

## **RCFI Weekly Memo to Families from Administration Dec 7 edition**

**MISSION:** TO IMPROVE OUR STUDENTS' ORAL PROFICIENCY IN FRENCH

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

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### **Fall/Winter Clothing at School:**

This time of the year can get very muddy as the combination of melting snow and rain wreaks havoc on the yard. We have had to make many calls home to have changes of clothing brought to school. Please have your student dress appropriately for the snow and muddy terrain (snow pants, splash pants, boots, mitts and hat). Please also send **EXTRA CLOTHING** with students of all ages to change into in case they get wet or muddy (pants, socks, sweater extra mitts). We will be limiting access to the messiest areas of the yard to try and assist with this, and to keep the mud out of the school. Hopefully the ground can freeze soon so that we can have the full run of the yard again!

**Holiday Food Drive:** The food drive was a tremendous success this past week! Many boxes have been filled throughout all of our classrooms and students enjoyed being a part of something incredibly positive. Thank you for all of your contributions, they are greatly appreciated. The Salvation Army will be picking up on Wednesday after donations have been able to sit for the appropriate amount of time. We had some most interesting structures being built throughout the day. Some pics have been shared on the School Spirit google classroom. Division winners for structures will be announced on Tuesday.

**Kindness Campaign:** This month we will be revisiting our Kindness Campaign. Staff will be keeping extra close eyes open for students demonstrating random acts of kindness towards their peers or staff. Then they will have the opportunity to fill in a Google form submitting that student's name for a draw for a new winter themed mask. If you child/ren is learning remotely, do not fear, you can participate as well. Please submit your child's name to either administrator and we will enter them into the draw as well. The draw will be held on Dec 14th so that students can sport their new masks the week before the holidays.

**Board Initiatives:** To view the latest newsletter for Home Connections in Math, view the following document (pdf attached to parent memo)

**Home and School/School Council** meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month (except December). Next Home and School Meeting Jan 14th at 6:30 pm (no School Council at this meeting) Please join us. Parents of students in Full Remote Learning are encouraged to participate. The Meeting ID is: 995 1616 6248 Passcode 852305 and the link to join the meeting is <https://zoom.us/join>

**Need to borrow skates for the winter?** Mme Boomen is trying to determine if there is any interest in making available the many skates that have been donated throughout the years. For years staff have organized repeating skating field trips for students. One of the many changes as a result of this pandemic is that this field trip will not be occurring this year. That being said, we have a huge number of skates that have been donated (most particularly for those in grades 1-6), finding the adult sizes is always more challenging. If there is sufficient interest, we will arrange for an outdoor display of skates (most likely after school). They will be lent out using an honour system. We would expect that they please be returned when they are no longer useful for your family unit. If you are interested please complete the following survey [Skating Survey](#) Merci! Madame Boomen

**Every Student Belongs Survey:** The Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB) is working to gain a better understanding of the diverse backgrounds of students and families across the district. To provide information that will help achieve this goal, TVDSB is launching the Every Student Belongs Survey in December, 2020. The survey is guided by Ontario's Equity Action Plan, which asks school boards to collect information about students and staff related to their background (for example, their race, ethnicity, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation,

disability). Students in grades seven to twelve will be invited to complete the survey during the school day throughout the month of December. Families will be receiving a letter with more detailed information. Families of children in kindergarten to grade six will be invited to complete the survey on behalf of their child in January, 2021. For more information, please visit the website: <https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/our-board/every-student-belongs.aspx>.

**Lester B. Pearson School for the Arts:** For families with a child in grades 3 - 7, there will be a virtual Open House on Monday, November 30th, 2020 through a private YouTube link made available from their website @ 7pm. Registration for a workshop is also posted on their website [pearson.tvdsb.ca](http://pearson.tvdsb.ca) or follow the link <https://forms.gle/TmCEh77SL6kZXgbB6> . The workshops will be held virtually at the end of February.

#### **From the mouths of our littlest Raptors:**

**Upcoming RCFI Spirit Days.** Photo submissions can be viewed on RCFI School Spirit Google classroom (join code y2mbhec) - must use a GOTVDSB account to access it (every student has one).  
December 18th - Red and Green Jingle Day (last day of classes prior to the winter break)  
January 21st - Mystery Day (each class picks secret mystery theme - google hangout with a buddy class to guess each other's theme)  
February 12th - Pyjama Day  
March 12th - Tropical Vacation Day (to welcome in March Break)

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