

RCFI Weekly Memo to Families from Administration Oct 10 Edition

MISSION: TO IMPROVE OUR STUDENTS' ORAL PROFICIENCY IN FRENCH

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

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Well we have made it to the first milestone of the school year, the Thanksgiving long weekend. Students and staff have established some great routines and are working hard stretching their brains, learning new things. Before you know it you will be receiving our Progress Reports that come out mid November. That being said, I wanted to share a few items with families in preparation for those reports.

Assessment & Evaluation FAQs

Collection of Data:

Educators use a variety of assessment strategies to elicit information about student learning.

These strategies are to be triangulated to include observations, student-teacher conversations, and student products. There are examples listed in the chart for each of the three categories.

Teachers then use the information gathered to adjust instruction and provide feedback. Evaluation of the overall expectations must include assessment information gathered from observations and conversations.

Observations <small>(A planned process of focused anecdotal notes)</small>	Conversations <small>(Posing questions to make student thinking explicit)</small>	Products <small>(Produced by a student as a way of demonstrating learning)</small>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Observations of processes and strategies · Self-reflections · Formal observations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Conferences (about talking through reasoning and verbalizing processes) · Discussions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Performance tasks · Models · Assignments · Tests/quizzes

Accommodations for French Language learners

As students in French Immersion are expected to *demonstrate their understanding in French*, accommodations are made by teachers to assist them in getting their message across as their French language skills are not at the same level as their English language skills. For example, the use of a dictionary to support written tasks, classroom word walls, a lexique specific to a subject area, or the use of gestures to prompt students when communicating orally.

Progress Report coding: (PWD, PW, PVW)

What do these codes actually represent?

Progressing Very Well	Progressing Well	Progressing with Difficulty
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student achievement is meeting or surpassing the provincial standard • Letter grades B to A+ • Numerical grades 74 to 100 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student achievement is approaching the provincial standard • Letter grades C to B- • Numerical grades 64 to 73 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student achievement is not currently meeting the provincial standard • Letter grades below C • Numerical grades below 64

Snack Program

We are still looking for volunteers to help with our snack program that has started. If you can come even one day a week, we can put together a schedule of volunteers to cover the entire week. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out directly to our snack coordinator Janet Surette at (specialoccasions@gmail.com).

Please join us for our **Meet the Family event** on Thursday Oct 12 at the school. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Individual teachers will share their classroom times with families directly. Pizza can be ordered by following the link at the HOT LUNCH section below. The Book Fair will run until 7:30. We hope to see everyone there.

Come JOIN US

Meet the Family Open House

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Thurs Oct 12
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Pizza on sale through RCHSA
[LINK](#)

Book Fair in library



Gr 8 Celtic Parent meeting in gym
7pm

Stop by classrooms to meet your child's teacher

Roch Carrier Home and School Association/School Council Meeting

Please join us for our next Roch Carrier Home and School Association meeting on **Tues October 24 at 6:30pm** in the library. We will work on getting a virtual component set up for those who would like to join remotely. We will be running elections for both committees this evening.

The next School Council meeting will be November 21 at 6:15pm .

First HSA fundraiser will be DSF - flyers should have gone home Wednesday or Thursday of this past week.

HOT LUNCHES are coming back. They will begin after Thanksgiving weekend. Registration opens next week through their online ordering site.

<https://rcfi.hotlunches.net/admin/?sid=&un=0>

Things to Watch for Coming Home:

Intermediate Basketball: Boys (Mme Beatty) and Girls (Mme Maddox) - information coming soon; Choir with Mme Richard

We will also be hosting Sarah Westbrook again on October 17th for class follow up presentations throughout the day. There will also be a **FREE parent presentation** that evening from 6:30-7:45 in our gymnasium about **Resilience and Emotional Well-Being in Children**. We hope that you can join us that evening.

The **Cross Country team** of over 50 runners went to Pittock on Wednesday, October 4th and had amazing results. We are very proud of all our runners and would like to congratulate them on an excellent season. 13 students finished in the top 10 in their division and will be continuing to practice with the coaches on Mondays and Thursdays as well as after school on Tuesday (all Valley Finalists are invited). All students who were part of the team this year have received a participation ribbon and are also welcome to practice during the school day with the finalists.

