

## **RCFI Weekly Memo to Families from Administration March 15 edition**

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

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

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**Greetings,** we are very excited to have a chance to celebrate an Irish holiday this year with the change of March Break. On Wednesday of this week, we ask everyone to wear their GREEN in support of St Paddys' day! Mud season has arrived at Roch Carrier. We will do our absolute best to guide the students to areas of the yard that are least muddy, but an extra set of clothing for our youngest Raptors would be helpful and allow us to troubleshoot these types of problems in house rather than having to call home. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this.

### **Woodstock Attendance Area Review (WAAR) update:**

Thank you to the numerous volunteers who submitted their names for consideration for this committee. All successful applicants have been contacted by the School Board. Your representatives on this committee will be: Angie Poirier (RCHSA Rep), Christina Hewitt (School Council Rep), Primary division reps ~ Erin Aldridge and Kevin King, Junior division reps ~ Heather McDowell and Laurie Palmer, Intermediate division reps ~ Lindsay Wilson and Melissa MacLean.

Regional Meeting will be held virtually on March 25th at 7:00pm.

If you have questions/concerns about this process, they can be logged at the following website:

<https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/woodstock-attendance-area-review.aspx#>

**Reminders:** We are so happy to have our water bottle filling station back up and running. We are also scheduled to have our new water bottle filling station installed this week. Please remember to send your child to school each day with a FILLED water bottle as this keeps the line up small first thing in the morning.

Parents on the yard at entry and dismissal are reminded to **please wear masks** and model social distancing for our students.

Did You Know? On **Saturday, March 20, the International Francophonie Day** is celebrated by over 220 million francophone speakers around the world!

At Roch Carrier we would like to celebrate our belonging to the Francophone culture **starting on Monday, March 15 until Friday, March 26:**

Students are encouraged to wear clothes with French logos, slogans or symbols.

Students can create their own French clothing, for example by designing their own (appropriate) message in French and taping it over their shirt. Have fun and be creative! Each time students wear their French attire, they will earn a **"Franco-point"**

which will be entered in a draw.

Students can also earn a **"Franco-point"** when they get caught speaking French, for example at recess, with their friends during snack or anytime. Each day, teachers will submit student names and those names will be entered to win a t-shirt!

Here are some suggestions on how we can extend our celebration of French outside of school: borrow more books in French from our library, speak French with your siblings at home, switch your TV or radio station to French, browse some websites in French, listen to French music!

Thank you for your participation and support! Vive le français!



**TECHNOLOGY:** Attached and below is the newsletter from our Assistive Technology Team at TVDSB. It includes tips, tricks and some examples of how to use different tech tools with students.

The newsletter can also be viewed in a larger format on the AT website at [bit.ly/ATClassroom](http://bit.ly/ATClassroom)



## Assistive Technology In The Classroom

Welcome to the Assistive Technology in the Classroom web page! As your Assistive Technology TOSA team, we are happy to provide ways to help guide you in using technology in your classroom for all students! These are powerful tools that can help your students communicate their thinking in a variety

[bit.ly](https://bit.ly)

**Dismissal routine adjustments** have been made to our students exiting loose portables (a.k.a. The Village) and the Portapac. They will all be exiting along the east side of the building onto the asphalt play area. Students who ride buses parked at the front of the school will follow the path near the LST room to make their way to their buses, all other bus students will use the gate near the parking lot to access their buses. If you are picking up your child on a regular basis, please meet us on the asphalt and we will connect you to them and let the office know. These changes will allow us to no longer block access to our parking lot at the end of the day. Also, one of our buses has been switched to a full size bus, this will result in a change of which buses load at the front of the school at dismissal time. We spoke to all students that this impacts, and walked them through what dismissal will look like starting Monday.

### **Every Student Belongs Family Survey - (Grade 1-6)**

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 launched 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, disabilities).

Families of children in Kindergarten to Grade 6 will now be invited to complete the survey on behalf of their children beginning on March 11th.

The primary parent or guardian contact of all students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 will receive an email that contains a personalized link to the Every Student Belongs Survey. If you have more than one child, you will receive a separate email for each child. More information about the survey, including additional options for completing the survey, will be provided to you by email or in a letter home with your child.

For more information about the survey, please visit the website: [www.tvdsb.ca/everystudentbelongs](http://www.tvdsb.ca/everystudentbelongs).

**Grade 1 Registration:** We are still accepting registrations for Grade 1 for September 2021. Please encourage families to reach out to the school if they have questions, or need assistance with registering.

**Home and School Association** meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month.

Next Home and School Meeting is March 18th at 6:30 pm

We are pleased to announce that our Superintendent Mr. Dennis Wright, will be online with us for a portion of the meeting to answer any questions related to the WAAR.

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>

**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).

April 23rd - Sports Day

May 21st - 80s and 90s Day

June 18th - Twins/Triplets Day

**Dates to Remember:**

March 17 Wear Green for St Paddy's Day

March 18 RCHSA Meeting 6:30pm ZOOM

March 20 International Francophonie Day

March 25 WAAR Meeting 7:00-9:00 pm (virtual)

**March 31 Grade 8 Grad Photos onsite**

Apr 2-5 Easter Weekend

April 12-15 Spring Break

Your devoted Administrators,

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