Dear Parents/Guardians:

Well, November has come and gone pretty quickly and Rogers has been a busy, happening place to be. From Volleyball, tournaments, to the amazing Remembrance Day assembly, to Progress Reports and interviews, it was an amazing month! It looks like we are in for an early and long winter with all that accumulating 'white stuff' on the ground. Our students have been busy making snow forts and snow people and these all look amazing. Just a quick reminder that students are not to throw snowballs. We have had a couple of occurrences but the school expectation is that snow stays on the ground. The following is the progressive discipline steps we use at Rogers when dealing with throwing snowballs:

1st incident: detention/no snowballing assignment
2nd incident: warning letter goes home/one week of detentions
3rd incident: suspension

Congratulations to both our intermediate boys and girls Volleyball teams who represented very well at the Area tournaments last week. Both teams displayed excellent teamwork and sportsmanship. Way to go Rogers!

Don’t forget our holiday concert takes place on Thursday, December 12th, beginning at 7pm. There will once again be a craft sale and bake sale in the main foyer so make sure you bring some loose change to help support our breakfast program and Community Council.

As another year draws to a close, let me take this opportunity to thank the many people at Rogers Public School who continue to make this school a great place to learn. Our parent community has been so supportive of school programs and special activities. A big thank you to the School Council, their advice and assistance has been greatly appreciated. A special thank you, as well to our fundraisers and our pizza volunteers for all their efforts this year. The efforts of our volunteers, along with your generous support, enrich our school programs and make possible many special events. On behalf of our students, thank you very much!

Finally, a special thank you to the wonderful parent community, staff and students that make up Rogers Public School. We have a terrific group of teachers, parents, office staff, caretakers, educational assistants, and school lunch time assistants that ensure the safe and efficient running of our school on a daily basis. I am extremely proud of our students in all their endeavours this year in and out of the classroom. On behalf of Rogers staff and students, I wish you and yours a safe and joyful holiday.

VISITORS/VOLUNTEERS IN OUR SCHOOL

A new safe schools lock down policy is coming soon. All visitors will be required to ring the bell outside to be buzzed in during school hours as all doors will be locked. Please make sure your child/ren comes prepared for the day in order to limit drop-offs for forgotten items. As well, if your child has an appointment, if possible, please arrange to pick them up during one of the recess/lunch breaks. We realize this is not always possible, but additional efforts in this regard would be most appreciated! More information to follow shortly.....
Kindergarten Registration to Commence

Kindergarten registration will commence on Friday, January 17, 2014 for the 2014-15 school year. Registration forms are also available on YRDSB’s website: www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2014, 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.

Junior Kindergarten Registration

If you have a child who will be registering for kindergarten in the fall of 2014, please complete the following pre-registration form as soon as possible. Upon receipt, we will send home a registration package, along with requirements for registration day. All children who were born on or before December 31st, 2010 are eligible to attend Junior Kindergarten beginning September 2014. We ask that you inform any friends or neighbours that do not presently have children attending Rogers Public School and do have an eligible aged child. Please pass this form on to them where possible, or have them call the school.

Junior Kindergarten Registration starts on Friday, January 17, 2014 at 9:30am

Date of Birth: __________/________/________

Year Month Day

Name of Child: ____________________

Name of Parent(s): ____________________

Address __________________________________________________________________________

Postal Code: ________________

Phone number: ____________________

*Please suggest a Rogers P.S. student who could deliver a registration package to you.*

Name: ____________________

Teacher: ____________________

A full registration package will be sent home shortly upon receipt of this form. Please bring it with you when you come to register.

At the time of registration, a parent must provide

☐ Birth Certificate

☐ Proof of Residency i.e. current Municipal Tax Bill, Offer of Purchase or Rental Agreement.

