

RCFI Weekly Memo to Families ~ Dec 9, 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.

LOST and FOUND Please take a moment the next time you are in the school to look over the items that are on our Lost and Found table. They will be donated to charity prior to the start of the holiday break.

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****

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

STACK CUPS: Hello Roch Carrier parents, thank you so much for supporting the speed stacking order fundraiser. Just a reminder that if you do not want the Speedstacks to go home with your child you need to email Madame Boomen h.vandenboomen@tvdsb.ca

PLEASE ensure you outline how you would like to be notified when the order arrives. Merci!

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 leyraud@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)

"Budding Artists" orders will be going home next week. If the order is to be picked up at school, an email will be sent as to the date and time they can be picked up. Thanks for your support!! Enjoy the artwork!!

Any questions please email: sawizard2002@yahoo.ca

Follow up to question at School Council Meeting Nov 18 - We were asked what the protocol was should there be a negative lead test with our water testing. In speaking with the charge custodian (M. Nick), we reviewed the reports for the last 10 years for our water testing (which are available to parents if they stop by the office to view).

Process: Water testing happens once a year, the water is tested prior to flushing, and after flushing. In the 10 years of documents I reviewed with M. Nick, there were no negative test results (prior to or after flushing). That



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being said, about five years ago our water pipes were updated to plastic and there was a drop in our values at that time.

However, if there were to ever be a negative lead test, the source would be retested to confirm it is accurate. If it is still negative, the source/faucet would then be replaced and then retested. If the lead count is still too high, the water source would be capped and no longer used.

Candygrams:

Candygrams are coming to RCFI. Forms will have gone home to families Dec 5. This is a fundraiser for grade 8 grad. The **timelines** for the candygrams (forms and notes and delivery) can all be found on the forms themselves, but is as follows – payments returned by Monday, December 9th; message slips sent home for students to fill out Thursday, December 12th; Message slips returned to the school for sorting by Monday, December 16th; Candygrams delivered Wednesday, December 18th.

Community Wellness Program:

Strengthening Families for the Future (available through Southwestern Public Health) is a 12 week program to help children/youth and parents to build lasting relationships. If interested contact Jaqueline Deroo, Public Health Nurse at jderoo@swpublichealth.ca. The program runs on Tuesday evenings beginning January 28, includes free dinner and prizes, and runs at Laurie Hawkins School in Ingersoll.

Upcoming Events:

Dec 2-13 - Food Drive collection continues

Dec 10 WCI Drama Presentation (am)

Dec 10 & 12 Gymnastics Tryouts (lunch hour) Gr 3-8

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 Candygram delivery day

Dec 19 Chef programs (Lebel, Hughes, Havens)

Dec 19 Day Time Xmas Concert (Mme Richard and M. Pak - times will be announced next week pending results of request for numbers memo that went out on Wednesday)

Dec 20 Last Day of classes before holidays !!

Jan 6 Classes resume

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