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From the Office

October 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We had a great start at Ramer Wood Public School! September was busy and filled with many exciting events and initiatives. Our Cross Country team began and had their meet this past Monday. During Safety Week we discussed ways to be safe in our schools, we conducted a fire drill. We will continue to review these important safety procedures.

Our Terry Fox School Walk/Run was also a great success as everyone enjoyed time outside together while listening to messages organized by Mr. Morrison, Mr. Quan and the Tech Crew. This year we reached our goal of raising over \$1,300 for the Terry Fox Foundation and we would like to thank you for your generosity and support!

On Wednesday Oct. 3rd, we held our Curriculum Night. We would like to thank all parents, guardians and family members that joined us on this special evening. We were very happy to see you all and have the opportunity for you to learn about the comprehensive programs and the learning spaces that our teachers have created for our students. Parents and guardians play an integral role in the school community. It is recognized that parent engagement is a key factor in the enhancement of student achievement and well-being. We truly appreciate your time and effort and recognize that together with your active involvement we can make our school greater. Thank you to our School Council members for coming out and running our Pizza Café before the night's events began.

This past week, the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) released a School Report for 2017- 2018 for each elementary school across the province on their website at <http://www.eqao.com/en/>. We use data from these reports alongside other classroom and school assessment data, to inform our school improvement planning to support student achievement and well-being. Ultimately, our goal is to look for sustained growth in achievement over time, aligning our school efforts with the York Region District's School Board's Improvement Plan focusing on Math, Modern Learning, Mental Health & Well Being, Indigenous Education and Equity. We would encourage those interested to view the detailed School Report available online at the EQAO website at the link provided above. As always, we thank our teachers, staff, parents and community for being our trusted partners in promoting a shared commitment to the best teaching and learning we can provide for our students.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school and speak to any staff member. Thank you for a wonderful start to the school year!

Your Partner in Education,

Mrs. C. Pink
Principal



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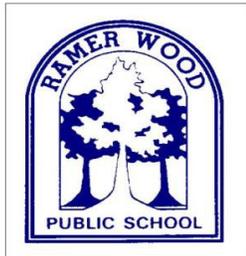
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Picture Day

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

P.A. Day

Monday, October 22, 2018



What's Happening at R.W.P.S.?

We will be posting our current information in the future, on what is happening at Ramer Wood Public School, school website: www.yrdsb.ca/schools/ramerwood.ps.

From the R.W.P.S. home page you will have access to our monthly newsletters, email blasts and School Cash Online.

Please refer to the school's online calendar for the most up-to-date schedule of events. Simply click on the *News & Events* tab, then access the *Calendar* tab.

Terry Fox School Walk/Run

On Friday, September 21st, the students and staff members of Ramer Wood Public School participated in the Terry Fox School Walk/Run.

Thanks to all students who brought in a Toonie for Terry.

This year, we raised over \$1,300.00.



Together, we can work to find a cure for cancer!

Emergency Drills

In order to ensure the safety of everyone in our building, we hold different types of emergency drills over the school year. We keep detailed records of all drills and these are monitored as a part of our annual fire and safety inspections.

During **Safety Week**, September 24 to 28, 2018, we conducted our first Fire Drill. When a Fire Drill is announced, classrooms and school doors are closed and everyone in the classroom goes outside and lines up with their class. The teacher does a head count and sends one student to the office staff who are also outside to verify Edsby attendance. On Thursday, October 18, 2018 we had our "surprise" Fire Drill with Markham Fire Department.. The Captain said we followed YRDSB's policies and procedures well. We will have our Lockdown and Hold & Secure Practices in the weeks ahead.

More information about these drills and the Board's commitment to creating caring and safe school climates, please refer to YRDSB Policy and Procedure #668.0 - #668.11.



