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Winter has arrived, it is time to bundle up!

A big thank you to staff, students and families for coming out to our French Immersion Information Night on the evening of January 30th. We were very happy to welcome new families interested in French Immersion Education for their child. Our entry levels for registration for September 2019 will be Grade 1 and Grade 7 Extended French. Please invite interested families to call and come for a tour if they missed this evening. We are hoping to have as many registrations as possible by February 8th as staffing decisions are made.

Coming soon will be the Family Day holiday (February 18th).. We really hope that families are able to spend quality time together. We know not everyone will have the ability to spend that day with their families, so we would just like to encourage our RCFI families, as much as possible to: watch a favourite film (with French audio if you are feeling brave), do a puzzle, read a book together, play a game, do something active or artistic together. We hope you can enjoy each other's company and take time to appreciate each other.

Sincerely, Mme Maddox and Mme Boomen

Book Fair coming up!

Our second and final Scholastic Book Fair for this year is coming up at the end of the month. We are lucky to receive **up to 80%** of sales back in FREE BOOKS for the library.

This time we will have a BOOKS ONLY fair with a small selection of 50 cent bookmarks, pencils and erasers.

Due to new pick-up and drop-off times from Scholastic, the fair will run from Thursday, Feb 28th to Tuesday, March 5th. Just in time to pick up some new reading material for March Break!

Please watch for flyers and a schedule via e-news closer to the fair date.

Report Cards

As we move into second term, we are looking forward to reviewing and revising goals with students in regards to their academic progress. Report cards will be coming home soon, we hope you are able to go through the learning report, and work with your child(ren) to help set some personal goals.

Dances - Student Parliament is happy to present our winter dances. We will be coordinating dances during the lunch hour (12:05 - 12:45). The dates are as follows:

Tuesday, February 19th: SK & Grade 1

Thursday, February 21st: Grades 2-4

Friday, February 22nd: Grades 5-8

Entrance to the dances are free - come out, bust a move, and get your dance on. We encourage you to bring a donation to support Toonie Tuesday - a TVDSB initiative that raises money for the Caring Fund to meet student needs as they arise across Thames Valley. In its short history, The Caring Fund has changed lives in our communities. It has provided toiletries and clothing when a student's possessions were destroyed in a house fire, purchased winter boots for children in an impoverished family and delivered food when cancer ravaged a local family's stability and income. Every dollar we raise is directed back into our own school communities.

Black History Month

We are pleased to welcome presenters from the Ingersoll museum to share presentations with our classes on Black history in Oxford County on February 8th.



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FI Info Night @RCFI was a Great Success!

We thank all our visitors, students, staff and parents for attending to learn about French Immersion Education with our Roch Carrier family. Many staff members spoke proudly of all Roch Carrier has to offer! As well we would like to thank Stacey Vries and Rachelle Petrie for attending on behalf of the Home and School Association.

Registration packages available now! Please register your current SK or Grade 6 students before February 8th or the 2019 - 2020 school year

Gr 7 Extended French Immersion Program

If you currently have children in Grade 6 who you feel be interested in this opportunity, please contact the school. More information can be found on the TVDSB website:

<https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/schools/french-immersion-registration.aspx>

Registration is currently underway with our deadline of February 8th.

Candygrams Happy Valentine's Day! Send a message a friendship to your pals, something sweet to brighten up their day! Students from grade 8 will be selling candygrams to raise money for the Grade 8 Graduation.

Candygrams (heart shaped suckers with a message slip attached) are \$0.50 cents each. Due to snow days, we will accept orders until Monday, February 4th. Order forms were sent home this week. Please return the pink order slip with payment, indicating how many candygrams you want to purchase by **Monday, February 4th**. We will give each student the message slips to accompany the amount of candygrams **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7th**, to be returned on **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH, 2018**. Candygrams will be delivered in the afternoon on **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14th**. *If you are buying a class set, and you would like the grade 8s to label them for you, just write a note below letting us know which class. Thank you for your support - we raised almost \$700 from Christmas Candygrams!*

Extracurriculars: Coming Soon~

*J/I Dance Team - will be starting shortly, listen for details on the morning announcements
*Gr 5-6 Basketball will start in March

Extracurriculars In Progress~

Pokemon Club with M. Duplain will be on Wednesdays (Grade 1), Thursdays (Grade 2), and Fridays (Grade 3). Please remind your child that trading cards is not permitted. If sending cards to school your child, please write their initials on the back.

