

**FALL DONATION DRIVE**

**THANK YOU \* THANK YOU \* THANK YOU**

Thank you to the Richmond Rose community for your support in our fall donation drive.

Our final total was over **\$8200!**

As explained at the beginning of the drive by our school council, the money raised was going to support the council's SMART goals, as well as, to take advantage of the YRDSB's technology cost sharing program. This program, provided by the board, matches our fundraising total, dollar for dollar up to \$6250.

**(Sports, Music, Arts, Recreation, and Technology)**

We are happy to report that at the council meeting this past Monday, our council supported the decision to purchase...

**10 *ipad air* tablets**

**10 *Dell* Notebooks**

**1 *SMART* Document Camera**

**1 LCD Projector**

**(all part of the cost sharing program)**

**&**

**\$1200 per division (Primary, Junior, & Intermediate) to purchase a variety of learning materials such as, math manipulatives, games, outdoor sports equipment, drama performances, social studies resources, music resources, etc.**

**Thank you to our School Council and parent volunteers for their help behind the scenes.**

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## PARKING REMINDER



**Kiss n' Ride lane – the passenger side of the drive way.**

### **Morning Drop Off by Car**

Thank you to all our amazing families for using our Kiss n' Ride lane during morning drop off. When a student is being dropped off, we ask that the driver of the car **stay in the car**, and allow the passenger(s) to get out, either on their own, or with help from the staff members on Kiss n' Ride duty on the passenger side of the car. **NO STUDENTS SHOULD BE LEAVING CARS FROM THE DRIVER SIDE.** Students need to have their lunch and school bags ready when being dropped off. **PLEASE DON'T PLACE BAGS IN THE TRUNK.** Drivers need to follow these guidelines, making our parking lot as **safe** and efficient as possible.

## ***Message From Our Trustee – Carol Chan***

As we near the end of 2014, I hope everyone has had a great school year so far and found opportunities to get involved with the life of the school. Partnerships with families are essential to student achievement and well-being, and to creating a caring and supportive learning environment in which students can thrive.

There are many ways for families to get involved – from volunteering with the school and getting involved with the school council to attending school events, communicating with your child’s teacher and supporting learning at home. However you choose to get involved, know that you are making a difference.

Earlier this year, the Board of Trustees reviewed and revised our Multi-Year Plan, the plan which guides system direction. The plan continues to have a sharp focus on student achievement and well-being, the delivery of effective and sustainable educational programs and the stewardship of Board resources.

Thanks to your support and the hard work and commitment of our staff, students, families and community partners, we continue to move forward in achieving our goals. As an elected trustee and an advocate for high quality public education, I am committed to ensuring the highest quality public education possible for our students and their families.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy holiday season and a wonderful start to the new year. I hope you are able to enjoy time with family and friends.



## **DID YOU KNOW – OUR SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD**

Meet Mario. In partnership with the Town of Richmond Hill, Richmond Rose is pleased to have Mario help our families across the street at the corner of Frank Endean Road and Grover Hill Avenue.

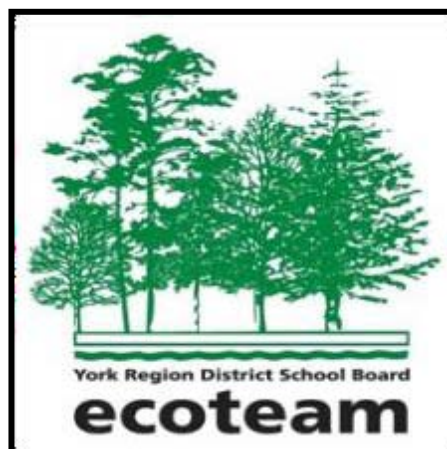
Thank you to parents for using the crosswalk. This helps students understand traffic safety.

Mario is there to help from 7:45-8:45 every morning and 2:50-3:50 every weekday afternoon.