Congratulations to: Maeve (1), Easton (3), Duncan (4), Desiray (4), Emily (6), Victor (6), Addison (6), Chloe (7), Ainsley (10), Lily (10), Austin (10), Euan (11), and Jack (11). Bravo Raptors!

School Choir

Mme Richard and Mme Hansen are beginning choir practice on Day 4 and Day 8 at 1:10. Students from all grades are invited. We will be preparing a song for Remembrance Day.

Mme Boomen has organized **RCFI's 3rd Annual Great Pumpkin Run/ La course des citrouilles!** All of our Grade 1-8 students are invited to participate in this fun run! Distances for the runs are: 1 km for grades one and two, 1.5 km for grades three and four, 2.0 km for grades five and six, 2.5 km for grades seven and eight. The run will take place on Oct 27th, with a rain date of Oct 30th.

BOOK FAIR News from Mme Alyea:

Our first book fair of the year is upon us! The Scholastic book fair is a long-standing school fundraiser that sees all profits put towards new materials for the library. We use these funds to stock our shelves with great new French and English books, along with games, robotics and STEM activities and other library materials.

We will earn 50% back on our net sales for this book fair. Subsequent fairs can see up to a 70% return, making this an unbeatable fundraiser.

Students are invited to visit the book fair during recesses all week from Tuesday October 10th to Friday, October 13th. Each class will have a designated time every day. Your child is welcome to bring cash any day next week to shop.

Please join us for an evening with
SARA WESTBROOK

A child's emotional state affects their performance at school, their relationships and their physical & mental well-being. Emotions can be hard to identify, to move through and hardest of all...to talk about.

NURTURING YOUR CHILD'S EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING
DATE: Tuesday October 17th TIME: 6:30 - 7:45pm

In this presentation, parents and guardians will learn
3 Strategies to help develop:

Resilience and Emotional Well-Being in Children

Using the **3 Strategies** with your child helps them:

- Navigate emotions
- Decrease anxiety and stress
- Strengthen their confidence muscle
- Communicate with empathy, respect & kindness
- Master the skill of making character-based choices

"Your presentation was absolutely phenomenal! I learned so much more than I have ever learned in my now 13 years of parenting. Thank you for taking the time to share such applicable information during a time such as this."
Parent / St Gerald / TCDSB

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www.sarawestbrook.com

Some important notes:

- While there are some bargain books available, the lowest-priced book is usually around \$6.50.
- At this fair we will have the posters and boutique section available (boutique items range from .75 bookmarks and pencils to fancy mechanical pens and diaries for \$10+. Some parents request that their child purchase books only. Please discuss your expectations with your child prior to sending them with money. If you're sending money in a ziploc bag, you are welcome to include a note ie. "books only" or "at least one book" and our volunteers will do their best to follow your instruction.
- We are able to accept cheques made out to Roch Carrier French Immersion school, however we cannot provide change for cheques so students will need to purchase as close to the cheque amount as possible.

Update on Fire Alarm Wed Oct 4:

Just wanted to update families that we did have an unexpected fire alarm go off on Wednesday during our second nutrition break. It was not a drill. There was no fire, a sensor in the area being renovated went off. The response of the staff and students was phenomenal, they followed their protocols seamlessly, waited patiently for the Fire Department to clear the building, and then resumed their activities once we were given the all clear. I had always wondered about how things would go if there was ever an emergency alarm during recess, now I know that it won't be any issue for us. I was so proud of everyone.

Please don't forget: all Family Weekly Memos can be found (sorted by year) on our school website at <https://rochcarrier.tvdsb.ca/en/our-school/school-newsletters.aspx>

Dates to Remember:

Oct 12 - Open House 6pm (flyer coming soon with details)

Oct 17 - Sarah Westbrook (second presentation for students) and Parent Night 6:30 pm

Oct 23 - Immunization Gr 7&8

Oct 24 - Great Big Crunch; RCHSA meeting

Oct 27 - Great Pumpkin Run

Oct 31 - Orange/Black/Purple Day

Nov 10 - Photo Retakes

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