



## RCFI Newsletter ~ December 2018

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

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

Principal: A. Maddox

Admin. Assistant: J. Durham/ T. Kormendi

Vice Principal: B. Bolton

Superintendent: K. Edgar

### **Brrrr! Here we go again. Winter is here...officially!**

Our southwestern Ontario winters bring cold, wet days and often damp clothing from outdoor activities at school. Please ensure your child comes with warm outerwear for outdoor play (labelled). An extra pair of socks and mitts are appreciated, and an entire change of clothes for the younger students is recommended, so they can fully participate and enjoy activities. For safety reasons, the climbers are out of bounds before, during, and after school during the winter.

Thank you for supporting your child's success at home and school as they continue to grow and develop. We appreciate the goal setting you and your child did in response to the Progress Reports, which were sent home November 9th. We wish to thank you for returning the signed sheet and envelope and for connecting with staff to discuss your child's progress. If you have concerns about your child's progress, please continue to contact us by writing in your child's planner, via online apps like FreshGrade/Seesaw/Google Classroom or by phone.

Our holidays run December 24th-January 6th. See you January 7th, 2019. Wishing you all a safe and relaxing holiday season!

*Mme Maddox and Mme Bolton*

We have some exciting news to share with our Roch Carrier Community. This past week at the TVDSB Board Meeting announcements of Administrator promotions were confirmed. I am excited to share that our very own Mme Bev Bolton has been promoted to the role of Acting Principal at Pierre Elliott Trudeau FIPS in St. Thomas. We are sad to see her leave so soon, as we were still just getting to know her, but I have no doubt she will do a fantastic job in her new role. This of course means we will be welcoming a new Acting Vice Principal to Roch Carrier following the holidays. I am pleased to announce that Mme Heather VandenBoomen has accepted this position. We wish them both all the best in their new assignments!

*Mme. Maddox*

#### **Thank you to our Volunteers**

Thank you to all our volunteers for helping us with student learning at school and on field trips as well as driving our students to games and tournaments. We thank you for supporting these learning opportunities, which provide memorable learning for our students! MERCI !

**Milk tickets** - on sale each Monday only for the week. \$1 for chocolate or white milk, which will be delivered to your child's classroom daily. All proceeds go to extending the technology available for students.

#### **Bus Cancellation Days**

There may be times during the school year when transportation will be CANCELLED due to inclement weather. The website [www.mybigyellowbus.ca](http://www.mybigyellowbus.ca) contains useful information about bus cancellations, bus safety, policies and procedures and frequently asked questions. Please visit this website for any busing information.

**Milk Swaggers**- Send in your (cleaned and dried) outer bag so our milk swaggers can continue to make recycled mats.

Please continue to send in your **aluminum pop tabs**. They will be collected in a labelled box near the front office. Thank you for your support!



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### Important Dates:

Dec 3&4 - Rocks and Rings activities for Gr 3-8  
Dec 5th, School Wide trip to WCI for Little Mermaid  
Holiday Assembly Schedules:  
Kindergarten Classes: Wed. Dec. 12th @ 2pm  
Snowdate Dec. 18th @ 2:00 pm  
Gr 1-2 Classes - Thurs. Dec. 13th @ 2-2:45  
Gr 3-4 Classes - Thurs. Dec. 13th @ 1-1:45  
**SNOWDATE Monday Dec. 17th**  
Gr 5-8 Friday Dec. 14th @ 9:20  
**SNOWDATE Tues. Dec. 18th**  
Dec. 19th Festive Feast (Snow Date Dec. 20)  
School Council - January 14 @ 6:30

### Culture 4 Learning

Please check out our *Roch Stars* bulletin board when you are at the school. We are celebrating achievement in academics, athletics, French, and sense of community. In character education, October's focus was Kindness. November's focus was Respect. December's theme is Perseverance. *The Pledge* to end bullying was read over the announcements by our Prime Minister, Arthur and Deputy PM, Nisha. Students followed along in their classrooms during Bullying Prevention Week in November.

