



# Rogers Reporter



**Mission:** To advance student achievement and well-being through public education, which motivates learners, fosters inclusion, inspires innovation and builds community.

**Vision:** To be a leader in public education by empowering all students to become engaged and caring citizens of the world.

**Values:** Our School Board operates based on a set of values which guides our actions.

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## Honesty

We behave in a sincere, trustworthy and truthful manner.

### Message from Administration:



It would seem that the days are getting longer and that spring is just around the corner. Forest of Reading is well underway and students and staff are counting the days to the March Break.

Our character theme for March is Honesty. We will continue to emphasize our attributes through our morning announcements and Character assemblies.

Our next School Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 2nd at 7:00p.m. in the library. As always, our meetings are open for any member of our community to attend, so come out and join in the fun! The last day of school before the March Break is Friday, March 11th.

Once again this year, Rogers will be hosting a talent show. We are very excited about displaying our students amazing talents on the evening of March 31, 2016 at 7:00pm. Please come out and show your appreciation for all of our RPS talented students.

Also, a reminder to all, to please drive slowly through our parking area and to please stop at our posted stop signs. Thanks for your support in these endeavours.

March also brings about some staffing changes. Welcome back to Ms. Jarvis who is returning from her maternity leave and goodbye and best wishes to Ms. Patano who has done a great job teaching our Grade 5/6 gifted class.

On behalf of all the staff and School Council members we wish everyone a safe and relaxing spring break and a very happy Easter!



### School Council Meetings

Wednesday, March 2, 2016  
at 7:00 pm

### Elementary School Front Door Security

Please remember to send your child prepared for the day. This will help minimize the number of people requesting to be buzzed into the school. If it is still necessary to drop off lunch/es, forgotten items, etc. for your child(ren), **you will need to ring the buzzer, face the camera and wait to be buzzed into the school.** Please leave the clearly labelled items on the table outside of the office. **Students may pick up forgotten items during recess or lunch breaks.** Parents are still responsible for coming into the building to sign out your child/ren for any appointments taking place during the school day. Any efforts to make appointments outside of school hours will be appreciated. Also, a reminder that all visitors/volunteers to the school must sign in at the office. Thank you.

### Important Dates

- Mar. 2 Skating-Jr.
- Mar. 2 Chess Tournament
- Mar. 3 Skating-Primary
- Mar. 3 Primary Family Math Night 6-7:30pm
- Mar. 4 Skiing Gr. 7&8
- Mar. 9-11 Camp Muskoka-Grd 7
- Mar. 13 Daylight Savings
- Mar. 14-18 March Break**
- Mar. 19 Earth Hour
- Mar. 23 Building Resilient Families-7-8:00pm  
Michelle Cassidy-Armitage Village PS
- Mar. 25 Good Friday
- Mar. 28 Easter Monday
- Mar. 31 GNA
- Mar. 31 Talent Show - 7:00pm
- Apr. 8 Jump Rope for Heart
- Apr. 13 Raising Resilient Children -7-8:00pm  
Gary Drenfeld - Rogers P.S.
- Apr. 19 Jr. Boys Area Basketball
- Apr. 20 Jr. Girls Area Basketball
- Apr. 28 GNA

**Attendance on Snow Days:** For safety reasons, you may choose whether or not to send your child to school; however, **if you keep him/her home and your child is NOT bussed you MUST call the school and report the absence.** (see page 2 for further information)

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If you have a child who will be registering for **kindergarten in the fall of 2016**, registration **started as of January 15, 2016** and is ongoing. All children who were born on or before December 31st, **2012** are eligible to attend **Junior Kindergarten** beginning September 2016. 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 information on to them where possible, or have them call the school.



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 Board's Reception Centre before registering at our school. Please call them at: 905-883-5241

### E.Q.A.O Notice

All grade 3 & 6 students in publicly funded schools throughout Ontario will be participating in Language and Mathematics assessment activities during a two-week period. The subtests are to be completed in a specific order so student absence during the testing period is challenging. We respectfully request that parents make every effort to avoid absences or arranging medical and dental appointments during this time.

The assessments must be conducted from:

May 25th - June 4th

### Community Corner

**Looking to keep the kids busy during March Break?**

See what's happening at the Town of Newmarket, <http://www.newmarket.ca/camps>

and the Newmarket Public Library  
[http://www.newmarketpl.ca/!](http://www.newmarketpl.ca/)



### PEANUT AND NUT BAN

Numerous students attending our school have life threatening allergies and will experience anaphylactic shock if they are exposed to even a tiny amount of peanut oil, peanuts or nut products. Therefore, Rogers PS MUST be a PEANUT AND NUT-FREE ZONE. What this means is that no peanut or peanut products of any kind may be brought into the school. Thank you.



### Parking

Remember - Rogers Public School is a no idling zone.

Please assist in reinforcing our green message to our ecologically aware students and help reduce our carbon footprint.



