

RCFI Weekly Memo to Families from Administration Sept 25 Edition

MISSION: TO IMPROVE OUR STUDENTS' ORAL PROFICIENCY IN FRENCH

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

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PICTURE DAY Tuesday Sept 26!

Snack Program

We are looking for volunteers to help with our snack program that started this week. 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),

Roch Carrier Home and School Association/School Council Meeting

Please join us for our first combined meeting on **Thurs September 28th at 6:30pm** in our new 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.

Orange Shirt Day: Every Child Matters (Friday)

On September 30th we invite students and staff to wear orange as we recognize "Orange Shirt Day". This is a day we remember the indigenous children who were sent to residential schools from the mid 1800s up to the 1990s. In class, teachers will share age-specific stories to help students understand the reason for this day of recognition. To learn more, search "Orange Shirt Day CBC kids" for a child-friendly resource, or visit orangeshirtday.org to learn more about the history of Orange Shirt Day and hear stories from residential school survivors. Since September 30 is a Saturday this year, we are asking students to wear Orange on Friday September 29th.

Rowan's Law Day (Wednesday)

Every year, the last Wednesday in September is Rowan's Law Day – a day to increase awareness for students, staff, and parents/guardians about concussions and to share the story of Rowan Stringer, a 17 year-old rugby player who died after being hit in the head twice in less than a week while playing high school rugby. It was the belief that she could shake it off and get back in the game that ultimately ended Rowan Stringer's life. Concussions in sport are a recognized health concern – but brain injuries are not limited to people who play sports. Everyone is at risk.

All TVDSB staff are encouraged to wear purple (in-person or remotely), in recognition of Rowan's Law on Wednesday September 27, 2023.

Franco-Ontarien Day (Monday)

September 25 is Franco-Ontarian Day. It's an important opportunity to recognize the francophone community's cultural, social and economic contributions. It also celebrates the important role that francophones have played for centuries in shaping Ontario as a diverse and inclusive place to live, work and raise a family. We ask students to wear green and/or white on Monday September 25th.

Extended Absences

Regular attendance at school does have an impact on academic success. We understand that circumstances will arise throughout the school year that require students to be absent from school during the school year. If your family will be away for an extended period of time (ie. in excess of 10 consecutive school days) please let the school know well in advance of your departure. A plan of study will need to be created for your child(ren) for work that will need to be completed while they are away.

Things to Watch for Coming Home:

Intermediate (Gr 7&8) Coed Soccer team information (Coaches: Mme Boomen and Mme Beatty) as well as Cross Country Running (Gr 3-8) (Coaches: Mme Roth and Mme Hughes), Dairy Days field trip for Gr 4s

Please don't forget: all Family Weekly Memos can be found (sorted by year) on our school website at

Dates to Remember:

Sept 25 - Francophonie Day (wear green and white)

Sept 26 - Picture Day (revised date)

Sept 27 - Rowan's Law Day (wear purple)

Sept 28 - combined School Council/Roch Carrier Home and School Association meeting 6:30 pm in library

Sept 29 - Orange Shirt Day (wear orange)

Oct 6 - PD Day

Oct 9 - Thanksgiving Monday

Oct 12 - Open House 6pm

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

Your devoted Administrator,

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