



## Rawdon District School Newsletter

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### Principal's Message:

**Welcome Back!** It is such a pleasure to be principal at Rawdon District School. I am enjoying getting to know the students and becoming acquainted with the whole school community. At this time I am happy to extend a "Welcome Back" from our staff to all RDS families.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce to you new staff that have joined our team. Mme. Larson, teaching French, Ms. Kelly, teaching Music, Ms. Singer teaching

Resource (Ms. Manning will be teaching Resource while Ms. Singer is off), Ms. Dellapina our Speech Language Pathologist, Ms. Cole, our EA and Ms. McNally-Hunt, our Bus Driver.

Please know that if you have any questions or concerns myself and staff can be contacted via email or phone. We will do our best to ensure our response is in a timely manner.

We will be having a Code Blue Lock Down this month. This is required by the province, our RCMP Liaison comes and supports us and we talk to the students at an age appropriate level as to why.

### Bussing:

Hopefully by now, everyone has figured out their morning and afternoon stops, know their bus drivers and when they will be picked up and dropped off.

Anytime your child is to travel to a different stop, a **note needs to be written**. Please be detailed with your note to the administration. (**full name and civic address**)



**Anyone driving students in the morning are reminded that they cannot be dropped off before 7:50 a.m. and please do not leave your vehicles unattended where the busses will be travelling. This is for everyone's safety. Instruction starts at 8:10.**

**All bussing concerns should be directed to Lori MacDonald at 758-4614.**



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### Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- ☺ **Sept 12th:** Meet the Teacher /Curriculum Night at 6:15
- ☺ **Sept 14th–** Stand Up. Speak Out
- ☺ **Sept 19th:** Fred Fox presentation at 1:00 and Terry Fox Run at 1:30
- ☺ **Sept 19th:** SAC & Home & School at 6:30
- ☺ **Sept 26th–** Picture Day
- ☺ **Sept 28th–** End of Month Assembly
- ☺ **Sept. 29th–**Site Based PD (No School for Students)

### Parent Information

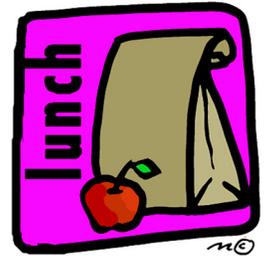
Please ensure all forms your child brought home are returned **immediately** to the school. This information is necessary to ensure we have current information on all students. Given the fact that the school must be able to contact parents immediately if a child becomes sick at school, it is vital that parents provide current contact phone numbers and

names of people to call in case of illness or an emergency. Please contact the school if there are any changes to these "contact numbers". You now have a copy of the Parent Handbook. All parents are requested to read the handbook to acquaint themselves with the information provided about Rawdon District School and our routines.



## Milk Program & Hot Lunch Program:

The hot lunch program and milk program have now started. The menu has come home for the month and can be ordered weekly. Money and menus will be due by Friday of the week before. This is to help ensure enough food is purchased and to make the accounting end a bit more manageable for the school. Last minute orders will not be guaranteed a lunch that is on the menu and may end up being a sandwich or soup, depending upon supplies. **We would never let a student go hungry.** Thank you for your understanding of this. Money should be the correct change and cheques made out to Rawdon District School. Milk is not included in the \$2.00 lunch, so if you would like milk, be sure to add that to your order. **Milk cost \$0.40.**



## SAC & Home & School:

The SAC and the Home & School will have their first meeting on **September 19th at 6:30 at the school.** The meeting will be no longer than one hour and will be a welcome meeting to go over what happens at these meetings and to try and come up with some new fundraising ideas. Information will also be shared concerning CCRSB's initiatives and RDS initiatives and updates. **It is a wonderful way to stay connected to your school. Please feel free to attend; we are always looking for new members.**

## Parent Portal (Powerschool)/ ALERT Solutions:

CCRSB is using Powerschool as a way to communicate to parents/guardians in our school board. Everyone has or will receive a username and password to create a Powerschool account, which will allow you to see communications from the school through a daily bulletin, to see attendance, and to start tracking your son/daughter's grades in a minimum of one subject. At Curriculum Night, teachers will share with you what subject they will be publishing on Grade Book, so you have an idea of what to look for. Anyone needing support with Powerschool are advised to contact the school and we will see what we can do. ALERT Solutions is a way for us to communicate information to you. A letter was sent home with information regarding what types of communication you would like to receive and how you would like to be contacted. Please refer to the letter for information on how to review your Contact Preferences.

