



Rawdon District School Newsletter

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Principal's Message:

Happy New Year and welcome back! It's hard to believe that a new year is upon us, but we certainly look forward to all the positives 2018 is sure to bring. The winter months are ahead of us and are sure to provide us with an assortment of weather conditions. Please be sure that students are coming to school dressed for the weather (hats and mittens) and for playing outdoors at recess and lunch. Please have a change of clothes in your child's bag or classroom as a back up. With snow a possibility any day, coasting may be a recess and noon time activity; but students **must have snow pants and boots to participate.**

We had such a wonderful December and are so thankful for all the volunteers who made the many activities from crafts, dinners, bazaars, Christmas Concerts and beyond a huge success. Rawdon District School is a wonderful place to come to school and we so appreciate all of the different people that are a part of our school community.

We would like to welcome Emily Murphy who will be replacing Sarah Larson as the Core French Teacher. Emily will be supporting the students at Rawdon District School, Cobequid District School and Enfield District School. She will continue with the same schedule as Sarah had put in place.

We would also like to welcome Kathy Kays to our staff. Kathy will be teaching grade 4/5 until the end of February while Valerie Macumber is off.

Primary Registration is fast approaching. Please read the information on the following page and pass along to anyone you think it may apply to.

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Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- ☺ Jan 3rd: (Back to school)
- ☺ Jan 16th: Home & School and SAC at 6:30
- ☺ Jan 17th- Primary Registration
- ☺ Feb 19th- Holiday
- ☺ March 12th-16th: March Break
- ☺ March 23rd-Assessment and Evaluation: No school for students



Student Success Plan Update

Our school continues to work on our school improvement goals through our 'Student Success Plan' for 2017-18.

Students and teachers have been working very hard on our Literacy and Math goals to improve student achievement.

Literacy Goal: increase student achievement in literacy. As we continue to try and increase our student's performance in this area teachers have been working diligently supporting students with their literacy learning and collecting reading and writing classroom data. During the first part of the year we have had many sessions with our literacy mentor to support and further our practice in the area of Guided Reading and Writing. Teachers have been working with small groups of students on a daily basis in their guided reading/writing groups.

Math Goal: increase student achievement in Math. Teachers have been working with the Math mentor throughout the year with a focus on Math Talk Moves and The Three Part Lesson. Through the creative planning of our Math Mentor the teachers at RDS have had opportunities to work with teachers at KDS. This included grade level lesson planning, teaching of the lesson and reflection after the lesson. To date the grade P-3 teachers have participated in this PD and in the new year we will be making plans for the 4-6 teachers to have an opportunity to participate.

Primary Registration

Anyone who has a child that will be 5 by December 31, 2018 is asked to contact the school and come to our 'Primary Registration' day on January 17th, 2018. This day is an opportunity to register your child as well as a chance to meet with Public Health personnel who will be here to see your son/daughter. Please be prepared to stay for a short visit. Appointments will be made between 8:30 and 11:00. If you know of anyone, please pass this message along, and get them to give the school a call if they have any questions or concerns. Students **must** have a **birth certificate and a MSI card** in order to register for school. If this is something you still need, please check in with the websites below.

<http://www.vitalcertificates.ca/nova-scotia/birth-certificate/>

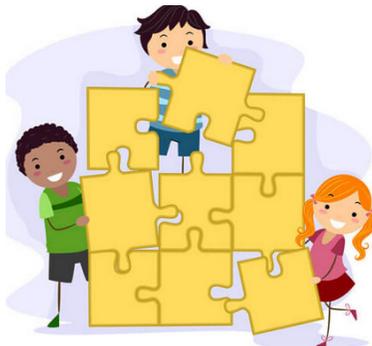
<http://gov.ns.ca/health/msi/>

Please contact us at 632-6660 or pass this information along to anyone who may benefit from it.



January's Virtue Cooperation

Cooperation is working together and sharing the load. When we cooperate, we join with others to do things that cannot be done alone. We are willing to follow the rules which keep everyone safe and happy. Together we can accomplish great things. Some of the ways we can practice cooperation are: work well with others, offer ideas freely, show respect, follow the rules and help keep a safe, happy environment.



Early French Immersion

Anyone considering Early French Immersion for their child should be aware of the Early French Immersion Information Session which is scheduled for Elmsdale District School on Tuesday, January 16th, 2018, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Storm date will be Wednesday, January 17th, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

PAWS AWARDS & VIRTUE AWARDS

PAWS 

Grade Primary: Ryan Richard & Savanna Custance-Chandler

Grade 1/2: Madison Miller & Jaxon Hall-Slaney

Grade 2/3: Dannie Simm-Brunt & Brayden Adams

Grade 4/5: Carmen Rhyno-Miguel and Matthew Hatton

Grade 5/6: Acacia Harvey and Brayden Briand-Plant

The Virtue for December was:
Joyfulness

Virtue Winners:

Grade Primary: Tenley Hebb

Grade 1/2: Alexa White

Grade 2/3: Gage Grant

Grade 4/5: Brayden Campbell

Grade 5/6: Kayley Payne

Congratulations everyone!!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING SCHOOL CLOSURES DUE TO WINTER WEATHER

The days are getting colder and with each dip in the thermometer we move one step closer to winter weather: icy roads, snow and freezing rain. For CCRSB schools, winter weather means the potential closure of schools when conditions are considered unsuitable for our students and staff.

Decisions regarding school cancellations, or early dismissals, are made by CCRSB's Operational Services Department and happen in the early morning (before 6:30 am). It is important that our schools have the most up-to-date contact information for parents and guardians, and that parents and guardians have alternative arrangements in place for their children, before a cancellation or early dismissal takes place.

A full day cancellation or an early dismissal, due to weather conditions, will be announced in several ways:

The "**All Schools Open**" button on the CCRSB home page changes to **red** for a full cancellation or **orange** for early dismissal. By clicking on the button, you can get closure information specific to your Family of Schools.

A message regarding the cancellation or early dismissal is posted to the CCRSB home page under "News", to the CCRSB Facebook page and to our Twitter feed.

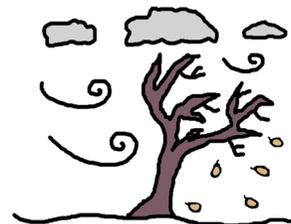
Information is sent to all local newspapers, radio and television stations within CCRSB, including CBC radio in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island and CFCY radio in Charlottetown.

If the Decision is to Dismiss Early, Here is How it Works:

Early dismissal will be one or two hours before the usual school day end. For example, on a day when a one-hour early dismissal is announced in the morning a school normally dismissing at 2:15 pm would dismiss at 1:15 pm that day. Bussed students who normally arrive at their bus stop at 3:15 pm would arrive at the bus stop at 2:15. The end of the day simply rolls back an hour or two depending on the early dismissal.

Early dismissal will be announced on the school board website (ccrsb.ca), Twitter and Facebook by 6:30 am.

The "**All School OPEN**" button the CCRSB website will **turn orange** and will read "**Early Dismissal**" Click on the button to get information about the early dismissal decision, including where it will be happening.



In the event of an early dismissal called at the beginning of the day we ask parents to send along a note in their child's agenda that they are aware of the early dismissal and instructions as to where their child is going. This will help staff to ensure students are going to the right location and remain safe.

If school is cancelled during the day, phone calls will go out from the school. In order to send busses home, **all families** will have been contacted. Please have a place lined up for these types of situations if they happen to occur. **We do our best to do this as efficiently as possible.**

Important:

When busses travel on paved roads only in the morning, they travel on paved roads only in the afternoon as well.