### Inclement Weather - Buses and Lunch Programs are cancelled

A reminder to listen to your local radio/television stations to find out if school buses are running when severe weather conditions are experienced. Information is also posted at [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) and available on the Board's Twitter feed: <https://twitter.com/#!/YRDSB>.

Regardless of the weather, the school is always open. Parents are reminded it is **your** decision whether to send your children. However, should buses be cancelled and **you choose** to drive your child/ren to school, **YOU ARE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR PICKING THEM UP AT 2:45 p.m.** **When buses are cancelled in the morning, they are cancelled for the whole day (even if weather improves), all special events, field trips and all lunch programs are always cancelled.**

**Attendance on Snow Days:** For safety reasons, you may choose whether or not to send your child to school; however, **if your keep him/her home and your child is NOT bussed you MUST call the school and report the absence.** Our Safe Arrival Program dictates that we know where all absent students are - if we cannot reach you, we will contact your emergency contact person. If we cannot reach that person, **we are obligated to contact the police.** Once students arrive, they are expected to stay.

### Emergency Information

If you have a change in home phone number, work numbers or emergency contact information, please be sure to let the office know, so that we can update our records accordingly.

#### From The Office

**Wherever possible, please try to reduce the number of calls to pass on messages to your children. If possible, we urge you to make arrangements ahead of time and if necessary, send a note to the teacher.**

**Rogers Public School Website:** Be sure to check out our website for all the latest and greatest happenings at Rogers as well as our Newsletter; <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/rogers.ps>



### Dance-a-thon

Thank you to our parent community for supporting our Dance-a-thon fundraiser which was a huge success! A big thank you to our D.J's and a special shout-out to our amazing volunteers for organizing this awesome event! We hope you all had fun!



### 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. Please note that students are only permitted one ear bud in at any given time.

### **REMEMBER !**

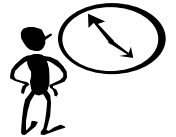
Daylight Savings Begins

**March 13th.**

Spring forward !

Turn your clocks ahead an hour.

Don't forget Earth Hour is March 19, 2016



### Indoor Shoes/Outdoor Boots

Now that it is either snowy or muddy outside, we would like your assistance in trying to keep our halls and classrooms clean. Please have your child wear boots to school and have a pair of shoes to keep at school just for indoors. If for any reason he or she does not wear boots, we ask that a second pair of shoes be worn for inside so that mud and snow are not being tracked into the classrooms and the gym.

### Spring Cleaning

As March Break approaches, let's make a special effort to return lost and overdue library books. Misplaced books seem to get harder to find the longer they are lost!



### Printer Cartridges

In keeping with the environmental priority of our school, we recycle printer cartridges. Please take advantage of this service and drop off your recyclable printer cartridges to the school. Please note that toner cartridges from photocopiers are not part of the recycling program.

### Moving?

**If your child currently attends Rogers, but you anticipate moving between now and the new school year, please let us know your plans as soon as possible. Although it may seem early, we are already working on student numbers. for next year.**



### 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.

### Milk

Milk tickets are on sale every Wednesday for the first 10 minutes of morning recess in Room 117. Six milk tickets for \$4.00 or \$0.75 each.



## Healthy Schools

### **Snack--Lunch Ideas for March**



Remember, we are what we eat! Let's eat the best to be the best that we can be!  
Let's take initiative for our bodies and create health and vitality!

<u>Avo Dip</u>	<u>Sweet Purple Seed Spread</u>	<u>Green Smoothie of Wonder</u>
2 large avocados $\frac{1}{2}$ head of cauliflower $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of lemon juice $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sweet onion powder 1 teaspoon sea salt  **Blend all ingredients in a food processor. Use as a dip or main course. **Fun to use as a dip for cut up veggies (cucumber, zucchini, red pepper, carrots, celery...)	5 cups soaked sunflower seeds 1 cup fresh blueberries 1 cup fresh blackberries $\frac{1}{4}$ cup agave nectar (or yummy maple syrup) 1 apple, sliced  ** Blend the sunflower seeds in a blender until it makes a nice paste. **Mix in the remaining ingredients. **Serve on apple (or pear) slices.	3 generous handfuls of spinach 3 peaches 2 cups apple juice 1 mango  **Blend in blender until smooth. **Be in joy!!



We are looking forward to enjoying an Easter time Smoothie on March 24th!



## Latest from the Library

### FOREST OF READING

Our Forest of Reading continues to grow! We have 6 students in Silver Birch Express (Grade 3-4), 27 students in Silver Birch Non-Fiction (Grade 4-6), 32 students in Silver Birch Fiction (grade 4-6) and 43 students in Red Maple (grade 7-8). We have read two books in Blue Spruce (FDK-Grade 3) so far and are completing our Memory Books in order to prepare for voting. Interviews are being conducted in groups at recess. So far, we've held 5 Red Maple interviews, 5 Silver Birch Fiction interviews, and 7 Silver Birch Non-Fiction interviews. Special shout out to B. Dong, L. Martin, A. Tamlin, E. Ling, and J. Graham for reading all 10 titles in their category! It is not too late to join. Come to the library and check out the book bins to see if any titles catch your eye. Voting takes place in April and the Festival of Trees at Harbourfront is May 17 (Silver Birch) and May 18 (Red Maple).

