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Spring is in the air!

Happy Spring! With it we will be seeing a lot of muddy and wet days, please help us out and avoid the calls home by sending your child(ren) with extra socks and spare clothes, just in case they enjoy the puddles too much! Most importantly, to maintain classrooms' and gym safety, we ask all student to have a pair of indoor shoes, we may not permit sock or bare feet. If continually providing the necessary footwear for your growing child(ren) is putting a strain on your family finances, please just send a message (note or e-mail: h.vandenboomen@tvdsb.ca) to Mme Boomen. She will gladly help you and your child(ren) get what they need.

We would like to thank our Roch Carrier Home and School Association for their incredible efforts with our Dance a Thon Fundraiser. The building was hopping the last day before March Break, the students had a wonderful time with their "glow gear", candy and the great music. These types of events do not happen without a lot of pre-planning and volunteers the day of. On behalf of the staff and students, we want to thank you for all of your hard work!

Just a **reminder** that students need to follow the reviewed expectations when on our buses to and from school. We have had a spike in the number of complaints/concerns from the bus drivers/bus company as well as from parents with regards to some choices that are being made by our students. Students **should not** be: crawling in the aisle, switching seats (especially if the bus is in motion), throwing items, or taking items from others, using inappropriate gestures or language, yelling out the windows at pedestrians, or eating/drinking. We appreciate your support in reviewing these expectations with your child(ren) as compliance ensures the safety of all. **Continued poor choices** can result in temporary loss of bus privileges for students.

Sincerely, Mme Maddox and Mme Boomen

Balanced Day UPDATE:

As many of you are aware, we conducted a survey in order to ascertain if there was support from staff, students, and our families to transition to a Balanced Day schedule. The number of responses was well below 50% and within those responses the results of our survey were not sufficient to qualify as an "overwhelmingly positive" response for the change, which is what is required in order to submit an application to change the structure of our day with TVDSB. Therefore **we will remain on a Traditional Day schedule** moving forward. Thank you to the parents who participated on the committee as well as those who responded to the survey. We appreciate your input.

Southwestern Public Health is looking to hear from parents for feedback on the student nutrition program (healthy snack program) at your school and how it affects your family.

Please fill out the brief survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CY7JTY6> so that we can help student nutrition programs be the best they can be!

Participants will be eligible for a **draw to win** one of 40 \$10 grocery gift cards.

REMINDER:

Head Lice Reminder: Spring and Fall are the seasons when head lice commonly infest school aged children. Please check your child's head weekly. If you find evidence of head lice, information is available from your pharmacist and the local health unit. Please, if you are comfortable, contact the school so that we may notify other parents within the classroom that they need to be vigilant while respecting the privacy of each family.

Public Health Reminder: This is an important reminder regarding required immunizations for school attendance. If you received an Immunization Notice from Oxford County Public Health in the mail regarding a student in your household please call Public Health immediately at 519-539-9800 X3410, to avoid possible suspension, immunization information needs to be reported to Public Health by **May 30, 2019**.

EQAO Dates: Please keep these dates in mind as you plan for appointments that may require your child to miss school. Our Grade 3 students will be writing EQAO on the mornings of May 22 and May 23. Our Grade 6 students will be writing all day on each of May 27, 28, and 29.



Concours d'art Oratoire

Each year at Roch Carrier students prepare speeches to present to their classmates. From each class (Grades 3/4-8) representatives are chosen to present their speeches in the gym. This year we held this event on Tuesday, March 26th. We invited two judges, Mme Smith (a retired French teacher) and Mme Alyea (our Teacher-Librarian) to evaluate the speeches. The task of the judges is to determine which students will represent the school in Toronto at the annual Concours d'art oratoire organized by Canadian Parents for French.

They chose Addison Colbourne to represent the Junior Division (Grades 4-6), Katie Behman to represent the Extended students and Lachlan Sutherland to represent the Intermediate Division (Grades 7-8). They will be eligible to present their speeches at the Provincial Concours d'art oratoire in Toronto in May.