The **S.T.E.M. Club** for students in Grades 5-8 who have signed up will have its first meeting in the learning commons on February 1st during lunch recess. The club will meet Mondays and Fridays through to early Spring. (Staff supervisors Rexer and Nixon)

The **Milk Swaggers** club is up and running twice a week. Please feel free to send in your clean, folded outer milk bags. Unfortunately we can't use the Natrel brand because apparently they biodegrade more quickly. Thanks!

We have made so many balls of "yarn" that we can't crochet fast enough! If any parent out there would like to learn how, you are welcome to join us at our lunchtime sessions, and then continue at home. Please contact Mme Richard if you are interested.

The **Junior Floor Hockey Team** is excited to start their season in February. They are team of 14 great young athletes who are all looking forward to some fun skills and team building this season. The team will compete in a regional tournament in March. Best of luck to our newest bunch of student athletes.



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OXFORD COUNTY'S ALL DRESSED UP EVENT

Oxford OPP is once again doing their prom dress initiative for the females in Oxford County to assist them with the expensive task of shopping and preparing for upcoming graduation ceremonies. We have recognized the costs associated with these events, whether it be Grade 8 graduation or high school prom, and have found a way to help graduates with an event we call All Dressed Up. We have hundreds of new and gently used formal dresses as well as shoes, purses and accessories that have been donated to us to pass on to girls who might find themselves in need of shopping assistance.

Girls who would like to be a part of this initiative are invited to register for the event on **Thursday, March 21st, 2019 at the Ingersoll Senior Centre at 250 Ingersoll St S in Ingersoll between 4pm-830pm** to choose a dress and accessories for their graduation. All dresses will be fitted by seamstresses and cleaned if necessary before being given to the girls. **The best part is that everything is FREE!**

If you think that a graduate in your house would benefit from this event, please email us at alldressedupoxford@gmail.com to REGISTER to set up a time for that day.

Thank you PC Michelle Murphy and PC Stacey Culbert – Oxford OPP

Carnavale is

scheduled for Feb 12th in the afternoon. A HUGE thank you to Mme Corina and Mme Beatty's classes who have chosen to organize and run this very special day for so many of our students. Also, our warm thanks to the RCHSA for sponsoring the hot chocolate station for our students. The warm treat will be really appreciated!



Parking Update:

We have been approved for a parking lot extension. Unfortunately the work can not begin until the spring, so we will have to work with the currently City Bylaws and the parts of the Highway Traffic Act that guide where we are able to park in and around our school location. We have the map from the city linked to our school website that shows where it is safe to park. Please also be aware that you can not park within 1m of a residential driveway. Thank you to the families who shared their experiences with us at the last Home and School Association Meeting, so that we all better understand the restrictions.

Dates to Remember

Feb 1 World Read Aloud Day
Feb 5 Skating for SK-6
Feb 12 Carnavale d'hiver (weather permitting)
Dress warmly
Feb 13 School Council Meeting (6:00 PM)
Feb 13 Home and School Meeting (7:00 PM)
Feb 14 Pink and Red Day
Feb 18 Family Day Holiday - No School
Feb 25 Dance a thon Kick-off Assembly
Feb 27- Mar 5 Book Fair
Mar 1 PJ Day
Mar 5 Concours d'art oratoire (speeches)
Mar 8 Dance a thon event
March Break Mar 11-15
Mar 28 Grad Photos (K2 & Gr 8)

NEWSFLASH - changes coming
Roch Carrier will be switching photography companies for the 2019/2020 school year. We are excited to announce we will be working with.