<http://www.yrdsb.ca/boarddocs/Documents/PP-review-safecaringandsupportiveschools-668.pdf>

Student Safety

Student safety and well being is always our first priority and we ask that if you use the Kiss and Ride, please commit to following the steps below in the morning and after school:

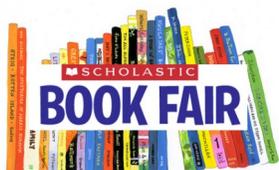
- No parking in the front entry way of the school
- Move all the way up to the front of the line to drop off your child, they will walk from there
- Do not ask your child to walk between cars to get to you/ or exit the car and walk between cars to get to the sidewalk
- If you don't see your child waiting, please park in the school parking lot and meet your child at your child's entry/exit door
- Respect staff on duty at all times

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to supporting student safety at our school.



Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you for supporting our school book fair! Our total sales were \$2,528.67, and this earned us over \$1,000 to spend on books and makerspace supplies from Scholastic.



Chapters Markham

A huge thank you to Chapters Markham and their customers for raising \$3,258.53 for our school through the Adopt a School Program! We will be using this money to buy new books for our library. We will buy some student favourites, teacher choices for literature circles, and books that reflect our diverse population of students from many different cultures and religions



Dressing Appropriately for the Weather

As the weather changes, it becomes very important that children arrive at school dressed appropriately for the weather. Warm hats, mitts, gloves, coats and waterproof boots are the regular dress during the late fall and winter months. If your children walk to school, bright coloured and reflective pieces of clothing help make them visible to motorists and traffic.

Children go outside for morning and lunch recess. When children are dressed for the weather, they are able to enjoy the activities outside during the colder months. Dressing in layers helps students to regulate their temperature. We always monitor the weather and, in extreme conditions (e.g., wind chill), we keep the students indoors or shorten recess breaks.



A message from School Council....



Welcome to the 2018—2019 school year!

The School Council is made up of parent/guardian volunteers who meet usually once a month.

School Council members have the opportunity to help lend a voice by developing a continued partnership between teachers, parents, students and the community at large. On September 26th we had our first meeting to vote on the new School Council Executive and start the planning of events and fundraising opportunities. We had 16 new and returning parents who attended the meeting.

The members voted Sandra Aldcorn in as the School Council Chair, along with Jamie Aldcorn as Treasurer, Pam Martin as Secretary and Kay Hira as Fundraising Co-ordinator for the 2018 – 2019 school year. Thanks to all who supported the vote.

School Council is always looking for parents and guardians to join the School Council and lend your voice and support Ramer Wood Public School. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 24th 6:30 p.m. meeting in the Library.

We are currently looking for parents who can volunteer with our pizza lunch program that starts in October and will run throughout the school year. Volunteering is a very important part of building school community and relationships. Pizza lunch is a big school fundraising opportunity where money raised helps to support Student Achievement and the School Improvement Plan, providing support to various initiatives.

School Council members are available to talk to at any time. Whether its volunteering time to serve pizza at lunchtime and/or taking orders for the Ramer Wood school spirit clothing, they are always available to answer any of your School Council questions.

Hope to see you at our next School Council meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 24th!

Halloween Celebration at R.W.P.S. on Wednesday, October 31, 2018



Each year, our students celebrate the long-standing tradition of Halloween.

Students celebrating this occasion in costume at our school must comply with the York Region District School Board's Caring and Safe Schools Policy #668.0. Costume accessories including, but not limited to, toy guns, knives, axes, swords, etc. are not in compliance with this policy.

In addition, we would appreciate your support in ensuring that your child adheres to the following guidelines:

- ◆ Students may not wear masks or fake blood at school – face make-up may be used, but not to depict blood or injuries. Student faces must be visible at all times.
- ◆ Costumes of a political nature or of appropriated cultures are not permissible.
- ◆ Students may not wear any costumes which are meant to intimidate or scare.
- ◆ Students who do not celebrate with the class, will be accommodated/involved in other activities planned in the Library the last period of the day.

Please note that the YRDSB's Caring and Safe Schools Policy and the guidelines listed above apply to all students at all levels, including Kindergarten.

Thank you for your understanding. We look forward to having a safe and enjoyable Halloween.



October 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 	3	4 Immunization Clinic Gr. 7 HPV & Hep B	5	6
7	8 Thanksgiving Day (No School)	9 	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Picture Day 	17	18	19	20
21	22 PA DAY (No School)	23 	24 School Council Meeting at 6:30 pm	25 Starting 	26	27
28	29	30 	31 Halloween 			