

## RCFI Newsletter ~ November 2018

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

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



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### Winter is coming, it is time to bundle up!

Student success is at the heart of all we do! RCFI staff and students are working hard to reach our school goals and develop strategies to help improve student achievement. Specifically, we are focusing on building oral proficiency in French that enables students to communicate spontaneously and in authentic situations. To improve our understanding in numeracy, our school is focusing on developing students' understanding and application of additive reasoning. Teaching how to identify what the problem is asking, which information is important, what multiple methods can help arrive at a solution, reminding students to reflect on their solution to see if they are logical and/or do they make sense. We appreciate your continuous support as our students experiment with various strategies to meet these goals. Our grades 3-8 have access to an online math software program called Knowledge Hook. Please support your child using this at home to supplement what we are doing at school. We also want to thank RCHSA for their support in the purchase of MathUp Classroom licenses. Together, the school and RCHSA, have purchased licenses for this new math program for our three grade 6 classrooms to support the learning happening in the classroom.

It is important to us to work together to help our students succeed. Please celebrate your child's learning daily. We appreciate the ongoing communication between home and school. If you have concerns about your child's progress, please contact us by writing in your child's planner, via online apps like FreshGrade/Seesaw/Google Classroom or by phone. Progress reports go home November 9th and Parent/Teacher interview day is November 16th.

Thank you for your support with our school based and Home and School fundraising initiatives. The response to the QSP/Joy orders and the Elmira Chicken fundraising for the Gr 7<sup>e</sup> Quebec City year end trip has been incredible.

Wishing you all a fabulous November

Mme Maddox and Mme Bolton

#### **Community BBQ/Meet the Staff Night and Roch Carrier Day**

What an incredible day. The staff and students thoroughly enjoyed their visits with M. Carrier throughout the time he was with us. Early years and primary students were able to hear him read or rather perform his most popular story, "The Hockey Sweater". It was a treat to hear him share his story with us. The junior and intermediate students had their time to visit with him as well, and were quite taken by him from start to finish. The evening was topped off with him autographing many, many books for families until the end of the event. We are so thankful for the support of the RC Home and School Association for securing funding through the Parent Involvement Funds through TVPIC.

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

**Progress Reports** go home Friday November 9th, and individual teachers will share their specific availability for Parent/Teacher interviews with families. We have tentatively set aside time on the evening of Thursday, November 15th (based on staff availability) and day time on Friday November 16th.

#### **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 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.



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### Library News

Many thanks to all our volunteers and RCFI community for your support of our Book Fair. We earned more than \$2700.00 in brand new books for our library. We are looking forward to a second fair in February.

Please watch your e-news toward the end of the month for information about our upcoming used book sale. For the past several years, we have invited students to bring in previously loved books, movies, music, and board games. Board Games/large puzzles will be sold for \$1.00 each, and books/movies will all be 4/\$1.00. Our purpose is threefold. 1: to provide a simple way to pass along items your children have outgrown, 2: to raise a small amount of money for library purchases, 3: to provide students with a chance to pick up a lot of really nice items at very low cost. For very young children, this is a great opportunity to buy gifts for family members in secret. We were blown away by the quality and variety of materials donated last year. Our sale dates are not yet set, but it will take place in December.

Finally, many students are eagerly anticipating the start of the Forest of Reading™ this year. Students in all grade levels will have the chance to vote on nominated books by Canadian authors in 8 different categories in French and English. Most of our classes will read the nominated books aloud in the French programs at their level. Students from grades 3 - 8 will also have a chance to participate as an individual in one of the English-language programs. This program is unique in being one of the only literary prizes awarded by the target audience - children and youth. To check out the nominees and to learn more about the program, please visit [www.accessola.org](http://www.accessola.org) and select "Forest of Reading."

### Thank you to our Volunteers

Roch Carrier has been busy. We appreciate all the volunteers helping us with student learning as well as driving our students to games and tournaments. This could not be possible without your support. We thank you as these experiential learning opportunities provide memorable learning for our students! MERCI !

Our snack program and hot lunches are a huge success with our students and these fabulous healthy snacks prepare them for learning. We enjoyed the BIG CRUNCH on Oct. 18th where all our students received an extra snack - a crunchy apple at 2pm, and we joined all of Oxford County who took part in the big CRUNCH! Thank you to Shannon Freeman and her fantastic team of volunteers who put a smile on our faces daily!

### Remembrance Day Ceremonies

Please join us on Friday November 9th at 9:30am for K-3 and at 10:55 for Gr 4-8 for our annual Remembrance Day Ceremony.

**Don't forget!** 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!

There are many items in our **LOST and FOUND**, please take a few minutes the next time you are at the school to stop by the table and take a peak for items your child might have misplaced. Parent-Teacher Interviews would be a great opportunity to do this.

### End of Day Pickups

We would like to thank families for their continued support in following our end of day procedures. Students who are picked up on a regular basis are to be met outside of the South Exit - under the canopy. Students who are being picked up, but normally ride the bus, are to be picked up at the front office and signed out.

