

Richmond Rose Weekly Communication				
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### June is Pride Month

On Wednesday, June 5th, we will be raising the Pride Flag at Richmond Rose P.S.

### History of Pride Flag

The Pride Flag is internationally recognized as a symbol of pride, hope and diversity. In 1978, Gilbert Baker, a San Francisco artist, designed the Pride Flag as a response to the need for a symbol to support the LGBT rights movement. The current flag has six stripes, each with its own meaning:



**Key Messages when discussing flying the Pride flag, the following talking points can set a positive tone for any conversation:**

- In the York Region District School Board, we believe that Equity and Inclusive Education is the foundation for excellence.
- We believe all students must be treated with respect and dignity and have access to schools where they are safe, welcome, accepted and included.
- We want to develop resilient students who are engaged in their learning, who feel a sense of belonging in their school communities, and who feel supported to reach their highest potential.

- We are committed to ensuring equitable and inclusive learning and working environments that uphold and reflect the Seven Guiding Principles of Ontario's Equity and Inclusive Education Strategy.
- We recognize the diversity within our 2SLGBTQ+ communities and acknowledge the presence of indigenous, racialized, disabled and other diverse identities.
- Unfortunately, we see examples of bullying, hate propaganda, cyberbullying, homophobia, transphobia, racism and other expressions of discrimination in our society which can sometimes spill over into our schools.
- As indicated in the Indigenous Education and Equity Strategy, one of our system actions is to "interrogate and remove systemic barriers to well-being and achievement for underserved students through an anti-oppression lens."

### Flying the Pride Flag

- Demonstrates our commitment to eliminating harmful biases and prejudice that lead to discrimination and exclusion.
- Signals our commitment to upholding the principles outlined in the Ontario Human Rights Code and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms which reflect the values held by Canadians and Ontarians.
- Aligns with the Director's Annual Plan which identifies Equity and Inclusivity as a priority area.

### Meme Day - Friday, June 7th

On Friday, June 7th, we will be having a Meme Day! Students are invited to dress up in their favourite Meme!

### Helmet Safety

We have noticed that several students who are riding bicycles or scooters are not wearing helmets. The law in Ontario states that all children under the age of 18 must wear a helmet when riding a bicycle. To ensure your child's safety, please check that they are **wearing a helmet at all times when riding their bicycles or scooters.**

### [An Opportunity to Help the YRDSB Improve its Websites](#)

We are refreshing the [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca) website and our school websites, and invite you to share your feedback through a brief survey. The information from the surveys will help us ensure that the content, navigation and layout meet the needs of students, families and community members.

Our websites provide important information about our school and Board, resources to help your child succeed, school programs and more.

The two-part survey is anonymous, confidential and voluntary, and should take about 10-15 minutes to complete. If you have any questions please contact [communications@yrdsb.ca](mailto:communications@yrdsb.ca).

The survey will be available until June 12 at [bit.ly/YRDSBwebsurvey](http://bit.ly/YRDSBwebsurvey)

### [Le Club Update](#)

Our exciting **SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION** Packages are available for pick-up.

Do not miss the early bird pricing!

Locations in Richmond Hill: Beynon Fields P.S. and Silver Stream P.S.

Call 905-881- 8585 or 905-881-8595 or visit [www.le-club.ca](http://www.le-club.ca)

Looking for an affordable and play based care for your children?

Registration for September 2019 is now open.

Email any/all inquiries to [rrleclub@gmail.com](mailto:rrleclub@gmail.com)

### [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.**

### 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.

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>• <b>Do not park in the staff parking lot to drop off or pick up your child(ren)</b></li></ul>

WEEK AT-A-GLANCE				
MONDAY June 3 Day 0	TUESDAY June 4 Day 5	WEDNESDAY June 5 Day 1	THURSDAY June 6 Day 2	FRIDAY June 7 Day 3
No School - PD Day	Pizza Lunch	Eid-ul-Fitr  Grade 7 Junior Achievement	Subway Lunch  Area Track and Field	House Assembly  Meme Day

**Upcoming Events:**

June 10 - School Council at 6:30 p.m.  
 June 12 - SSC Wonderland Trip  
 June 14 - Grade 5 Kortright Trip  
 June 18 - Richmond Rose Talent Show  
 June 19 - Regional Track and Field  
 June 19 - Grade 8 Graduation  
 June 25 - Grade 8 Day Trip  
 June 26 - Last House Assembly  
 June 27 - Last Half Day of School

**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!