

RCFI Weekly Memo to Families from Administration Dec 14 edition

MISSION: TO IMPROVE OUR STUDENTS' ORAL PROFICIENCY IN FRENCH

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

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Grade 1 Virtual Information Night: Wednesday January 27th at 6:30 pm via Zoom!

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/92348471797?pwd=UkRNNWx4TXRoK3lRemhlR2huQzBMdz09>

Meeting ID: 923 4847 1797 Passcode: 358610

We would like to invite all families of students considering registering their child for Grade 1 September 2021 to join us for a virtual information session. Please feel free to share this information with friends and family that may be interested. Registration opens online January 18th and runs until February 5th, 2021. Thank you!

All Access Buttons at school: In an effort to send a consistent message at school regarding the use of the All Access Buttons on entranceways, we want to ensure that students do not see these as a toy, and ask that they be used by students only when they can not maneuver the doors otherwise (i.e. hands are full carrying a project, student is using crutches, or younger student can not pull the door open themselves).

Holiday Food Drive and Operation Sharing: The food drive was a tremendous success, thank you to everyone who was able to participate either by bringing in donations to the school, or by donating via the HSA website. The cash donations raised for Operation Sharing totalled \$185. Our class winners for the construction design challenge were Mme Lebel's Grade 1s for the primary division, Mme Madeleine's Grade 4 class for the junior division, and Mme Beatty's Grade 8 class for the intermediate division. Felicitations!

Produce Express Fundraiser: Thank you for participating in this fundraiser at RCFI. We were able to raise a total of \$343.19 for our snack program! We will let you know if other opportunities come available.

Kindness Campaign: This month we will be revisiting our Kindness Campaign. Staff will be keeping extra close eyes open for students demonstrating random acts of kindness towards their peers or staff. Then they will have the opportunity to fill in a Google form submitting that student's name for a draw for a new winter themed mask. If you child/ren is learning remotely, do not fear, you can participate as well. Please submit your child's name to either administrator and we will enter them into the draw as well. The draw will be held on Dec 14th so that students can sport their new masks the week before the holidays.

FYI Holiday Celebration Treats for last day: Please see the criteria below IF you are considering sending in treats....it is completely voluntary.

a) Treats must be individually packaged, sent to school 36hrs in advance (Wednesday), and if eaten at school, staff will ensure social distancing and good hand hygiene

b) Masks must be worn (not while eating obviously)

c) No self serving items/dishes will be permitted. Prepackaged items will be handed out by staff

*** If you are sending items in, please be sure to double check the ingredients list against any classroom specific information that your classroom teacher has provided about allergies in your child's specific classroom. (i.e. no nuts, tree nuts)

Home and School/School Council meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month (except December). Next Home and School Meeting Jan 14th at 6:30 pm (no School Council at this meeting)

Please join us. Parents of students in Full Remote Learning are encouraged to participate. The Meeting ID is: 995 1616 6248 Passcode 852305 and the link to join the meeting is <https://zoom.us/join>

Need to borrow skates for the winter? Mme Boomen is trying to determine if there is any interest in making available the many skates that have been donated throughout the years. For years staff have organized repeating skating field trips for students. One of the many changes as a result of this pandemic is that this field trip will not be occurring this year. That being said, we have a huge number of skates that have been donated (most particularly for those in grades 1-6), finding the adult sizes is always more challenging. If there is sufficient interest, we will arrange for an outdoor display of skates (most likely after school). They will be lent out using an honour system. We would expect that they please be returned when they are no longer useful for your family unit. If you are interested please complete the following survey [Skating Survey](#) Merci! Madame Boomen

Every Student Belongs Survey: The Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB) is working to gain a better understanding of the diverse backgrounds of students and families across the district. To provide information that will help achieve this goal, TVDSB is launching the Every Student Belongs Survey in December, 2020. The survey is guided by Ontario's Equity Action Plan, which asks school boards to collect information about students and staff related to their background (for example, their race, ethnicity, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability). Students in grades seven to twelve will be invited to complete the survey during the school day throughout the month of December. Families will be receiving a letter with more detailed information. Families of children in kindergarten to grade six will be invited to complete the survey on behalf of their child in January, 2021. For more information, please visit the website: <https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/our-board/every-student-belongs.aspx>.

From the mouths of our littlest Raptors:

Student "Monsieur, Anita needs her lunch!"

Monsieur respondes "A-ni-ta lunch" (A need a lunch)

Upcoming RCFI Spirit Days. Photo submissions can be viewed on RCFI School Spirit Google classroom (join code y2mbhec) - must use a GOTVDSB account to access it (every student has one).

December 18th - Red and Green Jingle Day (last day of classes prior to the winter break)

January 21st - Mystery Day (each class picks secret mystery theme - google hangout with a buddy class to guess each other's theme)

February 12th - Pyjama Day

March 12th - Tropical Vacation Day (to welcome in March Break)

In closing, Mme Chamberlain and I just want to wish each and every one of our Raptor families a restful winter break. Stay safe, enjoy time with your family. We look forward to seeing you back in the New Year!

Happy Holidays

Your devoted Administrators,

Mme Maddox and Mme Chamberlain

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