



## Rawdon District School Newsletter

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### Principal's Message:

#### Welcome Back Everyone!

On behalf of all of our staff we welcome new and returning students back to Rawdon District for what will be a fantastic year! *Special shout out to our new pre-primaries and their teachers who are part of our learning community for the first time.*

It has been a sincere pleasure getting to know all of these AWESOME kids! Our staff at Rawdon District is committed to a positive year filled with learning opportunities to support and foster growth in all of our students. I am proud to work with this staff—the time and effort they spent this summer preparing for this coming year is commendable! Thank you staff! I also want to extend a sincere thank you to our Home and School group and our School Advisory Council who have welcomed me aboard and for the hard work and commitment they have demonstrated this summer. I hope you had a chance to see the changes made to the front foyer and

cafeteria during our Meet the Teacher/Ice Cream Social night—These spaces look amazing!

Please know that if you have any questions or concerns we want to hear from you. Our students need to know that all the adults in their life are working in tandem together to support them.

#### Bussing:

Hopefully by now, everyone has figured out their morning and afternoon stops, know their bus drivers and when they will be picked up and dropped off.

Anytime your child is to travel to a different stop, a **note needs to be written. This can not be left to the child to tell us where he/she is going.** Please be detailed with your note to the administration, including the **full name and civic address of your child's destination.**



Anyone driving students in the morning are reminded that they cannot be dropped off before 7:50 a.m. and please do not leave your vehicles unattended where the busses will be traveling. This is for everyone's safety. Instruction starts at 8:10 a.m..

**All bussing concerns should be directed to Lori MacDonald at 758-4614.**

#### Staff:

P/1—Ms. Phalen  
1/2—Ms. Manning  
2/3—Ms. Macumber  
4/5—Mr. Timmons  
5/6—Ms. Greenough

Reading Recovery & Early Literacy Support—Ms. Ettinger  
Behaviour Support—Mrs. Martin  
Resource—Mrs. Dickson  
French—Mme Davis-Ward  
Music—Ms. MacNeil  
Phys. Ed.—Mrs Hicks-McCully

EA—Mrs Bond  
EA—Mrs Weatherhead Power  
EA—Mrs Cole

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#### Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- ☺ **Sept 05th:** Meet the Teacher /Ice Cream Social: 6:00-7-00
- ☺ **Sept. 6th**—First Day of School for Students
- ☺ **Sept 13th**— Stand Up. Speak Out
- ☺ **Sept 21st:** Terry Fox Run in the afternoon
- ☺ **Sept 24th:** SAC & Home & School at 7:30
- ☺ **Sept 26th**— Picture Day
- ☺ **Sept 27th**— End of Month Assembly
- ☺ **Sept. 28th**—Site Based PD (No School for Students)
- ☺ **Oct. 4th**—Regional PD Day

### Parent Information

Please ensure all forms your child brought home are returned immediately to the school. This information is necessary to ensure we have current information on all students.

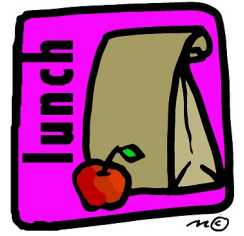
Given the fact that the school must be able to contact parents immediately if a child becomes sick at school, it is vital that parents provide current contact phone numbers and names of people to call in case of illness or an emergency.

Please contact the school if there are any changes to these "contact numbers". You now have a copy of the Parent Handbook. All parents are requested to read the handbook to acquaint themselves with the information provided about Rawdon District School and our routines.



## Milk Program & Hot Lunch Program:

The hot lunch program and milk program have now started. A huge Thank you to Patti, our cook, who does a fantastic job! The menu has come home for the month. If you are able, we ask that parents/guardians fill out the lunch slips for the entire month and send money back the next day. This is to help ensure enough food is purchased and to make the accounting end more manageable for the school. If a payment plan needs to be worked out please contact us and we can work that out. Last minute orders will not be guaranteed a lunch that is on the menu and may end up being a sandwich or soup, depending upon supplies. **We would never let a student go hungry.** Thank you for your understanding of this. Money should be the correct change and cheques made out to Rawdon District School. Milk is not included in the \$2.00 lunch, so if you would like milk, be sure to add that to your order. **Milk cost \$0.40.**



## SAC & Home & School:

The SAC and the Home & School will have their first meeting on **September 24th at 7:30 at the school**. We welcome all newcomers to the meeting as we discuss opportunities to continually improve what we do and come up with new fundraising ideas. Information will also be shared concerning CCRCE's initiatives and RDS initiatives and updates.

## Parent Portal (Powerschool)/ Swift K12 Solutions:

CCRCE is using Powerschool as a way to communicate to parents/guardians in our school board. Everyone has or will receive a username and password to create a Powerschool account, which will allow you to see communications from the school through a daily bulletin, to see attendance, and to start tracking your son/daughter's grades in a minimum of one subject. At Curriculum Night, teachers will share with you what subject they will be publishing on Grade Book, so you have an idea of what to look for. Anyone needing support with Powerschool is advised to contact the school and we will see what we can do. Swift K12 is a way for us to communicate information to you. A letter was sent home with information regarding what types of communication you would like to receive and how you would like to be contacted. Please refer to the letter for information on how to review your Contact Preferences.

## School Website:

A great way to keep up to date on what is happening at RDS is to check in with either Parent Portal or the school website.

Please visit: <http://rde.ccrsb.ca>

You will find copies of newsletters, lunch menus, a calendar of school events and reminders. Please note: We are currently in the process of updating the site.

**Terry Fox Run:** Students and staff at RDS will be completing a school Terry Fox Run on **Friday, September 21st**.

**Student Success Plan:** The school community is responsible for developing the school's improvement plan. Student Success Plan (SSP) begins with a review of data/evidence to help determine where the school appears to be effective and where improvements are needed. Our SSP is solid and we are examining strategies to support student learning. The goals that are set will be supported by teachers who are engaged in continuous learning aligned with the strategies in the school's improvement plan.

We will update you as the year progresses on our goals and the implementation process. As a school team we are excited to continue this important work that fosters student success.

## Provincial Assessments:

Provincial Elementary Assessments will take place between October 9<sup>th</sup>—October 19<sup>th</sup>. Grade 6 students will be completing the RWM6, which covers reading, writing and math and is a 4 day assessment. The exact dates that students at RDS will be writing the Provincial Exam will be communicated at a later date.



It is important that on these days, students come well rested, have had a good breakfast, and arrive on time. If students are sick or not feeling 100%, there are make-up days for time missed.

## Stand Up! Speak Out!: Words Matter!

Stand Up. Speak Out: Words Matter! *Stand Up. Speak Out. 2018 Day of Action!*

On September 13<sup>th</sup>, CCRCE will begin its sixth year of *Stand Up. Speak Out*. This is a school-board movement and commitment to Social Justice, anti-bullying and positive, healthy relationships!

As a school community we will discuss this important topic in detail on the 13<sup>th</sup> in our classrooms however, this is a topic we will re-inforce throughout the entire year in all school spaces: buses, hallways, playground etc.

It is important to recognize the complexity of bullying, so in the last couple of years a deeper conversation about social justice has emerged as an important piece of *Stand Up. Speak Out*. This has proven to be an important topic with our students, and led to the theme of this year's event: **Words Matter. Resources for students and families**

If you want to learn more about CCRSB's approach to healthy relationships visit [www.ccrce.ca/standup](http://www.ccrce.ca/standup). You can access lots of information at this site.