

Richmond Rose Weekly Communication				
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Crossing Guard

We are lucky to have a wonderful crossing guard, Mario, who helps keep us safe crossing the road! We would like to remind all parents and caregivers that Mario is there to ensure the safety of everyone crossing. Please respect the role he has and wait for him to tell you when it is safe to cross the road

Pink Shirt Day - February 27

Richmond Rose is proud to participate in Pink Shirt Day, which is a day that we will all wear pink to support anti-bullying initiatives. Please get your pink shirts ready!!

FITSPIRIT IS BACK!!!!!!

Fitspirit is back at Richmond Rose! On **Wednesday, February 20th** all **girls in Grades 6, 7 and 8** are encouraged to attend an information session to learn more about Fitspirit. Two past participants of Fitspirit at Richmond Rose will be delivering an informative and engaging presentation on the program. Students can bring their lunches to the gym at **12:25pm** to learn more about our exciting Fitspirit events! Fitspirit is a program that promotes health and active living for girls. It aims to promote positive social, emotional and physical well-being.

In the past, the program has been well received with much of our grade 6, 7, 8 female student population participating.

We're looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday, Feb. 20th at 12:25pm in the gym!

Parking Lot Safety

PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE STAFF PARKING LOT AND DO NOT BLOCK STAFF CARS AT ANY POINT IN THE DAY. PLEASE RESPECT THE SAFETY OF ALL OF OUR STUDENTS, PARENTS AND STAFF.

The safety of our students is our top priority and we need your cooperation to ensure that we are able to keep your children safe. **Parents are to use the kiss-and-ride to drop off children and not park in staff parking spots** and have children run across the parking lot. We have witnessed many unsafe actions in the parking lot and these are becoming even more concerning with the winter weather upon us. Cars can't stop as fast and visibility is reduced during the winter months.

In addition, for those that choose to park on the street and have your children j-walk across the road, we recommend that you walk over to the crosswalk and cross with the crossing guard. This will ensure a safe crossing for all of our students. A reminder that u-turns are not permitted on Frank Endean Drive as this creates an even greater risk of an accident.

We appreciate your attention and cooperation in this matter.

Parking Lot Safety	
DO	DON'T
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk or ride (bike or scooter) to school with your child(ren) or have your child walk or ride to school with a group of people • Students should use the paved walking areas when walking to the school yard • Use the Kiss and Ride to drop off your child(ren) • Park in legal areas on the street • Cross the street at the crosswalk • Drive with extreme caution, assuming children have the right of way 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DO NOT PARK OR STOP IN THE BUS LOOP at any time of the day and regardless of the weather • Do not allow students to run across the parking lot • Do not J-Walk across Frank Endean Rd. • Do not do any U-Turns on Frank Endean Rd. • Do not park in the staff parking lot to drop off or pick up your child(ren)

School Bus Cancellations

If the condition of the roads necessitates the cancelation of bus service, local radio stations will be informed as early as possible and will broadcast this information to the community. Please be advised that if buses are cancelled in the morning they will not run after school—regardless of the weather. Review your plans as to what your children will do in the event of late buses or cancellations. Cancellations will be announced on YRDSB websites and www.schoolbuscity.com <http://www.yrdsb.ca> The following radio stations announce cancellations:

AM 640 AM 680 FM 88.5 FM 90.3 AM 1010 AM 1540 FM 92.5 FM 93.1 AM 1050 FM 99.9 FM 97.3 FM 98.1 AM 1530 FM 100.7 FM 104.5 FM 107.1 AM 590

Be Prepared For The Cold Weather and Darker Evenings

As we enter the winter months, **please ensure that your child is dressed warmly for recess** and their commute to school. This means wearing the proper jacket, hats, mitts/gloves and boots for the coming cold months. Students will be going outside during the winter months and playing in the snow and cold weather. Students need to be dressed appropriately to stay safe.

With the change of daylight savings, this means longer, darker days. Give extra care to and instruct your children to be aware of walking, riding bikes or playing when dusk settles (e.g. being more aware of their surroundings, wearing bright clothing etc.).