**Robotics Club:** A HUGE congratulations to our grade 7 and 8 Robotics Team (RC<sup>2</sup>)! They made us very proud with their wonderful robot "Fig". They competed in the Oxford Youth Invitational Robotics Challenge against two other elementary schools and 10 other secondary schools and took home a Bronze Prize! Mme Boomen, Mme Roth and Mme Alyea are all extremely proud of how creative and hardworking this crew was! Special attention needs to be called to Chloe for her efforts, which were above and beyond!! A huge accomplishment Raptors!

### 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, let alone having BOTH teams (girls and boys) walk away with GOLD MEDALS!! This means both of our teams will be playing in the Valley Finals against all the schools in the entire TVDSB area. Go Raptors!!

Class 2C is collecting **used markers all year**. Please send in any used markers (any brand) to the box near the office. We will be using the markers to determine which colours are the most and the least popular. We can also recycle dried up highlighters and pens too!

**Student Athletic Committee (SAC)** has started up by hosting intramural events for SK and grade 1 students. The SAC is currently hosting grades 2-3 and will soon be inviting grades 4-5 to come and play over the lunch recess. So far, all their games have been met with great energy! Mme Boomen and Mme Nixon will make sure the dates go into the announcements so keep your ears peeled in the morning 😊

### RCFI's Annual Food and Toy Drive

From December 3rd-13th, we will once again be collecting donations for the Salvation Army. We will ask families to donate food items and/or new toys. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated. -*The Grade 5s*

**Candygrams:** It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year! Send a message a friendship to your pals; celebrate the holiday season! Students from grade 8 will be selling candygrams to raise money for the Grade 8 Graduation. Candygrams (full-size candy canes with a message slip attached) are \$0.50 cents each. Order forms will be going home early the week of December 3rd. Thank you for your support!

### RCHSA Festive Feast:

Roch Carrier Home & School Association is hosting another Festive Feast this year. This will be a buffet style lunch prepared by local Chef, Jed Lau. The menu will consist of Oven Roasted Turkey with stuffing (pasta & Sauce for veggie option), Bun, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy and Corn - drinks included. The cost will be \$6 per plate. Payments accepted: cash, cheque (Made out to Roch Carrier HSA), credit card or PayPal. Orders and payment are due back December 6<sup>th</sup>. If this presents a financial difficulty for your family, please contact the office at 519-537-7321. We will be needing many hands during our Festive Feast, please reach out if you can spare a few hours during the day.

Please check out the **lost and found** regularly. Unclaimed items will be donated before the holidays.



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### Athletics

The Junior and Intermediate students (grades 4-8) will get to experience the sport of CURLING! This encompasses over 300 students. We are hosting our own sessions of Rocks and Rings. They come into the building and with the specialized equipment we will be able to practice and develop our curling and target skills. Mme Boomen, M. Robert and Mme Johnson are looking forward to adding another sport to our students' repertoires.

Just a heads up that tryouts for grade 7-8 basketball teams will be coming soon, as well in the coming weeks there should be floor hockey tryouts for the grades 5-6 students.

**SKATING!!** We are keeping our RCFI Winter Traditions strong- we are all going skating! The students in grade 6/7-8 will go skating once, on December 11th from 1-3 (on ice from 1:30-2:30). We will be walking there. If you are able to LEND a pair of adult skates (pending needs) please let Mme Boomen know: h.vandenboomen@tvdsb.ca All of the other RCFI students will go 3 times. While we typically walk, we have decided to try getting bussed to the arena. We will all go on the same days, just at different times. This will hopefully help us to ensure that we have enough skates for everyone.

Jan 22, 29, and Feb 5:

SKA, SKB, SKC, 1A,1B, and 1C will be on ice from 9:30-10:20

1D, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2/3, 3, and 3/4 will be on ice from 10:30-11:20

4A, 4B, 5, 5/6, and 6 will be on ice from 12:30-1:20

We would like to thank, in advance ALL of the staff and students whose patience and efforts make this such a great experience for our students.

Merci, Mme Boomen, Mme Johnson and M. Robert

<https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/parents/online-payment-instructions.aspx>

### Snack Program is Back!

We are very excited to share the good news that we have had two volunteers come forward to take over the role of Snack Program Coordinators, Amanda and Stacy. Snack will be back on the carts starting the week of December 3rd. If you are interested in volunteering with this program, please call or email the school and we will happily pass along your contact information to the Coordinators. We would also like to thank the RCHSA for their continued financial support of our program. The apple fundraiser earned the program more than \$1000!

