



RCFI Newsletter ~ October 2018

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Fall has arrived at Roch Carrier!

The leaves are turning, fall has begun and our first month of school is already behind us. Our focus has been on building class routines and school community. A variety of diagnostic assessments have been used to get to know our students' strengths and to help meet all of our students needs. Our school improvement plan focus is on building our students' oral proficiency in French and improving our students understanding of number relationships.

Roch Carrier is a very busy place and staff has already begun to offer an immense choice of clubs and sports for students to join. Our Student Parliament members were elected September 26th and we look forward to their inspiring initiatives this year.

We appreciate the amount of volunteers who have already submitted their criminal background checks or offence declarations to the office and are ready to help with school activities, learning times, snack program and driving students to many events. We could not offer the variety of student opportunities without your support. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Snack Program and Hot Lunches will begin this month. A big thank you to our Home and School Association and their team of dedicated volunteers, who will be providing our students healthy snacks Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday throughout the school year. This program is supported through funds raised with our Hot Lunch Program and subsidies from VON Canada and Oxford United Way.

We are very excited to announce that Monsieur Roch Carrier will be visiting our school this month. On October 4th, we will be hosting M. Carrier during the day. He will be visiting with students and staff during the day, and joining us at our Community BBQ/Meet the Teacher Night that evening. Please bring along your copy of "The Hockey Sweater" and get it autographed. Students will also have the opportunity to win lunch with M. Carrier through our Hockey Sweater Design Competition. It will be an exciting day from morning through the evening festivities and we hope that you will be able to join us!

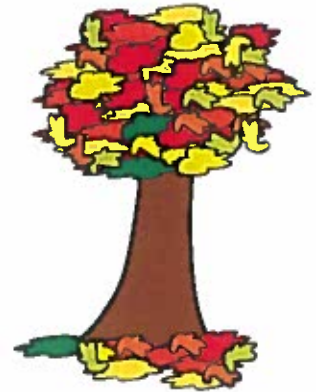
Sincerely, Mme Maddox and Mme Bolton

Dismissal Routines:

The safety and well-being of our students is of highest concern. We would like to review the following school procedures. When picking up children after school, we request that you wait outside the primary exit door to greet them. We will use the front doors only for students being signed out early or not taking the bus. If you are waiting for your child please stay on the tarmac to allow a student to exit freely to their buses. Please send a note or call well ahead of dismissal so we can have your child ready.

Parking:

Our parking lot capacity continues to be a challenge as our staff and student population continues to grow. We were able to expand our staff parking lot slightly this month; however, our lot still does not have sufficient spots for all of our staff. We encourage families to join us in using the side streets when possible/needed, acknowledging the new restrictions which came into effect with the new City of Woodstock parking bylaws this fall. We are in communication with the School Board for solutions to alleviate this situation.





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Hallowe'en: To Dress Up or Not Dress Up

As Hallowe'en approaches, we wanted to let families know that we will be participating in Orange and Black day rather than having students wear their costumes to school. Our rationale for this decision has many layers. To begin: the risk of the costume being damaged during the day; the risk of portions of the costume being lost or forgotten at school; the appropriateness of costumes for all ages of students; not all of our students celebrate this holiday and we wish to ensure that all of our students feel represented in our school community. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to either Mme Bolton or Mme Maddox.



Big Crunch !

Get ready for the big crunch, enjoy a yummy apple this October 18th @ 2:15. Thanks to our healthy Snack Program and Oxford County Public Health



Check out our Lost & Found!

Does this belong to you??? As we have cool mornings and warm afternoons many students are leaving behind their clothes. Please remind your children to check our table daily. You may want to stop by on Oct 4 if you are here for the open house. Merci

Attention Colouring Fans!

Class 2C will be collecting used markers all year. Don't let those markers go to the landfill! 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. When we are finished, we are sending the markers to be recycled into fuel.

Milk Program:

Profits from the 2017/18 Milk Program have been used to purchase two new iPads for the school. Thank you for your continued support of this program as it provides us with the opportunity to supplement our supply of technology available for our students.

Milk Tickets are sold every Monday morning at first recess. Order forms can be found on our School Website.

Attendance:

Please report absences by:
1-844-305-3756 or
tvdsb.schoolconnects.com or
thames.schoolconnects.com

On bus cancellation days, parents must report their child will not be attending school. It does not matter if they are a walker or a bussed student. **All absences must be reported to the SchoolConnects Safe Arrival Reporting System**



INQUIRY at its best!

RCFI is working hard to develop innovative thinkers and invite students to ask questions and share what they are wondering about.

Open-ended questions, where there is not an immediate right answer allows for exploration, research and discovery!

You can help us promote this at home too by making "I wonder..." statements or asking 'why' or 'how might' questions.

