year the matching amount was 1:1.5 which meant for every \$1 raised by the school, the Board would match it at \$1.50)
2. Outdoor equipment - e.g. balls, hoops, etc. for recess play
3. Mathematics and the Arts - e.g. math teaching resources, musical instruments, visual art supplies
4. Athletics - e.g. equipment, uniforms
5. Presentation - e.g. performances, guest speakers, etc.

The IIEP offers a number of advantages:

- A. Donations of \$25 or more, paid by cheque, are fully tax-deductible and receipts would be issued by the Board, however, any amount would be appreciated.
- B. 100% of the funds raised goes directly to our students. There are no administrative costs involved.
- C. Our objective is for the IIEP to replace all other fund raising activities on behalf of the School Council. Families would therefore not be asked to engage in other fundraising activities such as selling items, which we recognize was often done by parents/guardians.

### **How will decisions regarding fund allocations be made?**

Decisions regarding where funds will be allocated will be made collaboratively by the School Council, staff and administration based on the school's overall needs and plan for continuous improvement priorities.

We thank you for your support of Little Rouge's School Council Investment in Education programs. If you have any questions, please contact the School Council at: [little.rouge.ps@yrdsb.ca](mailto:little.rouge.ps@yrdsb.ca).

Sincerely,

Little Rouge School Council

Nancy Dodds, Principal

Lindsey Rhamey, Vice Principal

Little Rouge School Council  
Investment in Education  
2016/2017 Contribution Form

Family Information

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Student Information

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher/Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher/Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher/Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Investment Contribution Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**General Instructions** (Please follow to ensure efficient processing and an accurate tax receipt)

1. Please complete only one form per family
2. Please ensure your home address is on the front of the cheque if a tax receipt is requested
3. Please write the student(s) name(s) on the back of the cheque
4. Attach your cheque to the form and submit to one teacher or directly to the office (tax receipts cannot be issued for cash donations)
5. Please make cheques payable to **Little Rouge P.S. Donation Drive**
6. If you prefer, you can make your donation on-line and you will receive your tax receipt right away



\*\*Investment in Education is in accordance with the Student Fees Policy #671 and the School Fund-raising Administration of School Generated Funds Policy #676.. Schools may seek funds to support extra-curricular, special events, program enhancements and materials not associated with the successful completion of a course or subject area.

## Brought to you by the Student Council



This month Little Rouge will be participating in a series of spirit events, including Colour Month and Halloween activities, brought to you by the Student Council!

To support the kindergarten students, the whole school will be dressing in different colours throughout the month of October, as follows:

Oct. 5 is <b>Red</b> Day	Oct. 17 is <b>White</b> Day
Oct. 6 is <b>Blue</b> Day	Oct. 18 is <b>Black</b> Day
Oct. 7 is <b>Yellow</b> Day	Oct. 19 is <b>Gray</b> Day
Oct. 11 is <b>Orange</b> Day	Oct. 20 is <b>Pink</b> Day
Oct. 12 is <b>Purple</b> Day	Oct. 21 is <b>Brown</b> Day
Oct. 13 is <b>Green</b> Day	

The different colours will also be posted in your child's classroom. We can't wait to see all the students in their different colours!

There will also be a series of Halloween activities on October 31: For the kindergartens and primary students there will be different Halloween themed stations planned for them in the gym. The juniors and the intermediates will have a dance.

## What is School Cash Online?

SchoolCashOnline is an easy and safe way to pay for your children's school fees

### Why Use School Cash Online?

**Convenient** Make secure payments 24/7 from the comfort of your home

**Easy To Use** Online shopping with various payment methods

**Safe** Your child won't be carrying cash or cheques to and from school

**Saves Time** Manage your school expenses and view payment history in one place



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Click "Get started today"





**UPCOMING DATES:**

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| Oct. 10 | Thanksgiving (NO SCHOOL)                      |
| Oct. 14 | School Photo Day                              |
| Oct. 27 | Rocket Rally (11:10- Gr 4-8) (12:00- JK-Gr 3) |
| Oct. 28 | P.A. DAY (NO SCHOOL)                          |
| Nov. 7  | School Council Meeting, 7:00pm                |
| Nov. 8  | Hep B & HPV Vaccinations (Gr. 7 & 8)          |
| Nov. 11 | Remembrance Day Assembly                      |