### RCFI Gymnastics Team

Students in grades 3-8, who are interested in trying out for this year's gymnastics team are invited to pick up an application package from outside of the school gym. Forms must be returned to Mme Flint by the end of the school day on Wednesday, December 5th if you wish to be considered for the team. Tryouts will take place during the lunch hour this year. Students in grades 6-8, who returned their applications on time will be invited to try out on Monday, December 10th at 11:45 in the QDPA portable. Students in grades 3-5, who returned their applications on time will be invited to try out on Tuesday, December 11th at 11:45 in the QDPA portable. Students will eat lunch at the end of the tryout. If there is a bus cancellation on either of the tryout days, the scheduled tryout will be cancelled for that day and rescheduled for Friday, December 14th at 11:45 in the QDPA portable. Merci!  
Mme Johnson et Mme Flint

The end of November marks another successful season of **chess club**. Thank you to all those players who came out every week to learn new skills, be challenged, and build new friendships with their opponents. A HUGE thank you also goes out to Mme. Mackenzie for her years of dedication in coordinating and running the chess club. Your "master" efforts will be missed!

### Grade 8 Parent Information Nights

Huron Park S.S.	Wed. Nov. 28	6:30-8:00
Woodstock Collegiate	Thurs. Jan. 10	6:00-8:00
College Avenue S.S.	Wed. Jan. 16	6:30-8:30

### Online Payments using School Cash Online:

Please register through the Parent Portal with step by step instructions.



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### Introduction of **New Support for Grade 8 Students**

We are excited to announce new support for Grade Eight students as they transition to secondary schools. Research indicates that cross panel collaboration around transitions can increase graduation rates by sixteen percent.

The Thames Valley DSB Board of Trustees approved allocation of new staff to ensure that every TVDSB Elementary School was to have at least one Guidance Lead Teacher to help Grade Eight students to make successful transitions to secondary schools. This targeted investment in senior elementary students will support teachers to:

- \* prepare students for their academic transition to high school,
- \* engage students in experiential learning that provides exposure to role models and positive examples of a diversity of careers, and
- \* encourage high expectations for all students and facilitate exploration of all pathways options.

In order to support students' transitions, Elementary Guidance Lead Teachers will create a Student Learning Individual Profile (SLIP) for each grade eight student informed by the student's: academic data, myBlueprint Info, Student Reflections on Experiential Learning, and input from the student's teachers. As in the past, students will continue to use myBlueprint to complete their Individual Pathways Plan, and to submit courses for TVDSB secondary school registration. Individual Education Plans created in elementary schools will transition electronically to the TVDSB secondary school in which your child registers.

We love having parents/guardians as partners so please ask your child about conversations they have had about transition planning. Should you have any questions about the support we are providing, please contact your child's Elementary Guidance Lead, Mme. Beatty or Administration. for family and find some new treasures for themselves.

### **Gr 8-9 Transition is starting. Info Nights**

Nov 28th - HURON PARK 6:30-8:00 pm

Dec 6th - GLENDALE - 6:00-8:00 pm

Jan 10th - WCI 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Jan 16th - CASS 6:30-8:30 pm

Jan 17th - IDC1 6:00-8:00 pm

### **Student Support:**

Gr. 3-8 French Homework website open again from 5:00-8:00pm. Phone or email with immediate response. See our website for direct link Grade 7-12 Math help line also linked on our website.

Students interested in receiving this help should simply log on to TVO Mathify at <https://tvomathify.com/> and using their OEN (Ontario Education Number which can be found on the top of any report card) and email address, create an account. Grade 7 and 8 students received inservicing and logged on November 13.

### **Student Parliament**

**Spirit Days:** You are invited to show your Holiday Cheer on Friday, December 21st. Please wear any holiday themed clothing you want - snowy leggings, an epic Ugly Christmas Sweater, etc. Celebrate the season and express yourself!

