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Monday, October 21	PA Day Federal Election – Polling Station at Rick Hansen PS
Tuesday October 22 Day 3	Dental Screening: JK, SK, Gr. 2 10:50am Reading Club 1:00pm Birding Club
Wednesday October 23 Day 4	Dental Screening: JK, SK, Gr. 2 Take Me Outside Day! Regional Cross Country Meet 1:20pm Garden Club
Thursday October 24 Day 5	Pizza Day FDK Field Trip to Strawberry Creek Farm
Friday October 25 Day 1	Grade 1 Field Trip to Strawberry Creek Farm 3:00pm Provincial Cup Volleyball Tournament

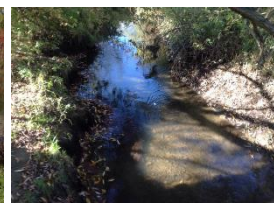
Photo Gallery

Student Council Fall Food Drive



Gr. 6 Trip to the Arboretum

Pictures by Shirley Lin



Information

Hot lunch program: Our Greek lunches will begin on Monday, October 28th. Please note that the pizza lunch program will continue until December 19th, 2019 to accommodate the late start.

Arts Program: A reminder to families that completed permission forms and fees are due for our Arts Program. The deadline has been extended until October 27th. The RHPS Arts program is an enrichment to the curriculum for all students. Each grade will have the opportunity to see or participate in 7 different workshops or performances. Our First Arts program workshops will take place at the end of October with Moving EDGEducation

Student Council Initiative – Fall Food Drive: Our Fall Food Drive started this week, supporting the Aurora Food Pantry and will run until October 31st. Thank you to everyone who has already contributed a non-perishable food item. A reminder that each non-perishable food item your child brings in will earn them a point for their House Team! Thank you for helping to support a great cause!

Pride Assembly: This year we will be having whole school Pride Assemblies rather than divisional assemblies to promote inclusivity and provide opportunities for our whole school community to learn and celebrate together. We will also be participating in Walk To School Days and School Spirit Days on the same day as our assembly each month.

Take Me Outside Day: Take Me Outside Day takes place on Wednesday, October 23rd. On this day, RHPS students will spend instructional time outside participating in a variety of activities which could include: a visit to the pond, engaging with a variety of science and birding kits, outdoor DPA activities, a story walk, and community building activities that are centred on the outdoor spaces around our school.

Dance-a-thon: The Rick Hansen Parent Advisory Council is excited for our second RHPS Dance-A-Thon which will now be held on February 14th. This event will be one of our main fundraisers this year and we wanted to ensure that we had the appropriate amount of time to plan, organize and advertise this amazing event. This event will be a healthy, active and fun way to promote school spirit while also fundraising to support academic, literacy, arts and athletic programs at our school.

October 21st PA Day: The purpose of the October 21st PA Day will be [for staff] to engage in system-wide learning that brings about a shared understanding of the strengths of Black students. It is also intended that staff develop an understanding of anti-Black racism, and recognize the impact of anti-Black racism on the well-being and achievement of students. Black Students continue to languish in Ontario's education achievement and opportunity gaps, and it is important to engage in learning that addresses historical and systemic knowledge gaps in order to best support our Black students.

Upcoming Dates:

Oct. 28 – Nov. 1 Moving EDGEducation workshops
Oct. 31, 2:15pm FDK Halloween Parade
Nov. 4-8 Cricket workshops
Nov. 12 Grade 7 Immunization Clinic Day
Nov. 13 Photo Retake Day
Nov. 13 Progress Reports Go Home
Nov. 13, 7:00pm Grade 9 Information session at Dr. G. W. Williams

Links

[Arts Package Information Letter](#)