Our children amaze us each day with their wonderings and inquiries

Community Use of RCFI

RCFI will be hosting a **Municipal Election Polling Station** on Monday October 22. We are required to provide voters with access to parking spaces in our lot. We will post signs for these dedicated spots. Thank you for your understanding.



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Terry Fox Update

Terry Fox started the Marathon of Hope in an effort to raise money for cancer research. To this day, his lasting legacy continues to inspire Canadians and people around the world. Roch Carrier (previously called Tollgate Central) has actively participated in the annual Terry Fox Run/Walk for the last 26 years. As a school, we have raised over the years \$40,730.94. This year, our students raised an incredible \$2441! As Terry once said, "If you donated a dollar, you take part in the Marathon of Hope." Thank you for your efforts and for supporting this worthy cause. Bravo Raptors!



Student Parliament

Roch Carrier junior and intermediate students recently elected their student parliament for the 2018-2019 school year. We would like to recognize and thank all the candidates who ran, for their creative posters and thoughtful speeches. This year's Student Parliament will consist of 11 Class Representatives and 5 Executive Positions. The Executive Positions include a Prime Minister, a Deputy Prime Minister, a Student Activities Coordinator, a Student Spirit Coordinator and a Student Athletics Coordinator. Please encourage your children to feel free to talk to their class reps, their teacher, the Execs, or Mme Martin if they have any ideas or suggestions as we move forward. A special thank you to Mme Mackenzie and Mme Lebel for holding the elections, and to Mme Pilon for the previous years she has spent facilitating Student Parliament.

Intermediate Soccer Team

Congratulations to the RCFI soccer team in bringing home the "AA" consolation championship plaque! Our athletes fought hard, winning back-to-back games in the pouring rain. Although we lost in the semi-finals, we ended our season with a win against Emily Stowe in the consolation game, earning a solid third place! Your coaches are so proud of your hard work, sportsmanship, and positive attitudes this season! GO RC!



Athletes: Arthur, Justin, Wesley, Alejandro, Jaxson, Lachlan, Liam, Alex, Tyler, Landon, Annalise, Laurissa, Mckaila, Robin, Jayla, Taylor, Autumn
Coaches: Mme Duff, Mme Martin (un gros merci!)

Cross Country News

On Monday, September 24th, RCFI's Cross Country team came together for a fun race through Roth Park. Over 80 students from grades 3-8 ran the trails with a little bit of friendly competition. We are so proud of our runners for all of their hard work while training and for taking on the terrain at the conservation area with such enthusiasm. Thank you to all of the parent volunteers who helped supervise and drive students, and to the student marshals from Mme Roth's 7X class for helping to guide runners along their course. We are looking forward to seeing our athletes compete at the North-East Oxford Regionals on Tuesday, October 2nd.





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Library News

The Book Fair is Coming!

Our first Scholastic Book Fair of the year is coming up this month. We make up to 70% of sales back in books for our school library, and students have the chance to find some great new books in French and English.

The fair will run from Tuesday, October 16th through Thursday, October 18th. A week prior to the start, we'll send home a flyer and class schedule.

Thanks to your support we earned more than \$4000 in books last year!



SAVE THE DATES~ other dates are listed on our RCFI School Website
www.tvdsb.ca/rochcarrier

Thanksgiving Monday October 8th - no school
Municipal Election Polling station Oct 22
Immunization Clinic October 24 - Gr 7&8
P.D. Day on Friday October 26th
Gr 6 VIP program begins October 30
Parent Teacher Interview Day November 16
Robotics Club Competition November 20

Photo Day Oct 3

Our school photo day is fast approaching! Please remember to mark Wednesday October 3rd on your calendar, as Edge Imaging will be in the school that day capturing everyone's smiles. Edge provides a variety of photo options to capture your child's true personality, preserving all their school day memories.

Using Edge's NEW photo day lookup tool at edgeimaging.ca/photoday, parents and students can register their email to receive photo day updates straight to their inbox! Not only will you receive reminders leading up to photo day, but you will also receive notifications when photos are ready to view online and when packages are shipped!

SchoolCashOnline Parent Instructions

We are moving towards a cashless payment system where payments are made online using a secure site. RCFI will be moving towards this system beginning November 1st, 2018. In order for parents to access schoolcashonline they will need to create an account. Please find instructions attached to set up your account.

Your child(ren) will be bringing home, later this week, a small slip of paper with their Trillium number which is required to sign up for schoolcashonline. Don't forget to confirm your account once you have it set up. When your account is set up and ready, go into "myaccount" "manage email notifications" and check the box so when the school adds an item that affects your child(ren) you will receive notification.

There have been many new systems introduced to the office this school year, schoolcashonline, website, IPOCs and schoolmessenger (new version). Please feel free to contact the office if you require any assistance with these new systems. We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding while we are also learning.

There are links on our school website, follow the parent tab, and then online payments.



