

## R.L. Graham P.S.

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## MARCH's Character Matters- HONESTY

### Planning for September

It's hard to believe that we have started our planning for September. With that in mind if you are planning to move outside of the RL Graham P.S. area please let the office know so that we can plan appropriately. Thank you!



### York Region District School Board School Climate Survey for Students

Students in Grades 5 to 12 at the York Region District School Board will be invited to participate in a survey between **March 20 and April 28, 2017**. **The survey is voluntary, anonymous and confidential**, and will take place at school.

The YRDSB survey fulfills the Ontario Ministry of Education's requirement for schools to conduct student surveys and is aligned with the YRDSB's Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-Being. Survey questions will address topics related to Math, Modern Learning, Mental Health and Well-Being, Equity, and School Safety.

This survey provides an opportunity to hear directly from students and the results will be used to identify student needs and plan strategies to support student achievement and well-being. If you have questions, please contact the school office.

If you do not wish your child(ren) to participate in the survey, please contact the school by March 10, 2017.



### Student Drop Off/Pick Up

If you are driving your child to school, please drop off and pick up your child at the West doorway by the parking lot. Please do not drop off or pick up your child in the front of the school as this area is for busses only during entry and exit times, and is a fire zone at all other times. Cars are not permitted to park in this area. Please also turn immediately to your right (towards the doorway) upon driving into the parking lot and follow the cars around the parking lot to exit. This way all traffic proceeds in the same direction and is safer for students and vehicles.

## Photos and Videos

As always, we appreciate the enthusiasm and support our families show at the various events and celebration at our school. Your participation really makes a difference in our school community. We understand that at those events you want to capture the moment as much as possible. We ask that you don't share on social media any photos or videos of any students that are not your own child(ren). Please also refrain from posting any photos or videos of staff without their express permission.

## Dropping off a Lunch?

If you are dropping off a lunch for your child, please put your child's name on the lunch bag and leave it on the cart outside the office. Please do not take the lunch directly to your child's classroom as it interrupts their instructional time. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



## Weather Watch

The weather changes rapidly this time of year. From quite warm to quite cold, and often a little wet. Please continue to ensure that students are dressed for outdoor play. This is also the time of year when melting snow can lead to raised water levels. Students are advised to stay away from flooded areas.



## Eco News

### Bag 2 School

We are pleased to announce that the R.L. Graham EcoTeam has organized a clothing collection with Bag2School to raise funds to continue greening our schoolyard.

By getting involved with this clothing collection you have an opportunity to help raise funds for your school as well as helping the environment by diverting unwanted textiles away from land fill sites. In addition, it will help raise the students' awareness of the benefits of the 3 "R's"—Reuse, Recycle and Reduce.



Please donate any unwanted clothing including hats, belts, purses, footwear (tied in pairs please) - and soft/stuffed toys. If your donation bag is not big enough for all of your items, you can use any other type of bag(s) as well.

To help raise the maximum funds for your school, please ask your relatives, neighbours and friends to go through their closets too – a team effort makes all the difference!

Last year we nearly made our goal of 4 tonnes. Let's see if we can do it this year! RL Graham will receive \$200 for every ton of donations. Items will be collected at the school from **March 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> until 9am**. All items will be picked the morning of March 24<sup>th</sup>. **For more information, go to <http://www.bag2school.ca>**

## RL Graham's Green Bin Program

As our green bin launch comes to a close here is some very cool information from Mr. Brown about waste at RL Graham:

- Land-fill waste has been reduced by almost one half,
- The amount of recycling has almost doubled with far fewer contaminated recycling bins (the old culprit, paper towels now have a home in the compost bin), and
- Most compost bins are regularly processed with very few instances of contamination (garbage in the bin).

Pretty impressive, wouldn't you say? A big thanks to the custodial staff for all their work and support. Thanks to the teachers who continue to revisit the issue and make it part of our routine. Thanks to the students for taking the time to sort their waste. And a big thanks to Ms. Dionne's class for taking on a leadership role to make our school more Eco friendly.



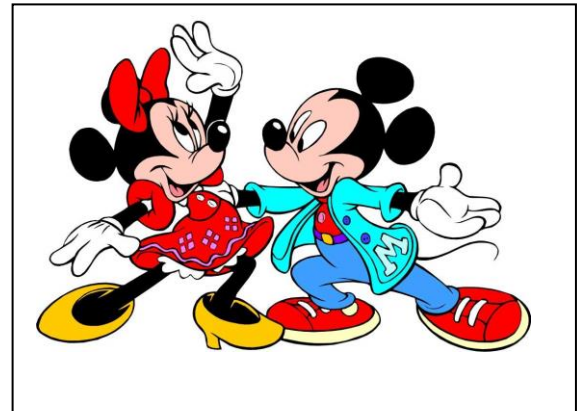
### Pink Shirt Day

On Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, our school participated in the ninth annual PINK SHIRT anti-bullying day. Thank you to all of our students, staff and community members that have the courage to stand up together to support acts of kindness. Special thanks to the student leadership team for their very informative classroom presentations.

## Dance Week 2015!

During the week of February 6<sup>th</sup>, students enjoyed a fun filled week of dancing. Our guest dance instructor Melissa Bartrem did a great job of creating engaging dance routines for each of our classes. The students put on their dancing shoes and boogied in the extreme!

Thanks to our School Council for providing the necessary financial support to make this wonderful opportunity happen!



## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Dance-a-Thon

**Blast Off Assembly: Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Dance-a-Thon: Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Collect pledges online or in person!**

**Prizes for pledges!**

**Glow products available for sale at the event!**



## R.L. Graham Yearbook 2016-2017

**The R.L. Graham Yearbook Committee** is pleased to announce this year's yearbook, bursting with colour photos, student portraits, activities and highlights. The smiles and memories of your child's year at RLG will be remembered forever in their 2016-2017 yearbook!



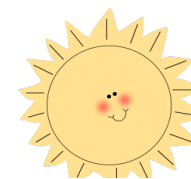
As you make choices about purchases for your child, please consider the long-term value of a yearbook.









**Yearbook price is \$26.00**

Make sure your child doesn't miss out on this opportunity! To order a yearbook for your child, please complete and return the Yearbook Order Form that will be sent home shortly. **The last date to order is April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**



# MARCH 2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	27 Day 3	27 Day 4	1 Day 5 SUB DAY 	2 Day 1  EQAO info night Gr 3&6 RSVP	3 Day 2  ELECTIVES! GR 4-8	4
5	6 Day 3	7 Day 4  Choir to Roxborough 	8 Day 5  PIZZA DAY 	9 Day 1  Jack Grunsky for 1's and Mrs. O'Brien's 2s	10 Day 2  Grade 1 to ROM	11
12  Spring Ahead Daylight Savings	13  M  B	14  A  R	15  R  E	16  C  A	17  H  K 	18
19	20 Day 3  WELCOME BACK 	21 Day 4  Bags2School Clothing Fundraiser	22 Day 5 SUB DAY   Bring in old clothes, hats, belts, purses, etc. →	23 Day 1  Flapjack Fundraiser Gr. 8 Graduation 5:30-7:30	24 Day 2  BAG2SCHOOL ENDS 9am Clothes get picked up—no more donations after 9am	25
26	27 Day 3  Kindies to Play  11:30 Dance-a-thon kick off assembly  GEM Movie night LEGO BATMAN	28 Day 4	29 Day 5  PIZZA DAY 	30 Day 1	31 Day 2	April 1