Note: Students new to Ontario must first make an appointment to visit the Boards

Community Corner

Looking for information regarding winter skating, swimming and special events? Check out The Town of Newmarket at http://www.newmarket.ca

If you are interested in further information regarding Come Grow With Us, an online health education and resource manual or wish to subscribe to their newsletter please go to http://www.york.ca/Services/Public+Health+and+Safety/Child+and+Family+Health/Come+Grow+With+Us.htm

Aurora-Newmarket Spelling Bee 2013-14 Competition on March 29, 2014. For further information and registration dates please visit http://www.spellingbeeofcanada.ca

Prevent Infection by Hand Washing! Please remember that hand washing is the single most important procedure for preventing infections.
School Bus Cancellation Notice (cont’d)

School bus service may be cancelled from time to time due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Since some bussing schedules begin by 7:00 a.m. or earlier, all cancellation decisions must be made by 6:00 a.m. to ensure the safety of our students. Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with school bus companies servicing York Region. Decisions are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature and road conditions.

Please note the following:

- A decision to cancel school bus transportation may be system wide (where all buses in York Region are cancelled) or municipality specific (where buses in one or more municipalities are cancelled).
- If school bus transportation in your municipality is cancelled and your child attends school in a different municipality where service is operational, your child will not be transported to/from school.
- If school bus transportation in your municipality is operational and your child attends school in a different municipality where service is cancelled, your child will not be transported to/from school.
- If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home.

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

**RADIO**
590 AM 640 AM 680 AM 860 AM 1010 AM 1050 AM
102.1 FM 1540 AM 1580 AM
88.5 FM 89.9 FM 92.5 FM 93.1 FM 94.1 FM 94.9 FM
95.9 FM 97.3 FM 98.1 FM 99.1 FM 99.9 FM 101.1 FM [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com)

**TELEVISION**
CITY TV THE A-CHANNEL CFTO TV THE WEATHER NETWORK GLOBAL NEWS

A bus cancellation message will also be available at [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) and by calling 1-877-330-3001.

Inclement Weather Alerts on Websites

Beginning in December, all bus cancellation, inclement weather and school closure information will be available on our school website; [www.rogers.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.rogers.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca) and Board website; [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com)
[www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca) as well as [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com)
Bullying Prevention Measures - Report It!

The York Region District School Board (YRDSB) has launched a new web reporting tool that allows students, parents and community members to report bullying incidents as well as positive behaviours and events related to our students and learning environments. The online tool, called Report It!, is a web button on the YRDSB homepage (www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca) that links to an online form where users report bullying or positive behaviours that are consistent with Character Matters.

The development of this tool is the result of student feedback from an anti-bullying conference held last spring. It is meant for reporting non-emergencies only and deals solely with student issues. Follow-up will be determined by the severity of the incident and may involve sharing information with authorities. Users may submit reports anonymously (although anonymity cannot be absolutely guaranteed).

YRDSB is also asking students, parents, teachers and community members to “Take the Pledge” against bullying. To learn more, click on “The Pledge” image on the YRDSB website or go to www.ctvbarrie.ca.

Me to We

The Me to We Club would like to thank everyone who donated food during the We Scare Hunger Campaign. We were able to collect many food items that will go toward feeding families in Newmarket communities. Thank you for your generosity! We appreciate all of your wonderful support!

Special Ed Spotlight

Did you know that students who have a Learning Disability (LD) have to have at a minimum, average intelligence? Students who have a LD can also be identified with giftedness. The Learning Disability Association of Ontario defines LDs as:

“Learning Disabilities” refers to a variety of disorders that affect the acquisition, retention, understanding, organization or use of verbal and/or non-verbal information. These disorders result from impairments in one or more psychological processes related to learning (a), in combination with otherwise average abilities essential for thinking and reasoning. Learning disabilities are specific not global impairments and as such are distinct from intellectual disabilities.

http://www.ldao.ca/introduction-to-ldsadhd/introduction-to-ldsadhd/what-are-lds/official-definition-of-lds/

To learn more about LDs, please visit www.ldao.ca, they also have videos to help explain what LDs are to younger students.

Healthy Schools

This holiday season wow your guests with these amazingly refreshing smoothie starters!