### CHESS

The Optimist Club is hosting a Youth Tournament on March 2nd. 24 students from Rogers will be participating, defending our 2015 Championship Title. Good luck, Rogers!

### Family Math Night for Primary students

When: March 3, 2016 Time: 6:00pm-7:30pm

School Gym...Free!

Come on out and enjoy a fun and educational evening of math with your family. Enjoy some snacks and some quality family time together. Please RSVP to your child's teacher.

### Talent Show

Please join us on March 31, 2016 at 7:00pm in the gym for our annual talent show. It promises to be an entertaining evening showcasing the amazing talents of our students!

### **Me to We**

A big thank you to all the staff, students and parents that supported our Candy-gram fundraiser. It was a sweet and fun way to send a valentine. The over 900 candy-grams raised more than \$350 to purchase 7 goats for families in Kenya to start small businesses that will help sustain them! On February 29, 2016 we will participate in wear your 'favourite character shirt day' to show our spirit at the GNA.

### **Intermediate Basketball**

Our intermediate basketball season has come to an end. It was a great season of amazing skill development and hard work. Both our girls' and boys' teams represented themselves, their coaches and their school extremely well, showing that sports are alive and thriving at Rogers. Congratulations to both our boys' and girls' team on a fantastic job!



### **Jr. Volleyball**

The Junior volleyball season ended with the Coed team competing in the Area tournament on January 28th. It was a great day of volleyball at Newmarket High and our team represented Rogers well. Congratulations on a great season to our team. A special thanks to the amazing parents who supported all our junior volleyball teams this season.

### **Advertise Your Business in the Yearbook**

Rogers Public School is offering local businesses the opportunity to sponsor the 2016 Yearbook through a business card ad. A sponsor ad is an inexpensive and effective way to promote your business to the Rogers community, including parents, teachers and administration. In addition, sponsor ads help to offset the cost of producing the yearbook, which allows us to offer it to our students at an affordable price.

Business card ads for the 2016 yearbook are available for the low price of \$25.00. Larger ads can also be arranged. If you would like to place an ad or would like more information, please contact Liza Mallyon, Volunteer Yearbook Coordinator at [rogersyearbook2013@gmail.com](mailto:rogersyearbook2013@gmail.com).

**Thank you for your support!**

### **Seeking Photos of School Events and Activities**

The 2015-2016 yearbook is well underway but we are still looking for more great photos of school events and activities, especially of the Junior and Intermediate students!

Students, parents and teachers can send photos to [rogersyearbook2013@gmail.com](mailto:rogersyearbook2013@gmail.com) or submit a memory stick if you have lots of photos.

#### **Grade 8 Students and Parents...**

Please start looking for your fav baby photo for the upcoming yearbook!

Photos should be clear, high res originals/scans and cute of course! Most photos will be digitally cropped to a head and shoulders view so the background is not important. More info will follow in April.

This Newsletter is being sent on behalf of the York Region District School Board and/or your child's school in compliance with the Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation. If you no longer wish to receive commercial electronic messages, you may unsubscribe at any time.

If you no longer wish to receive any emails from Rogers Public School, please contact the school directly to have your email deleted from your child's Student Information Record.

## Dealing with Flu-like Illnesses

Student absences have increased recently within several schools in York Region, related to illnesses with respiratory and enteric symptoms.

### **To protect staff, students and families from getting ill, remember to:**

- Stay at home when you are sick, and keep your child home if they are sick
- Keep healthy by eating healthy foods, being physically active and ensuring your immunizations are up-to-date, including the seasonal flu shot
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Wash your hands often with soap and water or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available
- Cough and sneeze into your sleeve or a tissue, not your hand, and throw away used tissues immediately
- Avoid touching your face
- Clean and disinfect common surfaces

### **Symptoms of respiratory and/or enteric illness can include:**

- Headache
- Chills
- Fever (over 38 degrees Celsius or 100 degrees Fahrenheit)
- Muscle aches and fatigue
- Runny nose
- Sneezing
- Sore throat
- Watery eyes
- Loss of appetite
- Nausea and vomiting
- Diarrhea



If you or your child are sick and do not improve, contact your health care provider.

Many viruses are commonly active at this time of year, for example norovirus and influenza (flu). Both viruses are very contagious and can be spread by contact with contaminated surfaces, such as door knobs or eating utensils. For more information, read the norovirus and flu fact sheets online at the following links: [Norovirus fact sheet](#) and [Flu fact sheet](#)