



Rawdon District School Newsletter

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Principal's Message:

It has been a wonderful start to the school year! Everyone has been settling into routines, working on following school expectations and practicing September's virtue "Respect".

Many PAWS have been given out and students should all be proud of their great start to the 2017-18 school year! RDS was part of Stand Up, Speak Out. The theme this year was "What's your story?" Knowing a persons story helps to build relationships and at RDS many students and staff participated in sharing their own stories .

The Terry Fox run was a lot of fun, and raised awareness and funds for cancer research. Fred Fox shared his brothers very moving story and the staff and students at RDS felt very privileged to be able to hear his words.

Our morning arrival has been going really well, however parents are reminded not to leave vehicles unattended in our bus drop off zone. Everyone needs to remember to check in at the office if they arrive during the day and if picking up at any point during the day parents/guardians

need to sign students out at the office.

We are really looking forward to celebrating Fall, October will be a busy month, and we look forward to the beautiful fall colours.

Bussing:

Just a reminder to everyone to be sure to fill out bus notes on a separate piece of paper and to include full names and addresses. Any busing concerns should be directed to Ms. Lori MacDonald @ 902-758-4614



Students in the Spotlight:

We want to hear about all of the wonderful things the students in our school are doing. This news can be about receiving a badge in swimming, 4-H accomplishments, involvement in beavers/scouts, bowling, singing at church, earning babysitting course. This can be ab-

solutely anything. Please if you or your child is proud of something...then it is **worth celebrating**. Just fill in name, grade, and a brief description, and it will either be said on the announcements or go home in next month's newsletter.

Name: _____

Grade: _____

Accomplishment:

Just cut out and return to office.

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Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- ☺ Oct 9th: Thanksgiving (No School)
- ☺ Oct 10th: SAC/Home & School @ 6:30
- ☺ Oct. 11th: Fire Safety Presentations
- ☺ Oct 13th, 16th, 17th & 18th: Grade 6 Assessment
- ☺ Oct 26th: Picture Retakes
- ☺ Oct. 27—Provincial Conference (No school)
- ☺ Oct 31st—Orange & Black Day

Student Success Plan:

Math Goal:

To improve student achievement in Mathematics

Literacy Goal:

To improve student achievement in Literacy

As our previous goals have come to an end, our staff have reviewed the data and created new goals to meet the needs of our students. These goals appear to be very broad, but in actuality contain many individual components that our school will be working on throughout the year. Teachers will be looking at ways to improve their own practice to support student needs. This will be accomplished through the implementation of the following strategies:

- ⇒ Work with Math and Literacy Mentors
- ⇒ Monthly Professional Development after school
- ⇒ Networking with other schools
- ⇒ Increased support in promoting reading and writing workshops in classrooms
- ⇒ Using evidence to plan next steps for students
- ⇒ Increased support in promoting Talk Moves in math to increase student collaboration and engagement

The staff developed these goals and strategies as a team and look forward to meeting our goals as time moves on. We are committed to supporting our students and working as a team to ensure best practices are happening in all classrooms. A more in-depth outline of this plan will be shared with SAC in an upcoming meeting. We value the support and input of the school community and look forward to working alongside you as we continue on this journey.

PAWS AWARDS & VIRTUE AWARDS:

PAWS WINNERS:

Grade P: Bridgette Miller & Arlynn Taylor Farr
Grade 1/2: Bria Richard & Aaliyah Daniels Flint
Grade 2/3: Liam Rissanen & Joshua Mersereau
Grade 4/5: Braydan Campbell & Logan Durling
Grade 5/6: Jordan Fancy & Tyson Nickerson



The Virtue is

Respect

VIRTUE WINNERS:

Grade P: Alayna Starratt
Grade 1/2: Hailey Scott
Grade 2/3: Darwin Harvey
Grade 4/5: Laila Jones
Grade 5/6: Matthew Beazley

The Grade 2/3 class also received a Virtue Award for showing respect in gym class.

Little Tidbits of Information & Sharing:

Volunteer Forms:

Everyone is reminded that if they are hoping to volunteer on any class trips or in our classrooms, volunteer packages must be completed and sent into the school. These packages include a criminal record check.

This is a CCRSB policy and must be adhered to. Thank you!

We are especially looking for male volunteers! Not having male volunteers limits us as to what our trips may be!



Emergency Codes:

To ensure the safety of our students and staff we practice emergency codes in case of an emergency. Code Red is when our fire alarm rings and everyone evacuates quickly and quietly. We will have at least two more of these this fall. Code Blue is our Lock Down which we practice in case of an intruder or an outside threat of some sort. When there is a Code Blue, doors are shut and locked and students move to a secure location in the class. If your child talks about this, they are practice drills that we must do at least two times each year. Code Black is relocation and our relocation is to the Rawdon Community Hall. This will be practiced during the month of October.

We are going to have the RCMP onsite for Code Black, as directed by the Board. This is all practice and we will be sure to communicate that to all of the students.

In the event of a real Code Black parents/guardians may be instructed to pick up their children at the fire hall.

Parent/guardians would be contacted if the need arose and only designated individuals will be allowed to remove children from that site.



The Virtue of the Month for October is:

THANKFULNESS

Thankfulness is being grateful for what we have. It is an attitude of gratitude for learning, loving and being. Appreciate the little things that happen around you and within you every day. Think positively. Thankfulness brings Contentment.



SAC/Home and School

SAC (School Advisory Council) is a group made up of parents, teachers, support staff, community members, and the principal. This group meets once a month and discusses school improvement, any issues or concerns brought forth from the school community or any fundraising needs. Please come out and help....it's for the children :)

All are welcome at our next meeting on Tuesday, October 10th at 6:30 PM. Would love to see you there!!