Congratulations to these three presenters, to the class representatives, and to all the students who participated in their classrooms. Oral French skills at R.C.F.I. were improved and enhanced by this experience. We would like to thank Mme Alyea and Mme Smith for helping with this event. A big thank you also goes out to our Home and School Association, who is covering the registration costs of sending representatives from our school.

Extracurriculars: Coming Soon~

Track and Field - begins in late April for Grades 4-8
Junior Coed Volleyball - begins late April/early May for Grades 5 & 6

In Progress~

Junior Boys and Junior Girls Basketball Teams have been formed. These teams are for students in Grade 5&6 and will be practicing over the next 6 weeks (approximately). They will have after school games against other local schools.

Boys Coaches: Mme Beatty and Mme Talbot
Girls Coaches: Mme Lebel, M Sperduti, and Mme Deller

Primary and Junior/Intermediate Choir

The Primary (Gr. 1-3) and Junior/Intermediate (Gr. 4-8) choirs will be participating in the Woodstock Rotary Festival of Music again this year. Both choirs have been working hard learning songs and look forward to presenting them for an audience and adjudicator on Thursday, April 4th at the Salvation Army Church in Woodstock. Specific times will be communicated closer to the date. There is usually a small fee for friends and family members who would like to go and watch. We would love your support!

Badminton Team - for Grade 7&8 students is in progress. The team is practicing Monday and Wednesday mornings at 8:00 am and participating in matches against teams from other local schools.

Coaches: Mme Nixon, Mme Havens, and Mme Rexer

Gymnastics

Congratulations to the R.C.F.I. Gymnastics Team! You did an excellent job performing for the school and we are so proud of your effort this season! If you tried out for the team this year and did not make it, there are two practice sessions that have been set aside just for you. These sessions will take place **Thursday, April 11th** and **Tuesday, April 23rd** during lunch recess. We hope you will consider attending!

- Mme Johnson and Mme Flint

Parents/Guardians of Gr 8 Students: If you have interest in being part of the decorating and food committees for this year's Grade 8 Grad, please join us for a meeting in Mme Martin's room next **Tuesday, April 2nd, 2019, from 4:30 - 5:00.**

[We will be hosting our Ceremony and Reception at Woodstock Collegiate Institute \(WCI\) on Tuesday, June 25th, 2019.](#)

We look forward to seeing you,
Thanks, Your Grade 8 Team



Family Literacy Nights coming up! SAVE THE DATES!

We are thrilled to invite you to join us for 2 very special family events. This year our Home and School Association has received grants from the Provincial Parents Reaching Out grant, and locally from the Thames Valley Parental Involvement Committee to allow us to offer these special presentations. Each presenter will visit students at school during the day, then return for a family-oriented event in the evening. We hope to see you there!

Roch Carrier Home and School Association presents:

Deborah Ellis

Author of more than 30 books, including The Breadwinner series, and current Silver Birch nominee "Sit".

A peace activist and feminist, Deborah has been named to the Order of Canada for her meaningful contributions to young adult literature and her philanthropic work.

Please join us: **Wednesday, April 24th at 6:00 pm**

Due to the subject matter of her books, Deborah's presentation is recommended for students in grades 4 and up

There will be a presentation for all students from grades 4 - 8 at 2:30 pm. Parents may attend if you can't make it at night. <http://deborahellis.com>

This presentation has been funded through a PRO Grant.

Milk Sales are in full swing. Tickets can be purchased on Mondays at first recess outside of the office from Mme Corina. The money we raise from this fundraiser allows us to continually upgrade and expand the technology that we have available for students to use at school, i.e. iPads, Chromebooks, etc. In the fall we were able to purchase three new iPads, and this winter we have been able to order four new chromebooks. Thank you for your continued support.

Book Fair Update:

Many thanks to all the volunteers and shoppers who made our last book fair a great success in spite of our weather woes and cancelled buses. We raised nearly \$1200.00 in profit for the school library and many of our new books are already in circulation.

Emerita Emerencia

Emerita is a multi-disciplinary performer and storyteller. She will be bringing her stories of the Mouse, the Ant and the Antelopes to teach the importance of sharing and respect through puppetry and folk tales.

Please join us: **Thursday, May 2nd, at 6:00 pm**

This presentation is most suitable for students in grades 3 and under.

