



## 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! We have had an wonderful first week of school and look forward to many more.

I am very excited to be back at RDS and am committed to a positive year filled with learning opportunities to support and foster growth for 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 for their hard work and their commitment to supporting our students.

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 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.**

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 students cannot be dropped off before 7:50 a.m. and please do not leave your vehicles unattended where the busses will be travelling. This is for everyone's safety. Instruction starts at 8:10a.m.

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



#### Staff:

P Ms. Phalen  
1/2 Ms. Manning  
2/3 Ms. Martin & Mrs. Dickson  
4/5 Ms. Macumber  
5/6 Ms. Greenough

#### Reading Recovery & Early Literacy Support— Ms. Ettinger

Resource Mrs. Dickson  
French Mme Larson  
Music Ms. Bowman  
Phys. Ed. Mrs Hicks-McCully

EA Mrs Bond  
EA Mrs Weatherhead Power  
EA Ms. Doucette

#### Specialist Days:

PE Monday and Thursday  
Music Monday and Friday  
Library Wednesday (thank you to our wonderful library volunteers)  
French Tuesday, Thursday and Friday for Grade 4, 5 and 6 students

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#### Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- ☺ **Sept 12th**— Stand Up. Speak Out - How to be an Ally
- ☺ **Sept. 18th**—Picture Day
- ☺ **Sept 19th**—Terry Fox Run
- ☺ **Sept. 27th**—Site Based PD (No School for Students)
- ☺ **Sept. 30th**— Reconciliation Day—Wear an orange shirt
- ☺ **October 4**—End of Month Assembly 11:30

### Parent Information

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

If for any reason the school needs to contact home it is vital that we have current contact phone numbers and names of people to call in case of illness or an emergency.

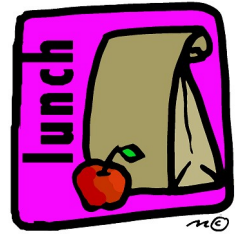
Please contact the school if there are any changes to these "contact numbers". Please read the Parent Handbook, now part of the Student Agenda, that was sent home to acquaint yourself with the information provided about Rawdon District School and our routines.

Thank you for your attention to this request.



## 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; Juice (Apple and Orange): cost \$0.60.**



We do not have any restrictions on certain foods not allowed at the school due to allergies although we do have a student who has a sensitivity to egg and coconut. That being said it does not mean you cannot send these foods to school. Children need healthy foods to grow their bodies and brains so in keeping with our Healthy Nutrition Policy please always pack healthy and nutritious foods in lunches. The school day is a busy day full of lots of brain work and physical activity and healthy foods will keep the children fueled for the entire day. Thank you!

## SAC & Home & School:

The SAC and the Home & School welcome all newcomers to meetings as we discuss opportunities to continually improve what we do to support students at RDS. Information will also be shared concerning CCRCE's initiatives and RDS initiatives and updates. Please stay tuned for information regarding our monthly meeting date. We hope to have this confirmed very soon.

## School Website:

A great way to keep up to date on what is happening at RDS is to check in with either the Parent Portal or 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 **Thursday, September 19th**. Please note that this is a change from the date in the Parent Handbook. Pledge forms have been sent home, although please understand that pledging is voluntary. All students will be participating whether they collected pledges or not. Students should dress appropriately.

## 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. 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.

## Provincial Assessments:

Provincial Elementary Assessments will take place between October 7<sup>th</sup>—October 18<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 there are make-up days for time missed.

## Stand Up! Speak Out!: How to be an Ally!

Stand Up. Speak Out: "How to be an Ally" kick off day was September 12, 2019.

This is CCRCE's seventh 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 in our school and it will be reinforced throughout the entire year in all school spaces: buses, hallways, playground, etc.

**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 goals 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.

