



Rawdon District School Newsletter

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Principal's Message:

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful holiday! 2019 is here and we are looking forward to all the great things 2019 has in store. In January we are having a Family Literacy Night. This event was very well attended last year and is shaping up to be a fantastic evening. We really hope you and your child(ren) can attend. If there is any trouble with obtaining transportation to attend this event please get in touch with us so we can assist. Families can look forward to fun and informative sessions/stations, giveaways and draws, local authors will be here to read to the children and more. We certainly hope the weather cooperates!

Speaking of weather—this has been the harshest winter so far I can recall and as I write the wind chill is -13. Please be sure that students are coming to school dressed for the weather (hats and mittens—2 pairs) and for playing outdoors at recess and lunch. Please have a change of clothes in your child's bag or classroom as a back up. With snow a possibility any day, sleigh-coasting may be a recess and noon time activity; but students **must have snow pants and boots to participate.**

We had such a wonderful December and are so thankful for all the volunteers, and our School Advisory/Home and School groups who made the many activities from crafts, dinners, bazaars, Christmas Concerts and beyond a huge success. A special thank you to our cook Patti who put in many many hours that week preparing the meal for our Turkey Dinner. It was best meal I have ever had at a school function. Rawdon District School is a wonderful place to come to school and we so appreciate all of the different people that are a part of our school community.

Primary Registration is fast approaching. Please read the information on the following page and pass along to anyone you think it may apply to.

Pre-Primary registration - Registration this year will take place via the website <http://www.ccrce.ca/pre-primary-program> . Please pass on this information to anyone you know that may be interested.

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Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- ☺ Jan 3rd: (Back to school)
- ☺ Jan 17th: Primary Registration
- ☺ Jan 21: SAC/Home and School meeting 6:30
- ☺ Jan 24: Family Literacy Night 6:00-7:30 . Back-up date is Tuesday Jan 29
- ☺ Feb 18th: Holiday
- ☺ March 08: Assessment and Evaluation: No school for students
- ☺ March 18th-22nd: March Break



Student Success Plan Update

Our school continues to work on our school improvement goals through our 'Student Success Plan' for 2018-19.

Students and teachers have been working very hard on our Literacy and Math goals to improve student achievement.

Literacy Goal: increase student achievement in literacy. As we continue to try and increase our student's performance in this area teachers have been working diligently supporting students with their literacy learning and collecting reading and writing classroom data. During the first part of the year we have had many sessions with our literacy mentor to support and further our practice in the area of Guided Reading and Writing. Teachers have been working with small groups of students on a daily basis in their guided reading/writing groups.

Math Goal: increase student achievement in Math. Teachers have been working throughout the year with a focus on Math Talk Moves and The Three Part Lesson. The teachers at RDS will have the opportunity again this year to work with teachers at KDS. This includes grade level lesson planning, teaching of the lesson and reflection after the lesson.

We look forward to seeing the growth of our students as the school year continues!

Primary Registration

Anyone who has a child that will be 5 by December 31, 2019 is asked to contact the school and come to our 'Primary Registration' day on Thursday, January 17th, 2019. This day is an opportunity to register your child as well as a chance to meet with Public Health personnel who will be here to see your son/daughter. Please be prepared to stay for a short visit. Appointments will be made between 8:30 and 11:00.

If you know of anyone who has a child who will turn 5 by the end of December 2019, please pass this message along, and get them to give the school a call if they have any questions or concerns.

Students **must** have a **birth certificate, Health card and proof of residency** in order to register for school. If this is something you still need, please check in with the websites below.

<http://www.vitalcertificates.ca/nova-scotia/birth-certificate/>

<http://gov.ns.ca/health/msi/>

Please contact us at 632-6660 or pass this information along to anyone who may benefit from it.



January's Virtue Respect

We show respect by speaking and acting with courtesy. We treat others with dignity and honour and the rules of our family, school and nation.

Respect yourself and others will respect you.



Early French Immersion

Anyone considering Early French Immersion for their child should be aware of the Early French Immersion Information Session which is scheduled for Elmsdale District School on Wednesday, January 23rd, 2019, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Storm date will be Thursday, January 24th, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

PAWS AWARDS & VIRTUE AWARDS

PAWS



Grade Primary/1:

Reese Maynard & Logan Borden

Grade 1/2:

Julia MacWilliam & Austin MacAskill

Grade 2/3:

Ashley MacPhee & Dylan Sanford

Grade 4/5:

Connor Hadley & Madison Sanford

Grade 5/6:

Makaiya Singer & Isabelle Turner

The Virtue for December was:
Compassion

Virtue Winners:

Grade Primary: Kaylee Robinson

Grade 1/2: Cameron Hood

Grade 2/3: Madison Miller

Grade 4/5: Cohen Bond

Grade 5/6: Laila Jones

Congratulations everyone!!