

RCFI Weekly Memo to Families ~ Dec 2, 2019

MISSION: TO IMPROVE OUR STUDENTS' ORAL PROFICIENCY IN FRENCH

GOAL: TO DEVELOP STUDENTS' UNDERSTANDING AND APPLICATION OF ADDITIVE REASONING



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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.

Food Drive: The holiday season is approaching and the students of Roch Carrier will be participating in the Salvation Army Annual Food Drive. The grade 1 students from Mme Howes-Jones' class, along with the grade 2/3 students from Mme Kidd's class, will be organizing and running this year's Holiday Food Drive!

This initiative will give the students in our school the opportunity to help families in their community and to work toward a common goal with their peers.

Collection of non-perishable food items will begin on Monday, December 2nd and will continue until Friday, December 13th. Below, you will find a list of items that are most needed at the food bank. We thank you in advance for your generosity and thoughtfulness! **** Please note: all donations must be nut-free, Thank you****

Celebrations:

Robotics: A HUGE congratulations to our grade 7 and 8 Robotics Team (RC²)! They made us very proud with their wonderful robot "Fig Jr.". They competed in the Oxford Youth Invitational Robotics Challenge on Nov 20th against two other elementary schools and 16 other secondary schools and took home a Silver level Prize! Mme Boomen is extremely proud of how creative and hardworking this crew was! Well done RC!

Volleyball: A huge "Congratulations" to our amazing Senior Volleyball teams!!! It's rare enough to have the opportunity to bring both teams to the semi-final tournament for Oxford, let alone having one of them walk away with GOLD MEDALS!! Congratulations to the boys on a season well played, and "Good luck" to the girl's team as they move forward. The girls team will be playing in the Valley Finals against all of the best schools in the entire TVDSB area. This is a huge win and a testament to the impressive abilities of our athletes. Go Raptors!!

Speedstacks: don't forget you have until **Dec 1st** to order yours (we have heard from the vendor that they WILL be here before the Christmas break). www.speedstacks.ca/go Please, be sure to select "Roch Carrier", as 20% of your purchase is given to the Phys Ed. department to make purchases with. Merci!

Request from the office: 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

Parent French Lessons - every Thursday night @ 6:00 pm Mme Eyraud is offered beginner French lessons for parents. If you are interested in joining please email her at e.eyraud@tvdsb.ca (Final session Dec 12, 2019)

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)



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December Home Connections in Math

The December issue of Home Connections in Math (attached as a pdf) discusses how students select tools and computational strategies to solve problems in math. Examples of math tools include counters, base ten blocks, Cuisenaire rods, pattern blocks, measuring tapes, number lines, mental math and other physical or thinking devices. Examples of computational strategies include using friendly or benchmark numbers, estimating, looking for patterns, breaking down or decomposing numbers, building models or using algorithms. Feel free to try the questions in the Home Connections attachment. Be sure to think about which models or strategies COULD be used to solve the problems. Flexible math thinking means that problems can be solved in many ways.

School Wellness Activities:

In December we have guest presenters Vicki Bridgen and Brigitte Dorsey from the Thames Valley Schoolboard office who will visit every classroom to deliver sessions on Everyday Classroom Practices. These will occur on Dec. 2, 6, and 11. The program is designed to encourage the development of effective relationships in the classroom, including building respect, developing strategies for interrelating, and using social skills, coping skills, and problem solving skills. The sessions are age appropriate and designed to be engaging for all. Feel free to ask your little or big person (people) about their learning.

Upcoming Events:

Dec 2-13 - Food Drive collection

Dec 2-6 Intermediate Basketball Tryouts begin this week

Dec 3 Skating Trip for Gr 5, 5/6 6, 6/7 (afternoon)

Dec 5 Skating Trip for Gr 7&8s (afternoon)

Dec 10 WCI Drama Presentation (am)

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 18 Flint & Barnim classes Field Trip to Van Woods

Dec 19 Chef programs (Lebel, Hughes, Havens)

Dec 19 Day Time Xmas Concert (tentative - Mme Richard and M. Pak are trying to sort out the logistics)

Dec 20 Last Day of classes before holidays !!