

Richmond Rose Weekly Communication				
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### **Mental Health and Well-Being Evening**

A big thank you to all of the staff, parents and community partners who helped make our Mental Health and Well-Being evening such a success! We really enjoyed seeing all of the families that attended the event! It was a fantastic evening!

### **Cell Phone Policy**

A real focus for us as at Richmond Rose P.S. is to ensure a safe climate for learning so that students are fully prepared for lessons and any distractions are eliminated. To support this, we have made the decision to ban the use of mobile phones within the school because of the negative effect on student learning and well-being. If students decide to bring phones to school, they are to be kept in their locker for the ENTIRE day. At no time will mobile phones be permitted to be used during school hours.

#### **The progressive approach of consequences will be implemented at Richmond Rose P.S. as follows:**

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2. The student will be asked to take their phone to the office. The phone will be placed, by the student, in a designated safe place. The student can then pick up their phone at the end of the day.
3. The student will be asked to take their phone to the office. The phone will be placed, by the student, in a designated safe place. At this point a phone call will be made home with the requirement for a parent / guardian to collect the phone on their child's behalf.

The restriction is in place at all times while students are on school grounds. This includes school entry, recess and lunch. Phones should not be accessed by students until they have left school. All student-parent communication should be directed through the school office.

**Infractions will be dealt with as student discipline, under the Safe and Supportive Schools Policy and Procedures. Failure to comply with any of the aforementioned rules may result in student suspension.**

### Parents in the Building

It has come to our attention that some parents/caregivers are waiting inside the building at dismissal time. At no time are any visitors, this includes parents and caregivers, to be in the building without signing in at the main office. **All parents and caregivers are asked to wait outside for students to be dismissed.** Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us keep your children safe.

### 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

### Walking to School

We are happy to see so many students walking to school! We would like to ask that all parents/caregivers and students use the sidewalks to come onto school property. It is very unsafe to walk through the parking lot, so please refrain from doing so. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### 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](mailto:rrleclub@gmail.com)

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

### 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.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

### 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 ❄

### **WEEK AT-A-GLANCE**

#### **March 11-15 - March Break - NO SCHOOL**

MONDAY March 18 Day 3	TUESDAY March 19 Day 4	WEDNESDAY March 20 Day 5	THURSDAY March 21 Day 1	FRIDAY March 22 Day 2
	Pizza Lunch		Naw Ruz Subway Lunch	

### **Dates to keep in mind:**

March 29 - Naw Ruz Celebration and optional lunch at Richmond Rose

**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!