

RRM Email Blast Sept. 15, 2019:

1. Thanks to all families who have returned the paperwork package we sent home the first week of school. We would appreciate ALL forms being returned by this Friday at the latest.

2. Students in Grades 1 – 6 are using Agendas in their classroom again this year. We appreciate all families who have paid for these agendas, either online at <https://www.schoolcashionline.com/> or sending in \$7.00 cash per Agenda with your child.

3. The annual **Terry Fox School Run** is coming up on Sept. 26th. Families are welcome to join us. This year our school has a goal of raising **\$500.00 or \$5 a student**. The Terry Fox Foundation has a great reputation, with \$.79 cents of every dollar raised going directly to cancer research. Donate online at <http://www.terryfox.ca/RossRMackKayPSHillsburgh> or by simply giving your student \$5 to bring before or on the Run Day. For more information, visit terryfox.org

4. We will be having a School Spirit Day EVERY Wednesday at RRM. Sometimes it will be a special Spirit Day (like Crazy Hair Day or Hat Day) but most days it will simply be a 'wear school colours or school clothing day'. A reminder that School Clothing is on sale online until the end of September if you are interested. Also, if your child has outgrown a school clothing item and you'd like to donate it back to the school, please send in with your child.

5. We will be starting our Safety Drills this week. The safety and well-being of our students is our highest priority. Although we hope that an incident that requires response from emergency personnel will never occur in our school, we must be prepared to respond quickly and effectively in case it does. Each year our school must conduct drills to ensure staff and students are prepared in the event of a real emergency. The following number of drills are required each school year:
 - Three (3) fire drills in the fall and three (3) fire drills in the spring
 - Two (2) lockdown drills
 - One (1) tornado drill
 - One (1) bomb threat drill

For each of these drills, there is an education component to explain why they are necessary. All drills are conducted in a manner that is sensitive to the needs of our students.

6. We hope you've blocked off your Calendar on the evening of Thurs. Sept. 26 (5:00 – 7:00 PM) as we are hosting our back to school OPEN HOUSE. School Council will be offering pizza dinner for families who are interested. Additional information will be sent home this week.

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