Bus students exit their classrooms and head directly to the buses.

We would ask that parents who are on property at dismissal wait in these designated spots, not outside classroom doors to reduce the traffic in the hallways and to assist staff in building routines with students.

**We need your help!** The number of phone calls or drop ins received by the office daily between 2:45-3:30 is overwhelming. If at all possible, could you please communicate changes in pick up status through your child's planner or teacher communication tool (i.e. FreshGrade) at the start of the day, it would alleviate stress in the office at the end of the day.

**Festive Feast:** We are excited to share that we have booked a date for our Annual Festive Feast, it will be on Wed. Dec. 19th with a snow date of Thurs. Dec. 20th. Please stay tuned for more details from our fabulous Home and School Association who is organizing it.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** to call into the Safe Arrival Reporting system if your child will not be at school -even if they are bused students. **ALL** absences **MUST** be reported. Please make sure to log in or set up the App before you need to use it so you can avoid any issues prior to actually needing it. Also, remember to report attendance **BEFORE** 9am.



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### Cross Country

Congratulations to RCFI's Cross Country Team for representing our school with pride at both the North-East Oxford Regionals and the Thames Valley Finals this October. From 80 RCFI runners at Regionals, we had 25 who qualified for the finals, with many personal bests and top finishers in each division. Bravo to everyone who ran!

Each of our athletes who went on to finals placed in the top 100 of their division from all over Thames Valley - an RCFI record! Congratulations to Charlotte P. for her first place win, and to the rest of the Grade 6 girls who ran, Aurora, Kirsten, Emma, and Hazel, for earning top Intermediate Girls Team. The Grade 3 Boys also came in strong with Ryan W. taking home a silver medal, and teammates Nathan, Aiden, and Austin helping to earn 2nd place team in the Bantam Boys division. The Grade 8 Boys Team came in second place - bravo to Izak C., who came in 4th overall, and to Aiden, Alejandro, and Lachlan! The Grade 7 Girls Team, Taylor, Annalise, Evangeline, and Kayla, all finished strong and demonstrated great team spirit. Our individual runners competing in each division all had great runs - congrats to Grady, Ava, Tysen, and Morgan, with special mention to Tabitha who finished in 19th place in her group!

Special thanks to parent volunteers for making it possible to get to our meets. And thank you, athletes, for a great season! Your coaches, families, teachers, and friends are all proud of your efforts, determination, and sportsmanship. You ROCH!

### Important Upcoming Dates

**Nov 7th** - Photo Retake Days

**Nov 8th** - Backordered Elmira Chicken - tentative scheduled delivery

**Nov 16th** - Parent Teacher Interviews

#### Tentative Holiday Assembly Schedules:

K/Kindergarten Classes: Wed. Dec. 12 @ 2pm

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)

### RCFI's Annual Food and Toy Drive

In December, we will once again be collecting donations for the Salvation Army. We will ask families to donate food items and/or new toys. Details will be in the December newsletter, but in the meantime, you may wish to keep this in mind as you plan for the festive season. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated.

-The Grade 5 Class and Mme Mackenzie

**Robotics Club:** During the last month, a group of grade 7 and 8 students has been designing and programming a robot for the Oxford Youth Invitational Robotics Competition. We would like to thank Hyd-Mech as our team sponsor as well as the Elgin Middlesex Oxford Workforce Planning and Development Board for their role in coordinating such a great experience. We will be presenting at Goff Hall on November 20th, at 2:00. Wish us luck!

**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://tvmathify.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.

**FYI #1:** Mme. Alyea and Mme. Flint's grade 2/3 class will be **collecting aluminum pop tabs**. The pop tab collection goes to support a young girl named Sophie. Sophie is in grade 2 at Knollwood Park school in London. She has a neuromuscular disorder called SMA, and requires a wheelchair for mobility. Sophie is currently using a loaner wheelchair, and we're trying to help her acquire her own new manual wheelchair.

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

**#2:** Roch Carrier has a lovely history of helping folks in our community who are in need at various times throughout the year. Shortly, we will begin thinking about the December holiday season food drives, toy drives etc.... While we participate in this community outreach, we are sometimes unaware of needs within our own school families. If you are one of these families and you feel you could use some support this year, at any time, but particularly now, please contact Pat MacLaurin, our Learning Support Teacher to share your need and how we can help. We do our best work when we know what is needed.





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### Volleyball:

The coaches of the girls and boys teams are very proud of the Roch Carrier Intermediate Teams. Thus far in the season they have played very well and are continually improving. Later in October, they will each compete in a competitive tournament as well as many more games. In late November, both teams will compete in the regional Round Robin tournament and, if successful, will move on to the regional Semi-Finals and maybe even on to the Thames Valley final tournament (usually in London). We, the coaches, look forward to competing with some very talented athletes!

