

RCFI Weekly Memo to Families ~ Dec 16, 2019

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



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Farewell and Best Wishes

We would like to take a moment to say thank you to Mme Howes-Jones who has been working with one of our Grade 1 classes for the last four months. Your endless energy and positivity have been contagious. We wish you all the best as you wrap up your time with us and move onto new opportunities. Once a Raptor, always a Raptor! Mme Radford will be returning to this class in January 2020.

We would also like to thank Mme Manship who has been with us in the role of Educational Assistant over the last two months. We have really appreciated your support.

Winter Concert:

Parents/families of students in the classes of Mme Eyraud (1A), Mme Elligson (1D), M Duplain (1/2), Mme Richard (2A), Mme Rexer (2B), Mme Barnim (3C) are invited to the **11:00 am show**.

Please arrive promptly to be seated at 10:45 am, as we need to begin on time in order to begin lunch at 11:45.

Parents/families of students in Mme Johnson (1B), Mme Howes-Jones(1C), Lebel(2C), Mme Kidd(2/3), Mme Flint (3A) and Mme Havens(3/4) are invited to attend our **1:00 show**. Please arrive to be seated at 12:45.

Parents with children in both groupings or with students in the J/I choir may choose which assembly to attend. Please be aware that parking around the school is quite limited, and it may be necessary to park on a side street which might entail a couple of minutes walk.

Should we have a bus cancellation day due to bad weather, the concert will also have to be cancelled.

French Immersion Review Update - Announcement at Nov 26th Board Meeting:

Changes for September 2020 School year for ALL TVDSB French Immersion Schools:

NEW plan for Elementary French Immersion will provide **consistent, equitable access to high-quality French Immersion programming** for all students **throughout all regions of the board**

1. Consolidate Early Entry to Grade 1
2. Eliminate Gr 7 Extended Program (grandfather out those students currently enrolled)

Some parents have found the email from the Board a bit confusing...it is only the 7extended program that will not exist in September 2020, the regular Grade 7 immersion will continue.

Lost and Found: Please take a moment the next time you are in the school to look through the items on our Lost and Found table. All items remaining on Friday Dec 20th will be donated to charity.

Food Drive: The organizing classes of Mme Kidd (2/3) and Mme Howes-Jones (1C) would like to thank our incredibly generous community for their donations to the Holiday Food Drive.

Requests from the Office:

1. **When buses are cancelled**, even if it is just for the morning, it would be greatly appreciated if parents could report all absences (even for bus students) through the safe arrivals system...Thank you
2. **When picking up students during the school day**, please report to the office and staff will page into the room to communicate with the teacher. Your child will then meet you in our front entrance way
3. Please do not use the designated **Admin Parking Spots** - these are reserved for Custodians, Secretaries, and Administrators. These roles, at times, require staff to leave and return to work throughout the work day, or require different start times.



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Milk Program: Our milk program will be going on hold as we normally do over the winter break. Our supplies are already running low, we only have white milk remaining. Unfortunately, **it will not be able to restart** in January due to the current job action. We will inform parents when we are able to re-initiate the program. Thank you for your understanding.

Parking Lot Safety: We ask that students and families travel along the sidewalks around the parking lots as much as possible, rather than between cars to ensure your safety.

Winter Clothing Safety Tips at School:

Wintertime is fun for students at school. But with the cold weather, students need to be prepared for outdoor weather. Please take the time to ensure that your child:

- Dresses appropriately for the temperature and conditions (snow pants, hats, mitts/gloves, scarf, winter boots)
- Has spare gloves/mitts, socks etc so that they can wear dry clothing should the others get wet
- Check frequently to make sure that gloves/mitts, hats scarves, socks are still in backpacks
- Dry outdoor clothing each evening to ensure they have warm dry clothes for the next day
- Check sizing of all items for good fit
- Help young children learn how to dress themselves (e.g. zip up their coats, pull snow pants over boots)
- Remind children never to put their tongue on metal posts, fences or playground equipment

RC Home and School Association/School Council News:

Next Meeting: January 14 6:30 Home and School ~ please join us if you are available (School Council Feb 10)

Upcoming Events:

Dec 17 - Festive Meal catered by Jed Lau - brought to you by our RC Home and School Association

Dec 18 Chef programs (Pilon, Beshara, Rexer)

Dec 19 Chef programs (Lebel, Hughes, Havens)

Dec 19 Day Time Xmas Concerts

Dec 20 Last Day of classes before holidays !!

Jan 6 Classes resume

Jan 9 WCI Gr 8 to Gr 9 Parent Information Night @ WCI

Jan 14 Home and School Meeting 6:30 pm

Jan 22 Gr 1 Open House for September 2020 @6:00 pm

Jan 24 PD Day