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Monday, September 23	PA Day
Tuesday September 24 Day 5	10:50am Student Council Meeting 7:00pm School Council Meeting
Wednesday September 25 Day 1	Rowan's Law Day 1:20pm Garden Club
Thursday September 26 Day 2	9:30am Terry Fox Walk/Run 6:00pm Curriculum Night 6:15pm Gr. 9 Information session at Bill Crothers SS (please see link below – presentation will be repeated on October 2)
Friday September 27 Day 3	

Photo Gallery



Garden Club: The Garden Club meets weekly in the fall and spring to take care of the RHPS gardens, located on the south-east corner of the school grounds. The club is open to junior and intermediate students who are interested in learning more about growing vegetables, herbs and perennials. Fall activities include weeding, harvesting, pruning, and putting the gardens to bed for the winter.

Information

Chippewas of Georgina Island Pow Wow Opportunity: On Saturday, September 28th there will be an opportunity for students and their families to attend the Chippewas of Georgina Island Pow Wow. Any students who want to attend must also have at least one parent or guardian who is travelling with them as staff will not be responsible for supervision. **The bus will leave Rick Hansen Public School at 9:45am and will depart Georgina Island at 4:30pm.** Registration for this event will close on September 25th on SchoolCash Online and there are a limited number of seats available. This opportunity will be on a first come first served basis. Please see the linked flyer for more information. We at RHPS are deeply committed to meeting the Calls To Action as outlined by Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission. We hope that our broader school community will enjoy this opportunity to learn more about our partners in education on Georgina Island.

Curriculum Night: Our Meet the Teacher evening will take place on Thursday, September 26th from **6:00pm until 7:00pm**. There will be two information sessions in the homeroom classrooms, the first starting at 6:00pm and then repeated again at 6:30pm.

Terry Fox Walk/Run: We will be hosting a Terry Fox Run/ Walk-a-thon on Thursday, September 26 at 9:30a.m. **If you are available, and would like to volunteer during the walk please contact either the office or Mr. DeGirolamo.** Our event will be held in aid of The Terry Fox Foundation to help raise money for cancer research. Please see the linked letter for more information regarding donations and supporting this event.

Safety Awareness Week: Safety is a priority every day in YRDSB schools. The beginning of the year is the best time to remind students of the principles of being safe at school and in the community. During the week we will practice and improve safety drills such as a fire drill, lockdown drill and a Hold & Secure Drill.

Hot Lunch and Milk Program: Our hot lunch program (Greek Lunch on Mondays and Pizza on Thursdays) and Milk programs will be available on School CashOnline beginning on Monday September 23rd. Please pay attention to the purchase closing dates, as **no late orders will be accepted**. Please look out for the emails from SchoolCashOnline letting you know that the lunch programs are available for purchase. Thank you for your support.

Ministry Class Size Compliance: The Government of Ontario requires all school boards in Ontario to have 20 or fewer students in 90% of Grade 1 to Grade 3 classes; up to 10% of primary classes may have up to 23 students. At the same time, we are required to show the average size of Grade 4-8 classes across our Board. Early Learning Kindergarten programs have approximately 26 students, with one teacher and one designated early childhood educator in each class. Staff have worked diligently to organize classes to provide the best program for each child and to comply with the maximum class size requirements. As a result of the changes that have taken place between June and September in our school's enrolment and in order to comply with the Ministry of Education's Class Size Compliance requirements, please see the linked letter regarding the re-organization of our grade 5 and 6 classes.

Rowan's Law Day: Rowan's Law (Concussion Safety) was enacted in March 2018. As a requirement of this Act, the last Wednesday in September in each year has been proclaimed as Rowan's Law Day. The purpose of this day is to increase concussion education awareness, especially in schools. On Wednesday, September 25, 2019, staff and students of YRDSB will recognize Rowan's Law Day and the serious effect concussions can have on student learning, achievement and well-being. By increasing concussion awareness and knowledge, we can change Ontario's culture around sports, physical activity and injury. Concussions are not limited to people who play sports and are not just a bump to the head!

Upcoming Dates:

September 30, October 1st Rosh Hashanah
September 30, Orange Shirt Day
October 2, Walk to School Wednesday

Links

[Chippewas of Georgina Island Pow Wow 2019](#)
[Orange Shirt Day, September 30th, 2019](#)
[International Baccalaureate Programme Information Evening](#)
[Bill Crothers Information Night, September 26th, 2019](#)
[Terry Fox Letter](#)