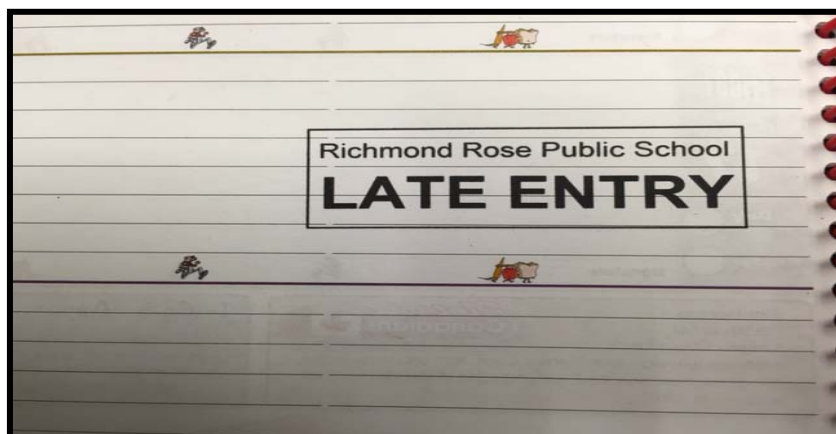


## ECO TEAM

The Eco Team has 22 Term 1 members and meets each Tuesday during am recess. This term the team is focusing on improving our recycling efforts in each homeroom class. Eco Team members have recently paired up to present recycling presentations to all classes from kindergarten to grade 8. At this time Eco Team members are working on a poster campaign to further promote proper recycling.



## LATE ARRIVAL



**We have adopted a new measure to address late arrivals at Richmond Rose. Starting this week, we have started to stamp student agendas indicating that a student has arrived late. This will allow students and parents to keep track of the number of lates that a child may accumulate. The stamp will only be used when a student is late upon entry in the morning. Students re-entering from an appointment or based on parent withdrawal will still need to sign into the office.**

**Families are reminded to check student agendas each day. This is a great way for families and teachers to keep in contact with each other regarding homework, and also school related issues or updates.**



## SCHOOL COUNCIL – SAVE THE DATES

Our School Council is planning a variety of events for our community this year, based on feedback from the survey families completed in the fall. **Save the dates below!**

- Dec 11    *The Power of Positive Parenting*
- Jan 15    Badminton Night
- Feb 12    Family Board Games Night
- TBD        *Wellbeing Workshop/Presentation*
- May 7     Cultural Connections

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION DATE – January 16, 2015

Kindergarten registration will commence on January 16, 2015 for the 2015-16 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca). Children who turn four or five years old during 2015, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten. A kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for this spring. For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact your local school.

## FRENCH IMMERSION INFORMATION SESSIONS & REGISTRATIONS

Information sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at Michaëlle Jean P.S. on January 15, 2015 at 7 p.m. FI registration will begin January 16, 2015. In order to streamline the registration process, parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2015, and wishing to enroll in the FI Program, can visit or call the school office and request an *Office Index Card - short version*. The Office Index Card must be signed by the principal of the home school. Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to Michaëlle Jean P.S. to register between January 16 and February 13, 2015. This eliminates the need to provide duplicate enrollment information or to pre-register.

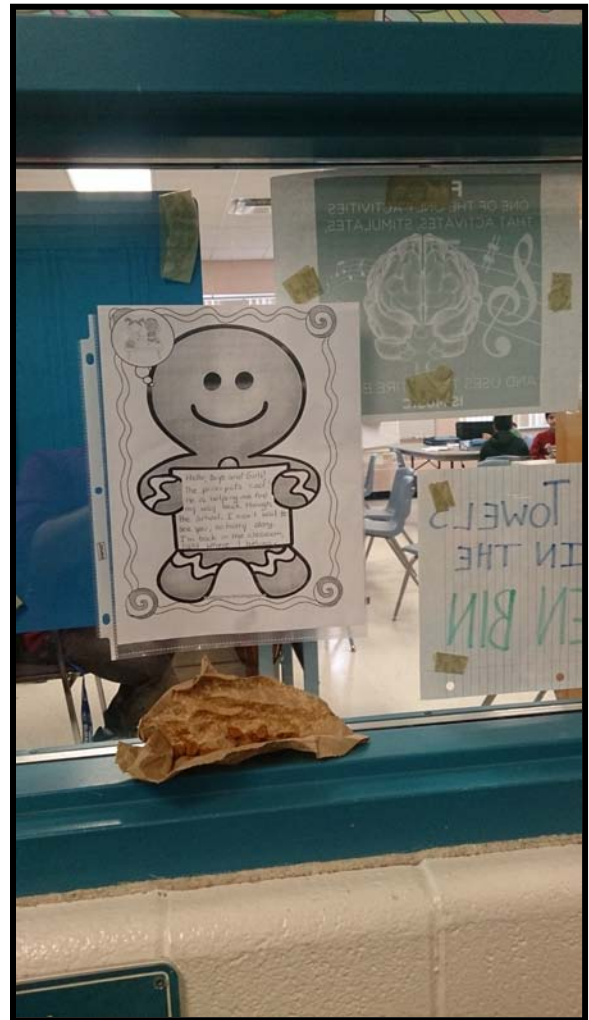
YRDSB's FI Accommodation Plan provides long-term consistency and equity of access to all students in York Region and will enable YRDSB to continue to offer the FI program to all who wish to enroll. The FI program will be offered in Dual Track or Single Track settings, in a variety of configurations. In order to meet community needs and optimize available space in our schools, a community's Grade 1-8 FI program may be provided over more than one school during the course of a student's FI education. This will allow flexibility in addressing community needs and the opportunity to use existing space in schools. More information is available on the Board's website: [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca). Please note: Some of the FI accommodation plans will require facility modifications or the development of new schools and will require short-term transition plans that might include overflow while we work toward the long-term vision. Overflow refers to situations in which the Board directs students to attend a school other than their community school or optional program for a specific period of time, as defined in Policy #108.