Sounds of Language



Parents of students in kindergarten
are Invited to attend an Information Session
On Phonological Awareness Skills

talking

reading

fun



**Two Sessions will be offered
by Nancy Commisso, Speech-Language Pathologist**

You are welcome to attend on:

**February 19th at Roch Carrier French Immersion Public School
@ 6:30pm in the Library (840 Sloane St. Woodstock, ON)**

OR

**February 20th @ Zorra Highland Park Public School
@ 1pm in the Library (376368 37th Line Embro, ON)**

Please RSVP to Nancy @ n.commisso@tvdsb.ca

ROCH CARRIER Home & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



RCFI SCHOOL COUNCIL
Wed FEBRUARY 13
6 PM*

**Childcare Available!*



School
COUNCIL
An Information Exchange

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



RCHSA MEETING
Wed FEBRUARY 13
7 PM*
ALL ARE WELCOME!

WWW.RCFI.HOTLUNCHES.NET

New hot lunch options coming for March and April!

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

Healthy Friendships



Childhood friendships play an important role in your child's development and can have a lasting impact into their adult years. They influence the behaviours and the various ways that children interact with the world around them. Positive interactions in these friendships can improve a child's sense of belonging and self-esteem. They allow for improved ability to communicate, cooperate, and solve problems. The development of negative friendships may create difficulties with emotions and mental processes later in life. So, what can you do to help? Consider the suggestions below to help your child build positive friendships with his/her peers.

- **Continue to develop your own loving relationship with your child**
 - The key to helping your child create healthy friendships starts with YOU! Your relationship with your child sets the standards for his/her own future relationships – so let's set that bar high!
- **Educate your child about what a healthy friendship may look like**
 - You can help them to understand what qualities they may see in a good friend such as demonstrating respect, following the rules, sharing, and showing kindness towards others.
- **Coach your child through conflict resolution**
 - It is often thought that children need to "work it out for themselves" during conflicts with their peers; however, for them to do this effectively they could use some guidance!
 - Encourage your child to talk about their feelings: choosing to use their words over their actions when they are feeling angry or upset
 - Help your child to see other points of view in every situation
- **Be a role model for positive friendships**
 - Demonstrate what healthy friendships look like by allowing your child to see the effort you put forth to make your own friendships work, and through your own positive interactions with others.
- **Provide them with opportunity to build friendships**
 - Facilitate your child's participation in programs offered through the school or community centre or welcome their friends into your home to give your child the chance to strengthen their friendships. This will also give you the chance to meet your child's friends and show your support for the friendships that bring out the best in them.

For more information please visit:

Child Mind Institute: <https://childmind.org/article/kids-who-need-a-little-help-to-make-friends/>

Go Green! Travel Clean!

Winter Walk Day, February 6, 2019

Join many students across the country to celebrate!

Whether you walk to school, take the bus, or have to be driven, you can still participate

Benefits to active school travel (walking or wheeling to school or your bus stop) include

- Improved physical and mental health
- Less traffic around the school making it safer to walk and wheel
- Improvements in the air we breath
- Arrive at school alert and ready to learn
- Feeling more connected to your community

On this **Winter Walk Day**, help reduce vehicle emissions around YOUR school.

- Kids bundle up and walk to and from school or your school bus
- If you are assigned to a bus, ride it
- Parents park a block or two away from the school and walk the rest of the way with your kids
- Parents turn off your engine and Idle Free for the Kids, during drop off and pick ups

Want to have fun on your journey or need ideas:

- Print the Winter Walk Day I Spy Activity sheet

<http://ontarioactiveschooltravel.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Winter-Walk-Day-I-Spy-En.pdf>

- Check out other new resources at Ontario Active School Travel
<http://ontarioactiveschooltravel.ca/winter-walk-day/>

For more information about the benefits of active travel and climate change, visit the Active and Safe Routes to School website at <http://activesaferoutes.ca>