

## **RCFI Weekly Memo to Families from Administration March 1 edition**

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

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

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**Greetings,** we hope that this email finds you well, and looking forward to your weekend. In case you are wondering, we had a reported "BIGFOOT" sighting on the yard Thursday morning. We apologize for anyone who may have lost sleep over this! This was shared as a "Breaking News Story" with students on our morning announcements. Our primary students then dedicated their day to looking for evidence of where BigFoot might have been, and of course where he might be now. Many classes reported their findings throughout the day to both Mme Chamberlain and myself to keep us apprised of their investigations. Currently, he is believed to be on the roof of the school. We encourage you, over the weekend, to ask your child(ren) about their investigations. We are very hopeful that the special events coming up next week for our Raptors will be equally successful to these BigFoot sightings.

**Parking** seems to be a hot topic! Unfortunately this situation has intensified because we have an increased number of families picking up because they do not want their children on the bus due to increased contacts beyond their child's classroom.

In the morning families are welcome to use the school parking lot to drop off students. We ask families to walk our smallest Raptors right to a gate as they can be hard to see when a vehicle is backing up.

After school, if you are picking up, we ask that you to follow the parking signs posted by the City of Woodstock.

We recognize in the winter that makes additional challenges for pick ups as the sidewalks are not always clear.

Our custodial teams work hard each and every day to ensure the sidewalks along the edges of our school are in the best shape possible. Please be safe in the choices you make, and travel slowly during entry and exit times for the school day when there is the highest volume of foot traffic.

This week has seen an increased presence of Parking Bylaw Officers, and Woodstock Traffic Police in our school zone at dismissal. Please ensure you are following traffic/parking signs around the school. If you are looking for the map to verify where you can legally park the link is on our Roch Carrier website.

Given the changes regarding masking of students outside when social distancing is not possible, we will explore some possible adjustments to our dismissal to plan to try and free up access to our parking lot to assist with this. We will formalize a plan with staff this week, and provide families with an update in next week's memo.

### **Woodstock Attendance Area Review (WAAR) update:**

Please see the attached document for information regarding the process, and how to put your name forward to be on the committee. See attachment

If you have questions/concerns about this process, they can be logged at the following website:

<https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/woodstock-attendance-area-review.aspx#>

**Reminders:** Please remember to send your child to school each day with a FILLED water bottle. We do have a filling station on site (however, it is currently broken and awaiting replacement parts), but as the weather was warmer this week, students were running around more, and we are going through our refillable jugs quite quickly.

We have a **COVID friendly Winter Carnival/Play Day event** scheduled for this week. It will be either Tuesday (Grade 4, 4, 4/5, all Grade 1s, Grades 5/6, 6, 6/7) or Wednesday (Grades 2/3, 3,3,3, all Grade 2s, and Grades 7, 8, 8) and they will be outside for one full hour, participating with their class (no mingling between classes) through six stations. Please be sure to dress them for the weather each day. The schedule for some classes will have them remaining outside after their event for recess, so it would be great if parents were able to send extra mittens, and possibly dry socks (for when they come in). Each class will be competing in their colour houses to earn points, at the end of the second day, all points from all grade levels will be tabulated and a grand prize winner will be announced. These events will be weather dependent, if it is raining or if the yard is unsafe (i.e. too much ice)

we will postpone. Thank you for your patience as we try and pull off this special event for the students.

**Snack Program:** Watch for the upcoming “Great Big Crunch” on March 11 during March Nutrition Month where the Ontario School Nutrition Program will deliver apples for each student to crunch on local apples in schools to promote student nutrition programs.

**Grade 1 Registration:** We are still accepting registrations for Grade 1 for September 2021. Please encourage families to reach out to the school if they have questions, or need assistance with registering.

**Home and School Association** meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month.

Next Home and School Meeting is March 18th at 6:30 pm for this month only **please note DATE CHANGE**

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>

We have invited our Superintendent (Dennis Wright) and both Oxford Trustees to this meeting to field questions you may have. We will confirm their attendance once we know if they are available

**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).

March 11th - Great Big Crunch

March 12th - Tropical Vacation Day

April 23rd - Sports Day

May 21st - 80s and 90s Day

June 18th - Twins/Triplets Day

**Dates to Remember:**

March 5 PD Day

March 9 Deadline to submit your application for WAAR Committee

March 11 RCHSA Meeting 6:30pm ZOOM

March 25 WAAR Meeting 7:00-9:00 pm (virtual)

Apr 2-5 Easter Weekend

April 12-15 Spring Break

Thank you for your patience as we work through the new initiatives that have surfaced this week.

Your devoted Administrators,

Mme Maddox and Mme Chamberlain

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