## School Website:

A great way to keep up to date on what is happening at RDS is to check in with either Parent Portal or the school website.

Please visit:

<http://rde.ccrsb.ca>

You will find copies of newsletters, lunch menus, a calendar of school events and reminders.

Please note: We are currently in the process of updating the site.

## Provincial Assessments:

Provincial Elementary Assessments will take place between October 10th—October 20th. Grade 6 students will be completing the RWM6, which covers reading, writing and math and is a 4 day assessment. The exact dates that students at RDS will be writing the Provincial Exam will be communicated at a later date.

It is important that on these days, students come well rested, have had a good breakfast, and arrive on time. If students are sick or not feeling 100%, there are make-up days for time missed.



## Terry Fox Run:

Students and staff at RDS will be completing a school Terry Fox Run on **Tuesday, September 19th**. We are very fortunate this year to have Terry Fox's older brother, Fred Fox visit RDS to talk to the students and staff. We will have his presentation at 1:00 and then everyone in the school will be running/walking either around the soccer field or around the school. Anyone wishing to send in a donation to this cause may do so by Monday, September 18th, 2017.



## Curriculum Night/ Meet the Teacher:

Thank you to those parents/guardians that were able to attend our Curriculum Night on Tuesday, September 12th. If you were unable to attend and have any questions please contact the school at your convenience.

## Student Success Plan:

The school community is responsible for developing the school's improvement plan. Student Success Plan (SSP) begins with a review of data/evidence to help determine where the school appears to be effective and where improvements are needed. This evidence has been reviewed and we are currently in the process of determining our student achievement goals for the upcoming years. They need to be specific enough to be measurable, while broad enough to be inclusive of all students. These goals will be supported by teachers who are engaged in continuous learning aligned with the strategies in the school's improvement plan.

We will update you as the year progresses as to what we have decided upon as our goals and the implementation process. As a school team we are excited to start this new journey to ensure student success.

## Stand Up. Speak Out: What's Your Story?

*Stand Up. Speak Out. 2017 Day of Action!*

On September 14<sup>th</sup>, CCRSB will begin its fifth year of *Stand Up. Speak Out*. This is a school-board movement and commitment to Social Justice, anti-bullying and positive, healthy relationships!

It is important to recognize the complexity of bullying, so in the last couple of years a deeper conversation about social justice has emerged as an important piece of *Stand Up. Speak Out*. This has proven to be an important topic with our students, and led to the theme of this year's event: **What's Your Story?**

### Resources for students and families

If you want to learn more about CCRSB's approach to healthy relationships visit [www.ccrsb.ca/standup](http://www.ccrsb.ca/standup). You can access lots of information at this site.

*Stand Up. Speak Out. - What's your story?*

## Library Volunteer



Our library is an integral part of our school and we have two amazing volunteers who help out each week supporting our students with book selection, organizing our book inventory and making the library a beautiful/welcoming place for learning.

At this time we are looking for a volunteer to join our team and help out with story time, **reading to the students**. Each Monday starting September 26th our students visit the library and not only select books, but have an opportunity to have a story read aloud to them.

If interested in joining our team please contact the school at 902-632-6660.

## School Volunteers

It's that time of year again where we are looking for individuals to help throughout the year with field-trips and school based activities. If you are interested in helping out at the school a volunteer package should be completed, which includes having a Criminal Records Check completed, along with a Child Abuse Registry Check. Without these checks, volunteers will be given limited responsibilities during activities. Please contact the school at 902-632-6660 and speak to Susan Ward about requesting a Volunteer Package.

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**VOLUNTEERS**

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