There will be a presentation for Kindergarten students at 2:00pm. Parents of SK students may attend if you can't make it at night.

<http://www.prologue.org/performance-items/emerita-emerencia/>

This presentation has been funded through TVPIC.

Marker Recycling: Mme Havens' class has been working hard to keep on top of all the markers that have come in. So far, they have diverted over 950 markers from the landfill. Keep them coming!

IMPORTANT DATES:

April 4 Music Festival

April 5 PD Day

April 11 Badminton Regional Tournament (CASS)

April 12 Dance Festival (Board Office)

April 16 Saidat Presentations

Apr 19-22 Easter Weekend

April 24-evening Author Visit @ RCFI - Deborah Ellis

April 25 Jump Rope - kick off assembly (Event May 17)

April 26 - Spring Photos/Grad Retakes

May 2- evening Author visit @ RCFI- Emerita Emerencia

May 6-10 EDUCATION WEEK

May 24-June 4 Stream of Dreams activities

June 25- Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony and Reception

@WCI/Kindergarten Graduation at RC during the day



RCFI Newsletter ~ April 2019

MISSION: TO IMPROVE OUR STUDENTS' ORAL PROFICIENCY IN FRENCH
GOAL: TO DEVELOP STUDENTS' UNDERSTANDING AND APPLICATION OF ADDITIVE REASONING

Roch Carrier French Immersion PS has been selected as one of the first schools in Oxford County to participate in Stream of Dreams with the Upper Thames Conservation Authority.

Stream of Dreams is committed to helping communities discover their local watershed, become stewards for salmon and all aquatic creatures. They believe in the integrity of the science to art process and embrace optimism to create lasting, meaningful results. These murals represent hope for a future with healthy watersheds.

Funding has been provided through UTRA, TVDSB, and our RCHSA.

If you would like to be a part of this, we will be looking for volunteers to help prepare the fish, assist classes with the painting process, and attaching the fish to our fence. If you are available for a morning or afternoon (or any combination) May 24 - June 3, please fill out our volunteer form that will be coming home soon.

Thank you so much for helping us with this amazing initiative.



Saidat's "Emotional Awareness Assemblies" are coming to Roch Carrier on Tues April 16th (tentative date) for all students at RC.

Our K-Gr3 students will be participating in the **"Let's Be SUPER"** presentation. It is an exciting new interactive, musical concert. "Let's Be Super", is all about learning social and emotional intelligence. Saidat will explain to students that being Super means being a pleasant and outstanding individual who can be proud of who they are. When self-worth is present, students embrace learning with enthusiasm. Saidat will talk about the super gifts they can be proud of such as their ethnicity, personality, likes, dislikes, gifts, and talents. This show is about embracing individuality, as well as accepting differences in others. Students will join in as Saidat shares about the importance of "having a heart" to care about themselves, and encouraging them to find ways to share their kindness with others. With The Saidat Show, we can all learn to be super!

Our Gr 4-6, and Gr 7&8 students will be participating in two sessions of **"This is How We Win"** presentations. "How do you WIN when you are LOSING?" That's the biggest question of the day. Everyone loves to focus on the big win but to get to the wins in life, we sometimes need to learn from the losses. Youth often feel defeated when things do not go according to their plan. In Saidat's new show, "This Is How We WIN" our students will be taught to embrace both their triumphs and defeats in order to be the best of themselves. Using games, music, obstacle course, and spoken word Saidat will encourage students to try again, reach out for help when needed, and help others who are struggling in order to win.




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April is Dental Health Month

Southwestern Public Health Community Dental Services offers many dental programs for children who do not have dental coverage.

A dental clinic is located at 93 Graham Street in Woodstock. The clinic offers dental cleanings to Oxford County residents who do not have dental coverage. Children 17 years of age and under are FREE.

Public Health also has other dental programs to refer a child 17 years of age and under to a dentist if they have a cavity. Please call us to find out if you qualify by calling 519-421-9901 or toll free at 1-800-922-0096, extension 3510 or visit the website www.swpublichealth.ca/schooldentalscreening

Everyone deserves a healthy smile!