Weather Watch

All students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 are expected to go out for every recess unless the principal or vice-principal decides that weather conditions are so poor that it would be detrimental for them to be outdoors. Students are to come to school ready for winter and prepared to be outdoors up to 40 minutes after lunch. **We always monitor the weather and, in extreme conditions e.g. wind chill; we keep the students indoors or shorten the recess breaks.**

We often receive requests from parents asking us to keep their children indoors during recess times because they are not feeling well. Unfortunately, we do not have the staff or facilities to supervise students who are sick or still recovering from an illness. Students with heavy colds, etc., which are serious enough to prevent them from participating in physical education, recesses or other outdoor activities, should remain at home until their condition improves. This will likely benefit the students concerned and prevent the spread of this illness to others.

Please make sure that your children are dressed properly for our invigorating winter days. It is advisable for students to bring extra pants and socks. A change is often necessary due to the wet and cold weather of the winter months. To avoid adding to our clothing collection in the Lost and Found, please be sure to label all articles of clothing. Boots, hats, mitts/gloves, scarves, and snow pants for the younger children will help make recess an enjoyable time.

Wind chill - Minutes to Frostbite for exposed skin (Environment Canada)

The following are approximate values

Temperature (°C)	-15	-20	-25	-30	-35	-40	-45	-50
Wind (km/h)								
10	*	*	22	15	10 *	8 *	7 *	2 * * *
20	*	30	14	10 *	5 * * *	4 * * *	3 * * *	2 * * * *
30	*	18	11	8 *	5 * * *	2 * * * *	2 * * * *	1 * * * *
40	42	14	9 *	5 * * *	5 * * *	2 * * * *	2 * * * *	1 * * * *
50	27	12	8 *	5 * * *	2 * * * *	2 * * * *	2 * * * *	1 * * * *
60	22	10 *	7 *	5 * * *	2 * * * *	2 * * * *	2 * * * *	1 * * * *
70	18	9 *	5 * * *	4 * * *	2 * * * *	2 * * * *	2 * * * *	1 * * * *
80	16	8 *	5 * * *	4 * * *	2 * * * *	2 * * * *	2 * * * *	1 * * * *

The wind speed, in km/h, is at the standard anemometer height of 10 metres (as reported in weather observations).

Legend:

Frostbite unlikely	*
Frostbite possible in 2 minutes or less	2 ❄️ ❄️ ❄️
Frostbite possible in 3 to 5 minutes	5 ❄️ ❄️
Frostbite possible in 6 to 10 minutes	10 ❄️

Le Club Update

Looking for an affordable and play based care for your children? We still have room in our Kindergarten program. Email any/all inquiries to rrleclub@gmail.com

Please see below for a list of upcoming dates and activities. We hope to see you there!

March 11-15, 2019: March Break Camp includes:

- Basketball, volleyball and badminton: Learn the basics and develop your skills
- Attending the Famous Peoples Theatre: A Glow in the Dark Presentation

DEADLINE FOR MARCH BREAK FORMS AND PAYMENT: FEB. 27th - NO LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

MONDAY February 18 No School	TUESDAY February 19 Day 4	WEDNESDAY February 20 Day 5	THURSDAY February 21 Day 1	FRIDAY February 22 Day 2
NO SCHOOL FAMILY DAY	Pizza Lunch Intermediate Girls Basketball Game vs. Redstone	Fitspirit meeting in the gym at 12:25 pm for all grades 6-8 girls interested	Intermediate Girls Basketball Tournament Grade 6 VIP	Grade 4-6 Chess Tournament

Dates to keep in mind:

February 18th - Family Day
February 26th - Rescheduled Ski Trip
February 27th - **Pink Shirt Day**
March 7th - Family Mental Health and Well-Being Evening Event

Richmond Rose – TOUCHSTONE At Richmond Rose, we take responsibility for our work, words and actions. We put in our best efforts, enjoy our successes, and learn from our mistakes. We embrace each other's differences and care for each other's feelings. We think before we speak and use words that are appropriate for school. Our community is a safe community; a place where we treat people with kindness, respect and dignity. No one is afraid at our school. At Richmond Rose, we are free to succeed!