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Come dine with us! Celebrity Servers are back in January! Stay tuned for the exact date. Our students will help serve food and drinks at Boston Pizza Newmarket and Boston Pizza will donate 10% back towards your fundraiser for Healthy Schools!
Remembrance Day at Rogers P.S.

Many classes participated in our 2013 Remembrance Day assembly on Monday, Nov. 11th. Each class made their own wreath and placed it at the front of the gym. There were many opportunities to reflect on those that lost their lives to keep us safe at home in Canada during the assembly which included a moment of silence.

Packing safe lunches

Food poisoning, or food-borne illness, can happen to anyone. The main causes of food-borne illness are Salmonella and other bacteria. While stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea are the most common symptoms, severe cases may require hospitalization. Prevent food-borne illness when making your child’s lunch. Remember these safe food handling tips:

1. **Clean** - Wash your hands, the utensils, cooking surfaces, and all fruits and vegetables before preparing or eating them
2. **Separate** - Do not allow raw or unwashed food to come into contact with ready-to-eat food
3. **Store** perishable food items (meat, eggs and dairy) out of the danger zone (between 4°C/40°F and 60°C/140°F)
   - Keep cold food items cold by using an insulated lunch bag and freezer gel packs
   - Keep hot food items hot by using preheated, insulated containers

Remind your children to wash their hands before and after eating and to throw out perishable leftovers after lunch—freezer packs or insulated containers do not last all day. Wash and sanitize reusable lunch bags before reusing.

Classroom celebrations get healthy!

We all love to use food to celebrate birthdays and parties in class; especially when it’s for our children. However, we need to remember that our goal is to provide growing children with healthy foods on a regular basis. Although birthdays only come once a year, there may be 20 or more celebrations in a class during the school year.

**Other celebrations include Valentine’s Day, Halloween, other holidays, and ‘special food days’ (for example pizza day).**

Instead of:

- Birthday cake
- Cookies or cupcakes
- Potato chips
- Pop or Kool-Aid
- Candy or chocolate
- Popsicles easy choice!

Try:

- A fruit tray or fruit kabobs with yogurt
- Vegetables and dip
- Low-fat cheese and whole grain crackers or pita
- Baked chips or whole grain pretzels
- 100% fruit juice or bottled water

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ROGERS P.S. IS A PEANUT AND NUT SAFE SCHOOL**

Make the healthy choice the easy choice!

Need Last Minute Holiday Gifts?

Don’t Forget - **Magazine Subscriptions Make GREAT Christmas & Holiday Gifts**

For Family & Friends!

And you can support our school & children at the same time! Simply go on-line to, www.QSP.ca and go shopping. Use the account finder to find our school account number to ensure we receive the profits from your orders.

**A gift of a magazine subscription is like giving a gift every month for an entire year!**

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR FAMILY READING MAGAZINE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN!**

Many magazines will begin to arrive over the next few weeks, but some subscriptions due to different publishing schedules may take longer to start. If you have any questions, please contact QSP Customer Service at 1-800-667-2536. They offer a 100% satisfaction guarantee.

Cell Phones & IPODs

Casual use of cell phones is not permitted at school. If parent(s) wish that their child(ren) carry these at their own risk, for communication purposes going to/from school, then students must **turn off their phones** once at school and **store them in lockers**/other safe place. Phone calls and texting from cell phones are not permitted during the school day. **Any calls to parents/guardians during the school day, must be made with permission, from phones housed in the classroom or our main office, under the supervision and knowledge of school personnel. Pictures with personal cameras/cell phones are not to be taken.**

The school has cameras for picture taking purposes with permission of staff. As well, **students in Grades 4-8 only** are allowed to bring iPods at their own risk. These are to be used at recess only and under teacher discretion.