The Roch Carrier
**GREAT
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SALE!!**



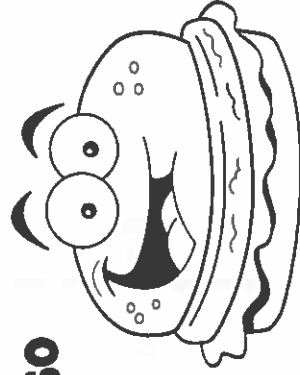
MEET THE TEACHER BBQ

Eat, visit, meet M. Carrier
and take home a pumpkin (or two!) ←

And...

ROCH CARRIER VISITS ROCH CARRIER!

Don't forget your book for M. Carrier to sign!



HAMBURGERS \$3.50
HOT DOGS \$2.50
DRINKS \$1/\$.50
VEGGIE CUPS \$1
CARAMEL CORN \$2.50

***veggie options too!**

THURSDAY OCT 4, 2018

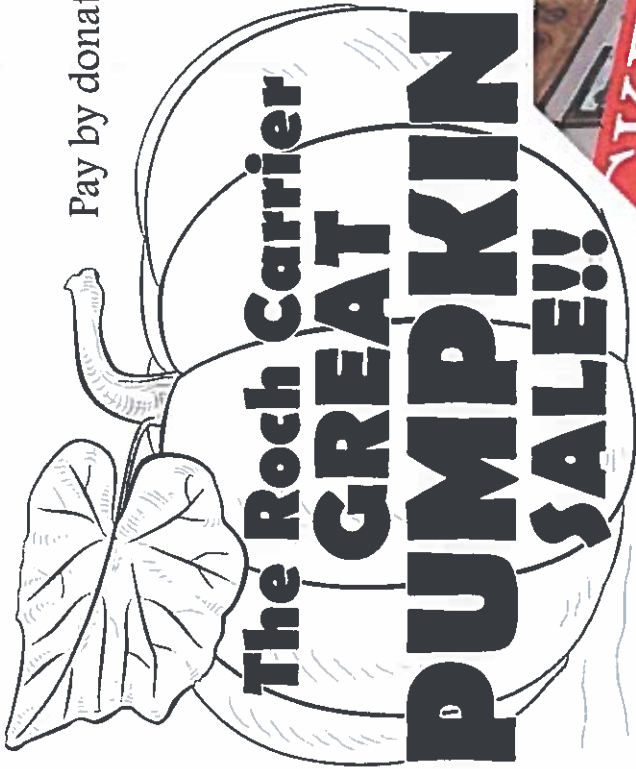
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**MEET THE TEACHER
CLASSROOM VISIT • 6:30PM**

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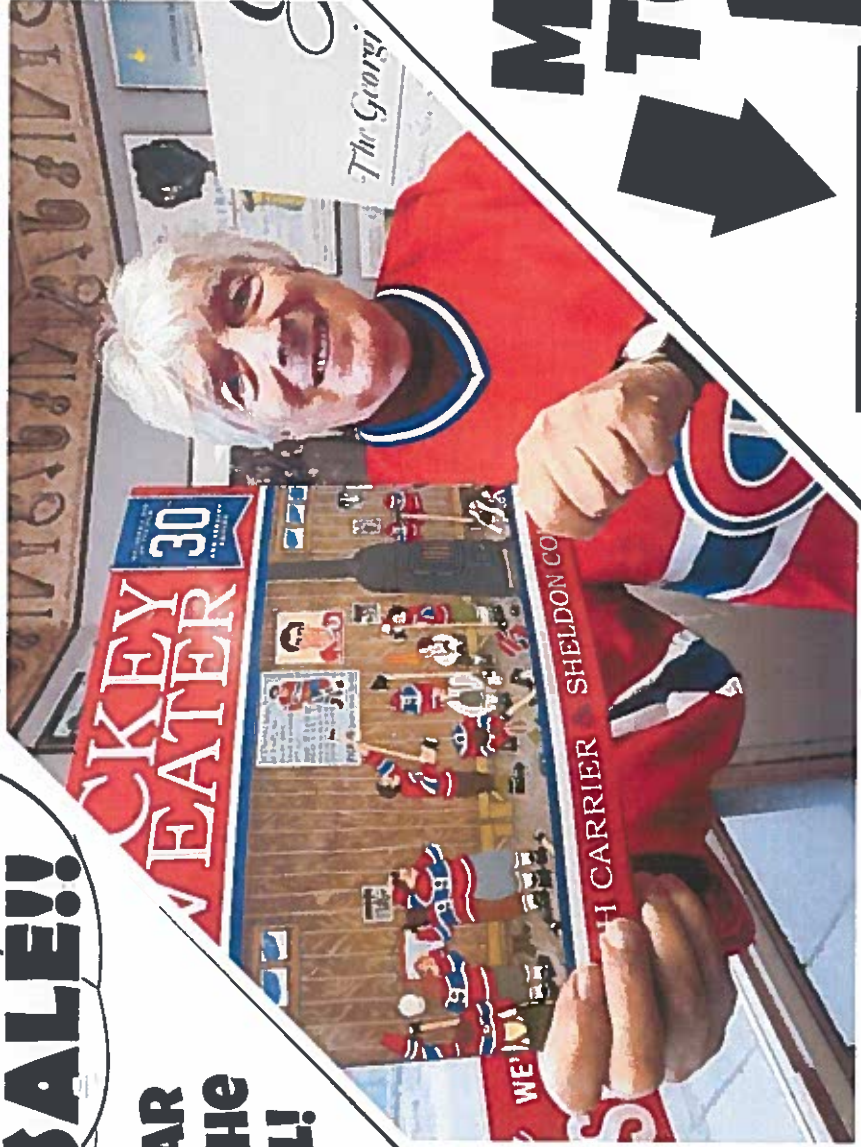
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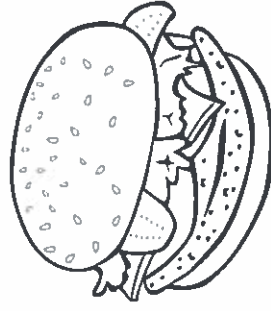
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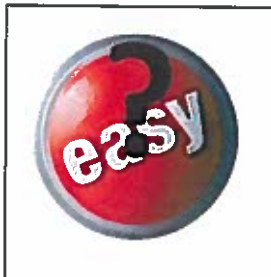
**IT ALL STARTS
AT 5:30PM!**

