

Ramer Wood News and Events – Monday, March 27, 2017 – Issue #7

Cancellation of Meeting

The Education & Community Resource Night (Mandarin and Cantonese) scheduled for Tuesday, March 28, 2017 has been CANCELLED. It will be postponed to another date to be announced later.

Graduation Photos – Tuesday, March 28, 2017

This is just a reminder that the Grade 8 graduation photos will be taken tomorrow, Tuesday, March 28 first thing in the morning. It is recommended that boys wear a white shirt and tie and girls wear a white blouse. There will be no retakes of these pictures.

Scientists in the School Workshops

Thanks to the generous support of our School Council, each Ramer Wood class is experiencing a visit from a scientist who is facilitating a science workshop linked to students' curriculum studies. For example, last week Ms. Hunter's class participated in a workshop called, "Toys and Technology – Fun with Physics", that focused on forces and simple machines. Ms. Dean's class participated in a workshop called, "Adventures in the Bone Zone", that had them reconstructing actual small animal skeletons from bone pellets. (See photos). Samples of student work will be displayed in the main foyer. Please come by and have a look!



Ms. Hunter's Grade 2 & 3 Class



Ms. Dean's Grade 4 & 5 Class

2017-2018 School Year

This is a reminder that we are preparing to come together as a staff to carefully consider class placements for the 2017-2018 school year. The staff at Ramer Wood care deeply about student needs. Years of meeting the learning needs of children give our teachers the unique qualifications to recommend student placement decisions. Rest assured that placing students and balancing classes will include the best opportunities for student achievement and well-being.

A balanced class reflects the diversity of our community and allows the variety of interests and talents of our learners to emerge and be appreciated. The family, the school and the community all provide opportunities for children to socialize. Each new school year brings opportunities to meet new friends and expand our circle of acquaintances.

The following are the criteria we use to guide our placements:

Balance of Ability, Interests and Talents - all children are unique and different. The teacher's task of providing meaningful learning programs is enhanced when classes are created with this balance in mind.

Learning Style - how does the learner go about the process of learning? What kind of environment would best suit the learner?

Social Blending - what is the best cluster of individuals to effectively and efficiently learn? This should not be viewed as a grouping of friends. At particular stages, some close friends learn best in separate classes.

Do we need to know something particular about your child that you feel we do not already know? Aside from requesting a particular teacher, or for your child to be with a specific friend, parent input is taken into consideration. **If you have information to share with us, please share it in writing by April 15th, 2017**

Nutrition Program

Our school is starting up a nutrition program. A 2-day a week snack program will be running on Tuesdays and Thursdays from now until the end of the school year. The program is open to all children. There are many benefits to having a student nutrition program available to our students. Research has shown that student nutrition programs improve learning and classroom behaviour. This type of program allows children to eat with their friends and gives them the opportunity to try a variety of new foods, which are appealing, culturally diverse, tasty and nutritious. Lastly, the programs' focus on nutrition supports the Ontario curriculum.

You may still wish to send a snack with your child on Tuesdays and Thursdays and if they are still hungry after eating if they are welcome to enjoy a snack from the bin in their classroom.

The program is funded by donations. Watch the Ramer Wood News & Events for more information about opportunities to support by donating.

Ramer Wood Family BBQ – June 7th

Watch for the order form coming soon to a backpack near you.

On-line payment will be accepted. Be sure to register on the school website using the "easy register" School Cash On-Line button. Instructions and required student numbers will be sent home with the BBQ form.

Happy Spring.....
'Til next time!