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Respect Honesty
Empathy Fairness
Initiative Courage
Integrity
Optimism
Perseverance
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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!

Terry Fox Event



This year's annual Terry Fox Event, on Monday, October 2nd, was another huge success! Students, staff members and parents walked, jogged and ran around the school grounds in the beautiful sunshine. It was wonderful to see such amazing school spirit! Your participation and support is greatly appreciated.

Once again, a HUGE "thank you" to everyone for your generous donations to raise funds for cancer research. Because of your kindness, **we raised \$1060** this year! We surpassed our school goal of \$1000 and that means we will be able to do all of the fun incentives that the Terry Fox committee set up for the school - a lip-sync dance by staff members at the October Rocket rally, a teacher tricycle race around the school track at a recess time, colour-dyeing Mr. Demacio's beard and duct-taping Ms. Dodds to the gym wall! How exciting!

School Council News



The 2017-2018 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 October 2nd.

Co-Chairs – Laura Rowe & Eva Himanen
Treasurer– Natasha Dickenson
Secretary – TBD

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, November 6th, 2017 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!

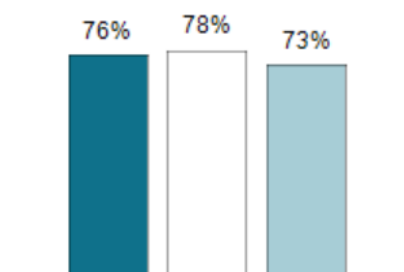
EQAO - School Results

We have received the 2016-2017 results of the Provincial Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, Primary Division (Grades 1-3) and Junior Division (Grade 4-6). 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 school based 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.

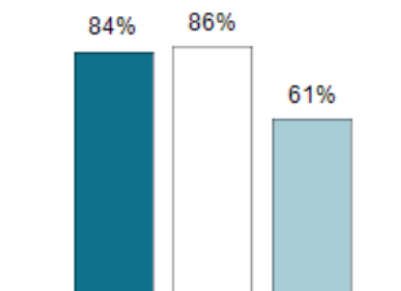
Achievement Data

Students at or Above the Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4)

Grade 3



Grade 6



■ Reading □ Writing ■ Mathematics

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.



ECO NEWS!



YES! We are STILL doing boomerang lunch!!!!

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!!

What is School Cash Online?

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

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Easy To Use Online shopping with various payment methods

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

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Paying school items is easy!
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Click "Get started today"

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.

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.

If your child has an epi pen or puffer, please send it in to the school asap if you have not done so already. There are still some students from last year that have not brought their medications back to the school.





Photo Day!

Our school photos will be taken on **Friday, October 13th.**

Remember to bring your smiles!



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 September**, the 'Golden Garbage Can' award was presented to **Ms. Cudlip's Grade 3 class!**

Congratulations!



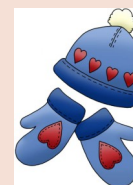
Empty Milk Bags

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. We appreciate your continued support.



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 **550** 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.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thanks to all of you, our first Scholastic Book Fair for this year was a great success! We raised enough funds to purchase many new books for our library collection! Amazing! Thank you again for supporting our community of readers. We look forward to our next Fair in the spring.

Forks & Spoons



If your child stays for lunch and brings an item that requires a spoon or fork, please remember to send one with him/her. We have many students who come to the office daily to get an utensil from us and unfortunately, we have limited available. We suggest that you keep a plastic spoon or fork in your child's lunch bag each day so that he/she has one if needed.

Be the Change

Hello Little Rouge community! The Be the Change team is back this year and ready to make a difference, both locally and globally. As our first initiative, we are participating in Free the Children's "We Scare Hunger" campaign. This means we will be collecting non-perishable food items throughout October, which will then be given to Markham's non-profit organization, Five with Drive. They will then distribute the food items to local families in need.

So, let's start the new school year off by working together to bring about positive change in our community.

Thank you for your continued support everyone!

The BTC Team

COMMUNITY TRAFFIC SAFETY

SLOW DOWN, SCHOOL ZONE!

On Thursday September 14th, the Grade 6 students got to help out with keeping our community and school zone safe! Partnering with the York Regional Police, our school campaigned to improve road safety. Together, we made sure that our school community was safe for pedestrians and helped out with drivers speed limits and safety rules within the law. The classes made colourful posters that would give drivers on the road an important message to go by, like wear your seat belt, make a full stop, don't speed, don't text and drive, etc. Along with that, if drivers did speed or not follow a driving rule, the police officer would direct the driver to pull over. The students would then give the driver an imitation ticket and a warning with an important safety message.



We learned how to use a radar and checked for drivers who were speeding. The grade 6's got to share their experience on the news and it spread awareness to everyone.

The police taught us the importance of being safe and careful and what it means to take responsibility on the road. The students had a lot of fun and feel great that they've now shared many important traffic safety messages with the Little Rouge community!

By: Maggie and Sana (in Ms Peacock's class)

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.

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.



Brought to you by the **Student Council**



Each year Little Rouge has a group of dedicated students who make up the Student Council. We are so proud of all the grade 7 and 8 students who applied to join the Student Council Executive!

Congratulations to... Kira and Rishi as the Events Coordinators, Rajith, Matthew, and Ethan as the Treasurers, Jazmine as the Recording Secretary, and Ashlyn, Abigail, and Hadi as the Council Co-Chairs! Students in grades 4-8 also have an opportunity to become a class rep to participate in Student Council. Student Council is so excited to plan school spirit days and events throughout this year!

-Jazmine on behalf of the Student Council

This month Little Rouge will be participating in a series of spirit events, including Colour Month, 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. 4 is Red Day	Oct. 16 is White Day
Oct. 5 is Blue Day	Oct. 17 is Black Day
Oct. 6 is Yellow Day	Oct. 18 is Gray Day
Oct. 10 is Green Day	Oct. 19 is Pink Day
Oct. 11 is Purple Day	Oct. 23 is Brown Day
Oct. 12 is Orange Day	Oct. 24 is Rainbow Day

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



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- A four-year, 8-credit, intensive arts high school program for artistically interested and talented students.
- Open through application and audition. **Applications due: December 6, 2017.**
- Dance, Drama, Winds, Vocal, Visual Arts students residing in the Arts Unionville boundary of York Region may apply.
- Strings students residing in the Arts Unionville, Arts Westmount and Arts Huron areas of York Region may apply.
- Piano students residing in all areas of York Region may apply.
- For more information and to complete our online application please go to: **unionville.hs.yrdsb.ca**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR INFORMATION SESSION:

Tuesday November 7, 2017 6:30pm to 8:30pm at Flato Markham Theatre

Complimentary tickets must be reserved by calling
Flato Markham Theatre at 905-305-7469 after October 1st.
Online Applications open on November 8, 2017

UPCOMING DATES:

Oct. 2	School Council Elections , 7:00 pm
Oct. 4	Area Cross Country
Oct. 10	Thanksgiving (NO SCHOOL)
Oct. 13	School Photo Day
Oct. 19	Hep B & HPV Vaccinations (Gr. 7 & 8)
Oct. 20	P.A. Day (NO SCHOOL)
Oct. 23 & 24	School Bus Evacuation Program for <u>all</u> students
Oct. 26	Rocket Rally
Nov. 13	School Photo Retakes