**Dances:** Our Movember dance raised ~\$350 for men's health issues and awareness. Way to go RCFI!

The dates for our **December dances** are as follows:

Tuesday, December 11th: SK & Grade 1

Thursday, December 13th: Grades 2-4

Friday, December 14th: Grades 5-8

Entrance to the dances are free - come out, bust a move, and get your dance on. Everyone is welcome!

For our December dances, we would like to invite students to bring in a non-perishable food donation, or a cash donation; to compliment the wonderful work being done by Mme Mackenzie's class with the annual food drive.

### **Used Books (and more!) Sale**

Do you have books and games kicking around at home that your children have outgrown? This annual library fundraiser is a great way to pass along your previously loved items to other families and a fun chance for kids to do some secret holiday shopping **Donations:** During the week of December 3 - 7 please send or drop off your used items to the library. We will accept CHILDREN'S and TEEN'S books, movies (any format), CDs, board games or puzzles. Thanks so much for your support, and happy shopping! **Shopping:** During the week of December 10 - 14, the sale will be open during first and last recess. Large board games and puzzles will be sold for \$1.00 each and everything else will be sold 4 items for \$1.00! Students can bring money any day.





RCFI Parents

Our parent community on Facebook!



# FESTIVE *the* Feast

This year will be a buffet style lunch prepared by local Chef, Jed Lau! The menu will consist of Oven Roasted Turkey with stuffing (pasta & Sauce for veggie option), Bun, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy and Corn - drinks included.  
\$6 per plate

[www.rcfi.hotlunches.net](http://www.rcfi.hotlunches.net)

If this presents a financial difficulty for your family, please contact the office at 519-537-7321.



**WE WILL BE NEEDING MANY HANDS DURING OUR FESTIVE FEAST, PLEASE REACH OUT IF YOU CAN SPARE A FEW HOURS DURING THE DAY.**

**Apple Pickup:  
December 6 from 3-6pm**

[sc-rochcarrier@tvpic.ca](mailto:sc-rochcarrier@tvpic.ca)

Stacey Vries - President of Roch Carrier Home & School Association & Chair of RCFI School Council



# Home Connections in Mathematics

## Holiday Math: Everyday Math

Involving your child in using numbers to solve problems is an easy and simple way to improve their number sense.

- "If each person gets two cookies and we have 14 people coming, How many cookies do we need to bake?"
- "If we need  $\frac{1}{3}$  of a cup of sugar for one serving of our recipe. If we are doubling this recipe, how much sugar will we need?"
- "One store is selling a Christmas tree for \$20.00 with 20% off. Another store is selling Christmas trees for \$15.00. Which tree is cheaper?"

Write an addition and or multiplication sentence that describes the total number of



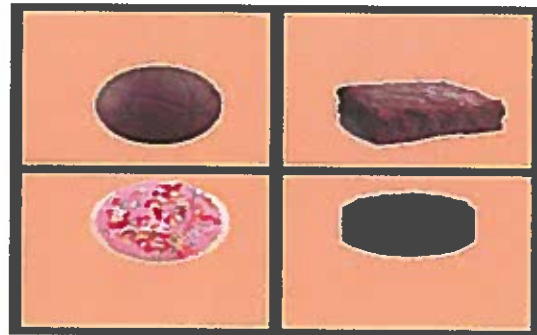
chocolates in the picture below:

What is the pattern rule for the 3rd row?



## Which One Doesn't Belong?

Mathematical reasoning involves classifying objects and justifying that classification. Children can be asked which item in a set does not belong. There are no right or wrong answers as long as your child is able to justify their choice.



Mathematical justification might include references to shape and size, types of angles, number vertices, faces. etc.

## Decoration Symmetry/Art

Making decorations, such as snowflakes, from folding and cutting paper and investigating symmetry is easy, enjoyable and promotes spatial reasoning in your child.

## Playing Games

Spending quality time with your family playing board games and card games is a great way to improve math skills. Games help children to use their logical and reasoning skills, boost critical thinking and gain spatial reasoning. Playing games with others also helps children to build social and communication skills.

Here is a list of games you could try:

- Monopoly
- Snakes and Ladders
- Sorry
- Yahtzee
- Go Fish
- Memory
- UNO
- Chess/Checkers
- Phase 10
- Scrabble