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December was a whirlwind of activity around Roch Carrier, we would like to begin by showing our appreciation for the time and energy that was expended to make our school such an amazing place to be. A big thank you to Madame Kakooza for hosting our holiday concert series from Grade 1-8, as well as our fabulous Kindergarten team who also hosted their families for a concert. The turn out for the different concerts was overwhelming, there were times when it was standing room only! It was a pleasure to see our students on stage performing and being the MCs for some of the events. We would also like to thank our Home and School Association for organizing our Annual Festive Feast, it was delicious! It was wonderful to have the opportunity to sit and eat with large portions of our school in one venue.

I would like to welcome Mme Boomen formally into her new role of Vice Principal, she will be taking over from Mme Bolton starting January 7th. She will maintain some of her classes in the morning, and then be fulfilling administrative roles in the afternoons. We would also like to welcome M. Justin Sperduti who will be covering a combination of Mme Boomen's and Mme Bolton's former teaching assignments. We worked very hard to try and impact as few classes as possible with changes; however, we did have to make some adjustments to some classroom schedules. We appreciate your assistance in helping those students affected familiarize themselves with any changes.

As we enter 2019, we encourage you to continue getting involved in your child's learning by asking them questions, such as what their current learning goals are and how they will meet them. We are working in helping our students develop their vocabulary skills to speak French with confidence and teaching them various strategies to solve operations such as number lines, decomposition and array models to problem solve independently in mathematics. You can help your child practice their numeracy skills by applying them daily in authentic settings. Teachers will be networking with colleagues and coaches in various professional learning teams to further develop innovative ways that will support student success and mathematics learning. Report cards for term one will be going home Feb 8th. Thank you for your continued support to assist our students to reach their full potential, academically, socially, and athletically.

Mme Maddox and Mme Boomen

**Transportation:** There are times during the school year when transportation will be Cancelled due to inclement weather. The website [mybigyellowbus.ca](http://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.

Remember to report the absence of your child when there is a bus cancellation. It does not matter if they walk or take the bus, all students must be accounted for. 1-844-305-3756 or [tvdsb.schoolconnects.com](http://tvdsb.schoolconnects.com) or [thames.schoolconnects.com](http://thames.schoolconnects.com)  
If the buses have been cancelled there will be NO hot lunch or snack that day.

**What a performance!!** It was a thrill to see our RCFI graduates being so involved in the production of The Little Mermaid at WCI- from lead roles to star dancers, from chorus members to technical crew, we saw our Raptors soar! Thank you for being an inspiration to our current students.

The students and staff would like to thank the RC Home and School Association for their help with this field trip. Thanks to their financial contribution, the cost of busing was covered for every student from Kindergarten to Grade 8. Merci Beaucoup!!

**Milk Tickets** can be purchased on Mondays at 10:40 am at the front office. The cost for milk tickets is 1\$ each, or 10\$ for a half sheet, or 20\$ for a full sheet. All proceeds from the milk program go towards new technology for RCFI students. White or chocolate milk is available.



## RCFI Newsletter ~ January 2019

MISSION: TO IMPROVE OUR STUDENTS' ORAL PROFICIENCY IN FRENCH  
GOAL: TO DEVELOP STUDENTS' UNDERSTANDING AND APPLICATION OF ADDITIVE REASONING

### FI Information Night for New Gr 1 & Ext Gr. 7 Students for September 2019

You are welcome to attend our French Immersion Information Night which will provide you with information about the Program. As well at that time you may complete the registration form if you so wish for the 2019-2020 school year.

This event will take place on Wed January 30th from 6:30-7:45 pm at Roch Carrier French Immersion School.

The entry levels to our program are Grade 1 and Grade 7 Extended Program. The Registration window is January 21-February 8th.

If you would like further information or know of anyone who would like to receive a registration package, please call or have them call the school at 519-537-7321 or email at [rochcarrier@tvdsb.ca](mailto:rochcarrier@tvdsb.ca)

**Parking:** Please remember that the Handicap Parking spot is for people that have a handicap sign. We do realize that there is not much parking available but that spot does need to be available to anyone that requires the use of the spot at all times. Thank you for your cooperation.

Also, we ask that all drivers that require to park their vehicle only do so in designated parking spots. We can not have cars blocked in, or have any portion of the fire route blocked. Thank you for your cooperation

#### Library News:

A very big "merci" to everyone who supported our used books and more sale. We had more than 1000 items donated and raised close to \$300.00. These funds will be used to order books off our student wish list. The student library helpers did a great job running the sale!

#### Food and Toy Drive

Many thanks to students, families and staff of RCFI for their support of our school's Annual Food and Toy Drive. We were overwhelmed by the amount of contributions! We know that the Salvation Army and our community were able to put all the donations to good use. It was heart-warming to see children and adults willingly give to support families in Oxford County at this time of the year. Merci beaucoup! *The Gr 5 Class & Mme Mackenzie*

### The Little Mermaid: A Musical Theatre Review

By Sarah P.

Woodstock Collegiate Institute is putting on a show, The Little Mermaid. RCFI's whole school participated in this extraordinary play. This show was put on by high school students and it was performed amazingly!

I really enjoyed the chef's part because it was really hilarious and she/he had a great personality. Her personality was upbeat and fun, but at the same time it was hilarious! I also really enjoyed the parts with Scuttle. He also had a funny personality. All the cool lighting was really fantastic, and WOW, all the work that they put into this play was amazing! Also, it was really interesting to watch, as it wasn't boring.

All of the plays that we have been to at WCI have been great, because of all of the talented performers who go to that school. I didn't regret going to this musical and personally, I think all of the other plays were as good as The Little Mermaid.

