

RCFI Weekly Memo to Families from Administration Oct 4 edition

MISSION: TO IMPROVE OUR STUDENTS' ORAL PROFICIENCY IN FRENCH

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

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News:

A small electrical issue before the start of the school day Thursday caused one of our portables to be out of use for the day. The issue was quickly identified and addressed by staff prior to the students being onsite. We relocated the class for the entire day while facilities and a fire specialist investigated to ensure there was no imminent or long term danger. The portable will be back in use by Monday at the latest.

Rowan's Law Day

Rowan's Law was named for Rowan Stringer, a high school rugby player from Ottawa, who died from a condition known as Second Impact Syndrome (swelling of the brain caused by a subsequent injury that occurred before a previous injury healed). Rowan is believed to have experienced three concussions over six days while playing rugby. She had a concussion but didn't know her brain needed time to heal. Neither did her parents, teachers, or coaches. Rowan's Law and Rowan's Law Day were established to honour her memory and bring awareness to concussions, and concussions safety. Typically Rowan's Law Day is the last Wednesday of September. This year, because that date coincides with another culturally significant week of recognition, we have chosen to honour Rowan's Law Day on Wednesday October 6th, 2021.

In order to spread awareness, we are asking students and staff to **wear purple on Wed October 6th**.

Woodstock Attendance Area Review - Trustees vote is in

This past week the TVDSB Trustees voted to create a Dual Track French Immersion school at Oliver Stephens PS in Woodstock beginning in the 2022/23 school year. The boundary between the two school French Immersion programs will be the rail tracks from the west border of Oxford County all the way through the City of Woodstock until just west of Oxford County Road 22 where the boundary switches to Dundas Street (Hwy 2).

It was also decided that students currently in Grade 7 at Roch Carrier, will have the option to remain at RCFI for their Grade 8 year.

We recognize that this decision will affect many families within our community. We are dedicated to making this school year memorable for all students, but will also be working hand in hand with the Administration team at Oliver Stephens to ensure a smooth transition for our students come spring time.

School Council/HSA

The first School Council and Home and School Association meetings of the year was held virtually on Thursday September 16th. Thank you to all who participated. The next RC Home and School Association meeting will be Thursday Oct 14th at 6:30 via ZOOM. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85488557281?pwd=REFqSmtTVzVZT2ZDdjRJMmh4VFduQT09>

Meeting ID: 854 8855 7281 Passcode: 332001

Terry Fox Event: We will be hosting a Terry Fox Run on **October 8th**. In order to comply with COVID protocols, different recess groupings will be outside 'running' at different times throughout the day. Donations can be made through School Cash Online. Please note that we are unable to provide Tax Receipts for these donations.

Roch Carrier French Immersion Public School is on board with over 9,000 schools coast to coast to coast to help continue Terry's dream of a world without cancer. The Terry Fox Foundation needs our support. Please donate to: <http://www.terryfox.ca/RochCarrierFrenchImmPSWoodstock>. Together, we can all make a difference! Tax receipts will be available for those donations made directly to the Terry Fox Foundation.

#terryfoxschoolrun @terryfoxfoundation.

We have a lot of students coming to visit us at the office in the afternoon, with an empty lunch pail, looking for additional snacks. Please speak to your children to determine if they need more snacks to sustain them through their school day. Our Healthy Snack program is scheduled to start, one day a week. This should also assist in those afternoon cravings!

From the Stacks (La bibliotheque):

The Virtual Book Fair begins October 4th! Starting at 12:00am on Monday, October 4th you can visit our virtual English and French Scholastic Book Fair. Your secure online purchase will be shipped directly to the school for free and sent home with students. Orders are shipped at the end of each week of the fair.

Is your order a surprise? Email Mme Alyea at m.alyea@tvdsb.ca to have your books set aside. You'll get a call when they arrive and they won't be delivered to your child's classroom.

Your purchase directly supports our library collection at RCFI - we earn back up to 60% of net sales, which helps us keep our collection full of the most popular and newest books, all year.

The link to the book fair will be shared in the google classrooms to make it easy to find. (It's also linked below).

You can get a sneak peek right now, and the shopping site and full selection will go live on Monday.

Thanks so much for your support, happy reading!

Safe and Inclusive School Team (SISP): One of our focus with our Safe and Inclusive School team is to focus on establishing strong relationships with all students and families to begin the school year. We have included an image from the TVDSB Safe Schools Monthly newsletter for you to explore.

Relationships & The Four Essentials of Trauma-Sensitivity
 (adapted from Building Trauma-Sensitive Schools, Alexander, 2019)

October Spotlight - Feel SAFE: Safety TO and Safety FROM

Why it matters...

Feeling Safe - Safety TO and Safety FROM - To learn students need to feel physically, emotionally, and culturally safe. Staff foster safety by building authentic, positive relationships with their students. Creating welcoming and predictable classroom environments can help to create safety and build trust.

Safety TO	Safety FROM
Be your authentic self-feel accepted	Discrimination
Take risks and trust; to make mistakes	Aggression
Know what is expected with consistency	Bullying
Have a voice and choice in your relationship	Racism (or any other 'ism')
Expect reliable, non-judgemental support	Harm

Looking Ahead: We are asking parents that have a Criminal Background Check on file with the school, and have been signing off on their yearly waivers to consider signing off on one this year EVEN THOUGH we are not able to have volunteers onsite currently. The protocol states that if you miss a year in this process, you will be required to start over with a NEW Criminal Background Check. These forms can be found in your parent portal (please remember there are two pages to these waivers now).

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