## CHESS CLUB MEETING

All students from grades one to eight who would like to join the chess club are asked to come to a meeting in room 135 on Wednesday December 10 at morning recess. Permission forms will be given that day. If your child is in kindergarten, knows how to play, and would like to join the club, please send a note to your child's teacher addressed to Mrs. Piccattoli indicating that you would like a permission form to be sent home. Any questions can be sent to Mrs. Piccattoli or Mr. Mah.

## GINGERBREAD MAN MYSTERY

The grade ones have been reading about the Gingerbread Man. This was followed by some baking in the staffroom. Unfortunately, the Gingerbread Man became Loose in the School. The students used some detective skills to track the Gingerbread Man down as he raced around the school and when they found him, they had a tasty treat.



## POSITIVE CLIMATES FOR LEARNING COMMITTEE



This week our PC4L team officially met for the first time. Our two parent representatives and our student representative joined our conversation about how to build a positive culture for our students, families staff, and our community partners. We look forward to continuing this conversation with the team over the course of the year. Stay tuned for more info.



Thank you to the students who presented their ideas about student initiatives to the committee. Your enthusiasm is infectious.

## The POWER OF POSITIVE PARENTING PRESENTATION

Children of all ages need a safe, secure and loving environment to do well. Positive parenting is an effective approach to raising children that emphasizes the positive. It involves creating a family environment that is loving, supportive and predictable. This is important in raising healthy, well-adjusted and happy children who have the skills and confidence they need to succeed at school and in their relationships with others.

Positive parenting reduces the stress of parenting and makes parenting more rewarding and enjoyable. This workshop will provide suggestions and strategies on how to use positive parenting in raising children.

Presented by Triple P Ontario's Positive Parenting Program.

**Date: Thursday, December 11, 2014**

**Time: 6:30pm-8:30pm**

Child minding is available.

So far we have  
over 30  
registrations.

**Register by December 9, 2014 at the link provided below:**

**REGISTRATION FOR RRPS PARENTING PRESENTATION. EVENT CODE Y4VAU**





### **FOOD DRIVE:**

**This week our food drive total collection is 202 food items, for a grand total so far of, 1274 individual food items. Our first load of food was delivered Thursday by Mr. Dreger and Mr. Roberts, from our amazing caretaking team. A big thank you goes out to them!**

#### **LEADING CLASSES:**

**Kindergarten Class - Mrs. Odes 36  
Primary Class - Ms. Bettan 92  
Junior Class - Ms. Wisken 119  
Intermediate Class - Ms. Au 102**

#### **LEADING HOUSES:**

**Light Blue - 162  
Grey - 132  
Red - 102**

### **COAT DRIVE:**

**Over 75 coats have been collected that will go to help families this winter!**

### **MITTEN TREE:**

**Our mitten tree has been decorated. We are looking for donations for new mittens for children and adults of all ages. All donated mittens will be decorated on our tree.**

**RICHMOND ROSE IS TRULY IN THE SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON!**

## **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!**

# Host a student visiting from abroad

Can you offer ...

- a caring and secure environment
- an English speaking home
- a private room
- three meals (and snacks) daily
- a home within reasonable distance to a YRSDB school

*Families are compensated \$900/month to cover the cost of hosting (effective July 1, 2013).*

*A Police Vulnerable Sector Check (PVSC) is required for every member of the household over age 18.*

*School year and summer placements are available.*



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