#### Student Parliament:

##### Extracurriculars:

The Student Athletic Committee would like to welcome everyone back at Roch Carrier! We will be continuing to host intramurals in the gym over the lunch recess (weather permitting). The following dates are for grade 1 students only: January 7<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> For grade 2's students: January 23<sup>rd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. For Grade 3's February 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Grade 4's will get to play on February 20<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. The activities will change based on the grades. They are all planned and run by the volunteers in the Student Athletic Committee. Merci, Mme Boomen

**Teams In Progress**~Intermediate boys and intermediate girls basketball teams have been selected. Teams started practicing in December to prepare for their seasons which begin in January and run through the end of February. Gymnastics team has been chosen, more details to follow next month.

#### Upcoming Events:

Jan 14th Home and School Meeting 6:30 pm

Jan 18th PD Day

Jan 30th FI Information Night 6:30pm

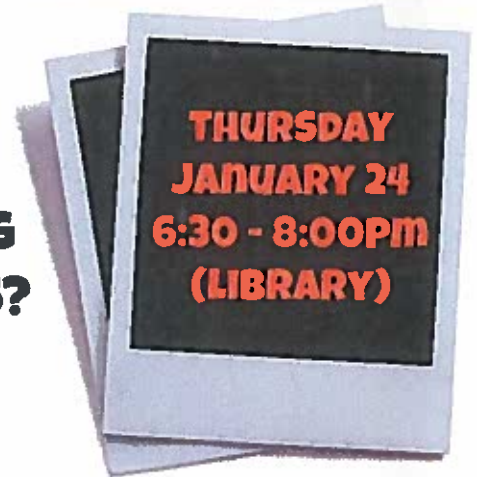
Feb 8th 2nd Term IEPs and 1st Term Report Cards go home

# ROCH CARRIER

## Home & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



**POSSIBLE PHOTO  
COMPANY CHANGE?  
INTERESTED IN SEEING  
THEIR PRESENTATIONS?**



**IMPORTANT  
UPCOMING DATES:  
DANCE-A-THON March 8, 2019**



**RCHSA MEETING  
MONDAY JANUARY 14  
6:30PM  
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**[WWW.RCFI.HOTLUNCHES.NET](http://WWW.RCFI.HOTLUNCHES.NET)**

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

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



Roch Carrier French Immersion School – Woodstock

**AND...**



Our parent community on  
Facebook!

**RCFI Parents**



**Home Connections:  
From Arithmetic to Algebra**

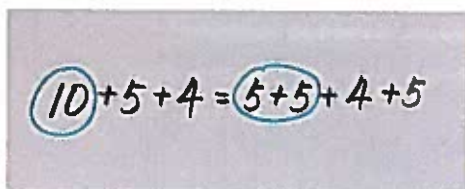
**What's the Difference?**

When children show  $17 + 32 = 49$ , they are doing arithmetic. When they say that  $17 + 32 = 32 + 17$  without calculating, they are thinking algebraically.

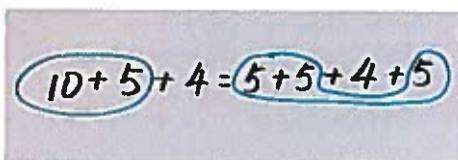
**Try this True or False Activity:**

Present the following and listen to how your child explains the situation.

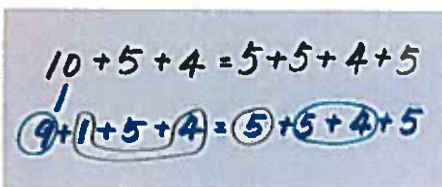
$10 + 5 + 4 = 5 + 5 + 4 + 5$



"True because the two 5s are the same as the one 10 and  $4 + 5$  is the same as  $5 + 4$ ."



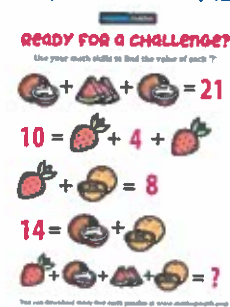
"True because there are three 5s and one 4 on each side."



"True because  $10 = 9 + 1$ . I combine the 1 and the 4 to make a 5. So now they are both  $9 + 5 + 5$ ."

The idea here is getting your child to think about how numbers are related, what "=" means and not rushing in to solve.

Fun images like these are freely available online. Try this one from MashUp Math <https://mashupmath.com/freemathpuzzles/>



Free online games to reinforce algebraic thinking:

**SolveMe Mobiles**



<https://solve.me.edc.org/mobiles/>

**Robot Rule Game**



[https://mathclips.ca/swfPlayer.html?swfURL=lib/CI004\\_LinearGrowingPatterns/CI004\\_Games/CI004\\_RobotRuleGame.swf&title=Robot%20Rule%20Game&swfURL=lib/CI004\\_LinearGrowingPatterns/CI004\\_Games/CI004\\_RobotRuleGame.swf&title=Robot%20Rule%20Game](https://mathclips.ca/swfPlayer.html?swfURL=lib/CI004_LinearGrowingPatterns/CI004_Games/CI004_RobotRuleGame.swf&title=Robot%20Rule%20Game&swfURL=lib/CI004_LinearGrowingPatterns/CI004_Games/CI004_RobotRuleGame.swf&title=Robot%20Rule%20Game)

**Math Playground:**

Thinking Blocks Junior Repair the Rocket Game



[https://www.mathplayground.com/tb\\_addition\\_jr/index.html](https://www.mathplayground.com/tb_addition_jr/index.html)