OCTOBER 4

Home Connections in Mathematics

Productive Struggle in Mathematics

We, as parents, want our children to succeed in school. We feel uncomfortable when our children struggle and often want to make the work easier to help them (and us) escape the discomfort.



While helping and making challenging material easier for our children may feel like the right thing to do, research shows us how being *less helpful* is more supportive of learning – permanent change in understanding. Learning is **greatest when children are given challenging tasks requiring thinking and reasoning**. This active thinking is where sense-making, deep understanding, and self-confidence grows.

Productive struggle in mathematics is the sweet spot we all experience when we have just enough support and prior knowledge to engage with a challenging problem. There is no learning without struggle. Doing the thinking for a child by explaining what must be done or providing a formula ensures there is zero thinking and, thus, no learning.

There are two important aspects to this idea:

- 1) *Productive*: children need support in the form of math tools (like coins or counters) and gentle guidance. E.g., “I wonder if a picture might help you understand this problem?”
- 2) *Struggle*: the task can’t be immediately obvious to the child

If a supported child struggles to the point of nearing frustration, it is appropriate to change the task to avoid unnecessary upset.

Messages our children need to hear:

- “I would love to help you with your homework. Before I do, I’m really interested in how you thought about this problem.”
- “Problem solving is *what we do* when we don’t know what to do!”
- “You worked really hard on that problem to find a solution. That is impressive.”
- “How does it feel to know that you wrestled with that tough problem and figured it out?”
- “I’m glad you made that mistake. Your brain grew at that moment. When you realized you had made a mistake, your brain grew even more!”
- “Doing mathematics is about being challenged. This is hard. This is fun!”

Links to Support You at Home



<https://www.youcubed.org/>

<https://www.mathplayground.com/thinkingblocks.html>

<https://solveme.edc.org/mobiles/>

<https://mathies.ca/>

So, let’s value and celebrate the struggle our children experience and forget the “*that was easy*” button.



Cannabis legalization happens October 17, 2018 in Canada. As a parent, you may have some questions or wonder how to answer your child's questions. Make it an informed conversation by knowing the facts:

- You have to be 19 to purchase cannabis in Ontario.
- The only legal access to cannabis for non-medical purposes October 17, 2018 is via the online Ontario Cannabis Store.
- The only legal place to use cannabis is in a private residence.
- There are no legal “stores” that will be selling cannabis until April 1, 2019, individuals and organization are invited to provide feedback on the creation of the private Retail Cannabis Framework at cannabis.on.ca

In your conversation with your children:

- Set clear standards and communicate them to your kids.
- Make sure you are informed.
- Share facts in a non-judging manner.

Check out the **Cannabis Talk Kits** to help start the conversation, download a copy or contact your local public health unit for a copy of the booklet.

Believe it or Not, YOU are the Number One Influence In Your Child's Life

Additional Websites for Parents:

Parent Action on Drugs (PAD) www.parentactionondrugs.org

Centre for Addiction & Mental Health (CAMH) www.camh.ca

Drug Free Kids Canada www.drugfreekidscanada.org

Websites for Kids: www.drugfacts4youngpeople.com