



Rawdon District School Newsletter

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Principal's Message:

What a pleasure it is to work each day with these **awesome** students at RDS! One month of school has passed already—can you believe it? It definitely feels like fall is here so this is a good reminder to make sure students are wearing warm clothes on those cold days. We have had a great start to the school year! Everyone has been settling into routines, working on following school expectations and practicing September's virtue "Orderliness".

Our students are receiving PAWS for positive behaviours and demonstrating good work ethic in the classroom as well as all other areas throughout school. We are all proud of their great start to the 2018-19 school year! Highlights of the month in-

clude our Ice Cream Social, Stand Up Speak Out activities, and the Terry Fox Run. Our students participated and in a number of important safety drills as well, such as Fire Drills, Code Blue Lockdown and Bus Evacuation drills. As a staff we are committed to providing a safe, and positive learning environment for all. We have some great experiences planned for our students so keep checking those agendas. Parents can you also please initial notes that teachers send home—this let's teachers know you have read the messages. Thanks!

Another important reminder— All parents and guardians are asked to check in at

the office if they arrive during the day. If picking up students at any point during the day parents/guardians need to sign students out at the office.

Bussing:

Just a reminder to everyone to be sure to fill out bus notes on a separate piece of paper and to include full names and addresses. Any busing concerns should be directed to Ms. Lori MacDonald @ 902-758-4614

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Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- ☺ Oct—Mi'Mkaq Heritage Month
- ☺ Oct 02—Orange Shirt Day
- ☺ Oct 4 - Professional Development (No School)
- ☺ Oct 8th: Thanksgiving (No School)
- ☺ Oct. 12th: Fire Safety Presentations
- ☺ Oct 9-19: Grade 6 Assessment
- ☺ Oct 24th: Picture Retakes
- ☺ Oct. 26—Provincial Conference (No school)
- ☺ Oct 31st—Costume or Orange & Black Day

Students in the Spotlight:

We want to hear about all of the wonderful things the students in our school are doing. This news can be about receiving a badge in swimming, 4-H accomplishments, involvement in beavers/scouts, bowling, singing at church, earning babysitting course. This can be absolutely anything. Please if you or your child is proud of something...then it is **worth**

celebrating. Just fill in name, grade, and a brief description, and it will either be said on the announcements or go home in next month's newsletter.

Name: _____

Grade: _____

Accomplishment: _____



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Little Tidbits of Information & Sharing:

Volunteer Forms:

Everyone is reminded that if they are hoping to volunteer on any class trips or in our classrooms, volunteer packages must be completed and sent into the school. These packages include a criminal record check.

This is a CCRSB policy and must be adhered to. Thank you!

We are especially looking for male volunteers! Not having male volunteers limits us as to what our trips may be!



Emergency Codes:

To ensure the safety of our students and staff we practice emergency codes in case of an emergency. Code Red is when our fire alarm rings and everyone evacuates quickly and quietly. We will have at least two more of these this fall. Code Blue is our Lock Down which we practice in case of an intruder or an outside threat of some sort. When there is a Code Blue, doors are shut and locked and students move to a secure location in the class. If your child talks about this, they are practice drills that we must do at least two times each year. Code Black is relocation and our relocation is to the Rawdon Community Hall. This will be practiced during the month of October.

We are going to have the RCMP onsite for Code Black, as directed by the Board. This is all practice and we will be sure to communicate that to all of the students.

In the event of a real Code Black parents/guardians may be instructed to pick up their children at the fire hall. Parent/guardians would be contacted if the need arose and only designated individuals will be allowed to remove children from that site.

The Virtue of the Month for October is:

COURTESY

Is being polite and having good manners. When you speak and act courteously, you give others a feeling of being valued and respected



SAC/Home and School

SAC (School Advisory Council) is a group made up of parents, teachers, support staff, community members, and the principal. This group meets once a month and discusses school improvement, any issues or concerns brought forth from the school community or any fundraising needs. Please come out and help....it's for the children :)

All are welcome at our next meeting on Tuesday, October 22nd at 6:30 PM. Would love to see you there!!