Newmarket Cares for Kids is a local non-profit organization whose aim is to promote and facilitate the participation of children ages 3-18 in physical and cultural activities, regardless of their ability to pay for services. Opportunities with local groups featuring drama/musical theatre, karate, music and dance are offered (subject to availability). In some cases, transportation through a local taxi company may be available. Call (905) 716-1447 for information about programs.
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Re: Student Busing Eligibility

Did you know that students’ busing eligibility changes throughout their school career? Your son/daughter’s eligibility to ride the school bus may change according to their grade and distance from home to school. Below are the provisions for eligibility identified in the Board’s Transportation Policy #680:

- All YRDSB students in Grades JK-3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are not eligible for transportation
- All YRDSB students in Grades 4-8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are not eligible for transportation
- All YRDSB students in Grades 9-12 who live within a transit served area are not eligible for transportation.

To view Board Policy #680 Student Transportation, please visit http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/

For more information about bus transportation and to determine your son/daughter’s eligibility please visit http://www.schoolbuscity.com/

Important - Parking Lot Safety

In order to ensure the safety of our students, we ask that all parents using the Kiss & Ride drop off area to NOT drop off at the stop sign. This is causing serious safety and traffic flow problems.

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Christmas Concert

This year, Rogers Public School will be hosting a Primary Christmas Concert. The Concert Band will also be performing. The show begins at 7:00pm on Thursday, December 12th, 2013. To parents of Primary students: if there are any circumstances where your child will not be attending, please let your teacher know in writing as soon as possible. Come out and support your children, and Rogers Public School! A non-perishable food item is welcome. See you there!

**Bake Sale & Craft Sale**

December 12th
before the Xmas Concert!

Calling All Bakers!
The Rogers Parent Council is hosting a bake sale before the Christmas Concert on December 12th. Donations of peanut-free home baked goods will be gratefully accepted on Thursday, December 12th from 8:15 to 10:15 am to allow for pricing and packaging. Thank you for your support!

The ME-to-We Club will also be selling craft items prior to the Christmas concert.
Newmarket Optimist Club/Staples Partnership for Kids

Staples Newmarket and the Optimist Club of Newmarket recently entered into a partnership to benefit school aged children in Newmarket. We have received a Staples gift card for $500.00 for our school. A big Thank You to the Optimist Club and Staples for their generous support!

FRENCH IMMERSION INFORMATION EVENING

Parents/ guardians of Senior Kindergarten students who are considering registering their child in Grade 1 French Immersion may attend an information session for the French Immersion (FI) program at Mazo de la Roche on Thursday, January 16th at 7 pm in the library. To register at Mazo, parents will need to bring an original document showing their home address and an Office Index Card signed by the Principal of the school where the child is currently attending SK. Registration takes place between January 17 and February 14, 2014.

Breakfast Club

Thank you to everyone who participated in our bake sale and raffle to raise funds in support of our Breakfast Club. Raffle winners are: A. & K. Williamson - Toys R Us gift certificate, J. Cheung - ITunes card and T. Kargas - Cineplex gift certificate. Congratulations!

Loonie Toonie Drive - Empathy Comes Alive

Our Loonie Toonie fundraiser begins on Monday Dec. 2 and runs until Dec.13. During this time, we are asking for any donations to help support local families in need. We are known as The Little School With the Big Heart so let's keep it going and show our spirit! Our food drive will also be running during this time. Any non-perishable food items are welcome!

Important Dates to remember:
- Tues. Dec. 3rd: Pajama Day! Bring in a monetary or food donation and wear your pajamas to school!
- Fri. Dec.13th: Hat Day!: Bring in a monetary or food donation and wear your hat at school!

Latest for the Library

Thank you to all of the families who supported our Book Fair during parent interview week. All proceeds go back to our library. The Forest of Reading begins in December. Encourage your child to join and read some of the best Canadian books for their age group! Silver Birch is for Grades 3-6 and Red Maple is for Grades 7-8. Students must read a minimum of 5 out of 10 preselected books to be eligible to vote for their favourite and to have a chance to go to Harbourfront in May for the award ceremonies.
From all the staff at Rogers Public School

The celebration season is upon us. We would like to wish all the Families and Friends A Happy, Safe and Joyous Holiday!