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Rickson Ridge School Newsletter

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"Where Children Come First"



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October has been a busy, busy month! We have had a number of trips, presenters, sporting events and lots of learning so far this year. River Run performances start soon, with the school council graciously paying for all busses this year eliminating cost to families.

First term Progress Reports will come home November 16th. Continue your wonderful efforts to support your child's education. Remember that the most valuable resource you can give your child is your time!

REPORT CARDS



Progress reports come home November 16th this year. This report is not an evaluation of your child's achievement. Rather, the purpose is to give students and parents early and specific feedback regarding general progress during the first two months of the school year. Evaluation or marks are included on the Term 1 and 2 reports in February and June.

SPORTS AT RICKSON



Intermediate and junior soccer teams have both had their tournaments and represented the school well at both tournaments. Cross country runners also had excellent results with meets held in Rockwood and at the Puslinch Community Centre. Thanks to the parents and staff who help to support these events.



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PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY

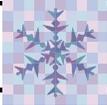
Picture re-take day will be November 16th @ 12:00pm
Original photo packages must come back for re-takes.



REMEMBRANCE DAY



This year our Remembrance Day services will be held on Friday November 11th. The assembly will be for all classes in the gym. Poppies will be handed out on Nov. 11th. Money donations for the poppies may be handed to teachers on November 10th or 11th. Thank you for your support in remembering our past and present members of the Armed Forces and Peace Corps.



OUTDOOR RECESS



The temperatures have been very inconsistent so far this year. However we are expecting the weather to get chilly and snow may fly soon. Please remember to assist your child in wearing the proper clothing to school. **Outdoor footwear for all students is necessary.** When wearing only one pair of shoes both inside and outside then dirt and mud are tracked into the school and it becomes onerous to keep the floors clean. All students are expected to participate in outdoor recess, as this important, activity break aids in concentration and success in the classroom.



PLAYGROUND



The playground typically closes on Nov. 1st each year and opens again in the spring. It closes due to safety, cool weather, slippery equipment and frozen grounds. We will close it if these conditions become an issue. Frost has already been on the ground and winter is just around the corner.

Integrity

Ally

Responsibility

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JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Important changes to Junior Kindergarten French Immersion registration and selection process

The Junior Kindergarten registration process for the upcoming 2017-18 school year has changed, including changes to how students register and are selected for the UGDSB French Immersion program.

Every UGDSB school that offers FI at the JK level will have a cap on the number of students who can enrol in FI, starting Sept. 2017. JK is the only access point to FI as of Sept. 2017. Parents and guardians must register their children in FI between Jan. 9 and Jan. 26, 2016 for their application to be considered 'on-time.' Please note that registration will take place in person, and that registration is NOT prioritized on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information on JK registration and the FI registration and selection process, please visit www.ugdsb.on.ca/jkfi.

SAFETY PATROLLERS

We are extremely proud of the efforts of our School Safety Patrollers this year. They have endured a wide range of weather already, and are regularly on their posts eager to assist all of our students with crossing safely. Our kindergarten helpers in the yard and on the buses have worked diligently to transport students and to provide kind support. Thank you for respecting our patrollers as they assist all families in crossing safely.

Thank you to all patrollers! Keep up the good work!

CLOTHING DRIVE

School Council is running a clothing drive from Nov 1st to Nov 11th.

Please clean your closets and donate clothes. Clothes will go to needy families. You will also have an opportunity to give a small donation and purchase clothes that will be on display during our Interview evening or PD day on Nov. 25th

Upcoming Events

October	Event
Nov 2	Grade 5 to Eco-Stars
Nov 3	Grade 5 to Eco-Stars
Nov 10	Poinsettia Orders due
Nov 11	Remembrance Assembly
Nov 15	School Council
Nov 16	Picture Re-take day
Nov 16	Progress Reports home
Nov 21	Bully Prevention Week
Nov 22	VIP grade 6
Nov 23	Poinsettia Orders pick up
Nov 24	Interview Evening
Nov 25	PA Day
Nov 28	Water First Presentations grade 7
Nov 28	Grade 7 & 8 Immunizations
Nov 29	Water First Presentation grade 8

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November Environmental & Character Education Theme

Save energy – show your COURAGE by being a leader

Saving energy and reducing the use of electricity is necessary to help our planet. Electricity is a type of energy that was discovered over 100 years ago. One of the most common ways to make electricity is by converting other energy sources, such as coal, natural gas, and oil or solar, wind and falling water. Right now we get most of our energy from nonrenewable energy sources, which include the fossil fuels — oil, natural gas, and coal. Unfortunately the burning of fossil fuels to produce power causes air pollution and is linked to global warming and climate change, which is the gradual, harmful, increasing temperature on our planet. But the good news is that recently Ontario became the first province in Canada to no longer make electricity using coal-fired power plants! And we as individuals can also help solve this problem by learning more about it and making energy conservation one of our goals at school and home.

Did you know? Turning off the lights in one classroom for one hour keeps over two pounds of pollutants out of the environment. Let's remember to turn the switch off whenever we leave an empty room.

We all can make a difference in helping the environment. Demonstrate your courage in making a difference and conserving energy by enforcing the following tips at home. Set your home's thermostat a few degrees lower in the winter or a few degrees higher in the summer. Your family will save money and reduce greenhouse emissions. Turn off lights and all electronics (like computers, televisions, stereos, and video-games) when you leave a room. Use machines like washers, dryers, and dishwashers only when there is a full load and after 8pm when energy consumption is lower. Open your blinds or curtains on sunny winter days to let the sun shine into and warm your home. In the summer remember to close them and keep the hot sun out. It takes courage to make changes to your own habits and help others to do the same. But you have what it takes to be an environmental leader!

Global Warming is not Cool! - Let's go green, everyone!

Helping your child with difficult situations

Life is full of things that are hard to deal with. Sometimes children need help in dealing with these events. "Resiliency" is what helps adults and children to "bounce back" from the difficult events in life. The best way to help your child be more resilient is to model the skills for them. Here are some ideas that you can try:

Starting at birth, respond to baby's smiles and cooing by smiling and cooing back often.

Comfort your child when he or she is upset. Hugs and a quiet voice can go a long way in calming a child.

Teach your child to take deep breaths to calm down when they are upset and then talk when they are relaxed.

Help your child to see another way of looking at things: "I know that you want to play with that toy. Tom waited for the toy and now it is his turn. He would be sad if you took it away."

Instead of making your child say "sorry", talk about his or her feelings and the feelings of the other person involved in the event.

At night when you put your child to bed ask them to think of one positive thing that happened to them that day. You could share something too.

Point out your child's strengths: "Hey you rode that bike by yourself!"

Encourage your child to keep trying even if something is hard.

Read positive, happy stories together.

Give your child lots of time to play. Help them play with other children in a positive way.

If you would like more ideas and information on raising a resilient child go to <http://www.reachinginreachingout.com/resources-parents.htm>