



REVIEW



October 8, 2021

Message From Administration

The past two weeks have been busy ones at RPPS. Our school Terry Fox Run/Walk was last Wednesday and our Cross Country Team is up and running 3 days a week. It is fantastic to see extra-curricular activities slowly start to be safely implemented at school.

We also honoured the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, and "Orange Shirt Day" on September 30th. The day honours the lost children and Survivors of residential schools, their families and communities. The YRDSB had a virtual assembly and each classroom teacher had lessons surrounding the significance of this day. You will see our Bricks of Belonging display in the photos below. This is featured in our front entrance and highlights the work of every student in our school -both virtual and face to face - as we commit to creating a more inclusive world to live in.

On Tuesday, October 5th, we recognized World Teacher Appreciation Day. We feel so privileged to work with such a dedicated, professional, kind and caring staff. Many of our students presented cards and other tokens of appreciation to our staff which absolutely made their day! From origami hearts to large artistic cards... the kindness behind the gestures was so appreciated. We have the best community at Rouge Park!



The fall weather is now coming. Please be sure that your children come to school in layers and prepare for the change in weather that typically comes at this time of year.

This weekend we want to wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. As

always, please reach out to us if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

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School Council

Congratulations to our new School Council Executives for the 2021-2022 School Year:

Co-chairs: Sarah Buck & Murtuza Rampurawala

Secretary: Vincy Vuong

Treasurer: Krysta Linton

School Council meetings will once again be virtual this year. We will hold our next meeting October 21 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. This meeting will focus on fundraising initiatives. All are welcome to attend.

Snack/Breakfast Program

Last spring we applied for a school nutrition program grant to help us start a breakfast program at RPPS. We were approved and now have the program up and running with all students having access to a healthy snack every day. The kinds of

items available include a variety of individually packaged fresh fruits and vegetables, cheese and whole wheat crackers, yogurt, cereal etc. Our students are really enjoying the variety of nutritious foods but we are already finding that the funding is not enough to sustain the program throughout the year. If you are able to make a donation to our Food For Learning program, please do so using School Cash Online (see below). A special thank you to our Student Snack Team for delivering all of the snacks each day and to our office staff for ordering the food. Ms. Herman's class made cards to thank the Student Nutrition Program facilitators for supporting Rouge Park.



Morning Drop Off

A gentle reminder that students can arrive at school between 7:55 and 8:10 a.m. We have had many students dropped off before 7:55 and there is no supervision. We want to ensure everyone is safe.

Fundraising at RPPS

With Rouge Park opening in 2019 and closing to fundraising opportunities in March of 2020, we have had very little opportunity to raise money for school initiatives. To help us achieve some of our fundraising goals, we are offering an opportunity for families to make a donation using School Cash Online. In consultation with our School council, we have identified two goals to fundraise for through donations:

1. To supplement our new breakfast/snack program
2. To revitalise our kindergarten play area through enhancing the environment and purchasing outdoor play equipment

If you would like to make a donation, please click on the Donate button on School Cash Online, choose Rouge Park and in the message box please feel free to indicate whether you would like your donation to go towards the kindergarten play area or the snack program.

Thank you in advance to everyone who is able to donate to these causes.

Cross Country Running

Our staff have started a very vibrant Cross Country Running team - our first team since the fall of 2019! The turn-out has been incredible with hundreds of students from grades 4-8 running in cohorts 3 days a week. We are not permitted to have an Area Meet this year but we are allowed to host a school meet. We are going to make this day as special as possible and will be inviting parents to cheer on their children from the periphery of the route. The date is temporarily set for either October 19th or 20th depending on the 5 day forecast! More details to follow.



Truth and Reconciliation Week

RPPS recognized Truth and Reconciliation week from September 27-October 1. Everyone in the school decorated an orange brick of belonging around the theme of Every Child Matters. These individual bricks were made into a beautiful display featured inside of our front entrance. This wall will act as an important reminder that everyone here at Rouge Park matters and belongs. We will continue our learning about Canada's past and move towards truth and reconciliation..



Terry Fox Run

Please enjoy some photos of our Terry Fox Run. We thank our community for their generous donations which contributed to a school total of just under \$1000.00.



Meet the Teacher/Curriculum Night - Thursday, October 14

On Thursday, October 14, you are invited to join us for Rouge Park's Meet the Teacher Night. Due to Health and Safety priorities, this year's event is being held virtually (online). Each family will be invited (via email) by their child's teacher(s) to a Google Meet where they will have an opportunity to meet the teacher, hear about the upcoming year and to take a peek into the school/ classroom.

The schedule for the evening is as follows:

Session 1 - 6:30-7:00 pm

Session 2 - 7:00-7:30 pm

You will receive an email from your child's teacher with information about how to join the virtual event.

Once you join the meeting, please follow the meeting guidelines below:

- Please keep your audio on mute so all participants can hear
- Please turn your camera off

Please be aware that during the meeting you must refrain from:

- recording any aspect of a the meeting (including pictures, voices or video) using internal or external recording devices;
- taking photos or screenshots of anything other than when given explicit permission or direction by the teacher to do so (e.g. a visual used for instructional purposes that won't be reposted later).
- distributing/posting any recorded, copied or distributed materials in any way, including to all social media platforms; and
- editing or manipulating materials in any way.

Here are step-by-step instructions for logging into the [Google Meet](#) from a computer or chromebook. If you are using a mobile device, use the [Google Meet guide for mobile devices](#). You will be using your child's YRDSB Gapps login.

Islamic Heritage Month

October is Islamic Heritage Month. This month affords an opportunity to reflect, celebrate and learn about the rich heritage and history of Muslims in areas such as literature, the arts, math, science, and socially. Affirming Muslim identity for our students is critical in creating the inclusive climates necessary for student well-being and achievement, as well as combating Islamophobia in our schools and further challenging systemic barriers to success.

Covid Screening Tool

Please remember to use the [screening tool](#) every morning. Families no longer need to submit the Confirmation Form. As a reminder:

- All school-aged children in the family must stay home if one child has symptoms – unless a sibling is fully vaccinated and asymptomatic.
- When you book your child out in Edsby, please provide details as to why they are away. If you do not provide details, we must call every family to find out if the absence is Covid-related. This takes our secretaries a great deal of time.
- Please remember to report the absence for each day your child will be away.