### Attention to Parents of Gr 7 and 8 Students:

TVDSB Secondary Math team presents Grade 7&8 Math Nights. An informative evening for parents/guardians of grade 7 and 8 students regarding the transition to secondary school math and the pathways available to secondary students.

NOVEMBER 22 - Quality INN (580 Bruin Blvd, Woodstock)

Start Time: 6:30pm - 8:00 pm

Please register at: [tinyurl.com/intmathnight](http://tinyurl.com/intmathnight)

We hope you will join us !

Lester B. Pearson School  
for the **ARTS**

Acceptance to the  
program is based on the  
results of a group workshop  
experience which is held in  
late March or early April.

See the website for more information [www.tvdsb.ca/pearson](http://www.tvdsb.ca/pearson)

### Student Parliament

**Veux-tu jouer?**

**Vous-êtes inviter!**

**Qui?** Les élèves dans SK et première année

**Quand?** October 30th,  
November 13th & November 15th

**Où?** Au gymnase!

Sign up with your teacher or come on down! Student Athletics Committee will be running intramural sports during lunch recess. First up - SK & Grade 1s.

November 22nd and November 27th - Grade 2s & Grade 3s



**Spirit Day:** Friday, November 23rd!!! Fashion Disaster Day - Stripes and Polka Dots, Denim on Denim (a Canadian Tuxedo) - wear your craziest and most mismatched outfit to school on **Friday, November 23rd** and show off your style...or not so style!

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

Tuesday, November 6th: SK & Grade 1

Wednesday, November 7th: Grades 2-4

Thursday, November 8th: Grades 5-8

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

We will also be selling moustaches for **November** - in support of men's health - during these dances. Moustaches are \$2 each and can be worn all afternoon.

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 is Respect.

# OUR NEW ORDERING WEBSITE!

HOT LUNCH ORDERS • SPIRITWEAR • ...MORE!

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

Nov & Dec

**PARENTS!**

**PLEASE TELL YOUR CHILD TO GO DIRECTLY TO THE KITCHEN IF THEY HAVEN'T RECEIVED THEIR HOT LUNCH! THEY WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF!**

**Joy** orders will be delivered the first week of December! Thank you for all your fundraising efforts!

## Apple Fundraiser

**Each 10lb bag of apples costs \$10.00, and \$5 of the proceeds go towards our Student Snack Program.**

RETURN FORM WITH PAYMENT: FRIDAY NOVEMBER 9 or ONLINE

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

PICK UP AT THE SCHOOL:  
THURSDAY DECEMBER 6: 3pm-6pm



Roch Carrier French Immersion School – Woodstock



RCFI Parents

Our parent community on Facebook!



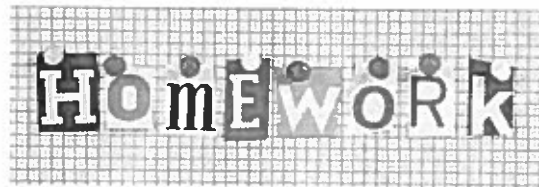
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Stacey Vries - President of Roch Carrier Home & School Association & Chair of RCFI School Council

# ROCH CARRIER Home & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



## Home Connections in Mathematics Nov. 2018



### Focusing on the Fundamentals of Math

The Ministry of Education released teacher and parent guides in 2018 titled Focusing on the Fundamentals of Math, to support the teaching of the Ontario Curriculum, Grades 1-8. It explains how important it is for students to develop a strong understanding of number, apply their mathematical thinking during day to day activities and perform them with ease.



#### “What will be different?”

As outlined by the guide, this document is “intended to support teachers’ ongoing efforts in building students’ knowledge and skills in mathematics.” This has been TVDSB’s focus for some time.

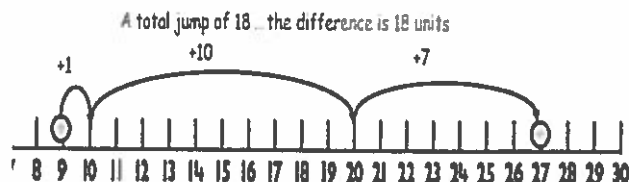
As many experts will recognize, it is important for children to learn and know their number facts. “Drill” may improve speed, but it does not help in building understanding of *how* to use numbers and operations in different situations. It is important for children to understand and develop strategies to help find an answer if they forget what they memorized.

### Helping at home

Help your child use their math thinking and strategies in daily situations and activities, seeing that the math around them is fun and purposeful.

- Playing math games with cards or dice is great way to use numbers with children of all ages
- Include your child in everyday activities that involve numbers, operations and measurement
- Have your child show you how he or she solved a math problem and prove to you that they are correct
- Encourage your child to play online math games such as Mathies, ABCya, Math Playground, Knowledgehook etc.
- Have your child solve problems in different ways and then compare the solutions

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### Link to the Fundamentals of Mathematics Parent Guide

[http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/parent\\_guide\\_math\\_en.pdf](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/parent_guide_math_en.pdf)