

RRM Email Blast Sept. 21, 2019:

1. We have several changes in Staffing to share with our school community.
 - Mrs. Bonnie Gerritts, our new Office Coordinator, will be officially starting at RRM on Mon., Sept. 30 but will be visiting us for a couple of 1/2 days this week as well (Wed. and Thurs.). We thank Mrs. Darlene Gallagher who has been filling in until this transition has been completed.
 - We have hired Miss Amber Ennis for the full time contract position in our new Kindergarten class. She is currently in a long-term occasional kindergarten position at Ponsonby Public School so her first official day will also be Mon. Sept. 30. Miss Vanessa Resende will continue to cover this class until that time.
 - We have hired Ms. Jacklyn Quinn for the 0.2 contract position (Day 5) for the planning that came along with the new Kindergarten class. Her first official day with us will be on Tues., Oct. 1 as she is currently in a long-term occasional kindergarten position at Glenbrook.
 - Ms. Kaitlyn Smith, who has had the 0.8 (Days 1-4) Grade 3/4 position, (currently on maternity leave) was successful in applying to a 1.0 (full-time) Grade 4 position at Victoria Terrace. Unfortunately, this means that Mrs. Sarah Johnston's LTO position is no longer required and this position has been posted as a 0.4 (Days 1 – 4) contract position. We will be hiring at the end of this week or early next week. Mrs. Sarah Johnston will be covering the class until we hire.
 - Mme. Tammy Pearce, who has been on medical leave for the past few years, will no longer be attached to our staff at Ross R. MacKay but has become a 'system responsibility' now. This means that this French/Planning position will now turn into a contract position and has been posted. Again, we will be hiring for this position either at the end of this week or early next week.
 - Mrs. Debbie Burt, one of our part-time Educational Assistants, is off work due to medical reasons. We welcome Mrs. Lynda McLeod, an Occasional Educational Assistant, who will be filling in for Mrs. Burt until she returns and job-sharing position with Mrs. Linda Paul.

All of these changes are part of the September staffing process. We thank you for your understanding and flexibility as we work through these transitions.

2. We still have a few outstanding Paperwork packages and Agenda Payments. If families could support us by completing the paperwork sent home the first week and returning as soon as possible, we would appreciate it. For Agenda payments, we prefer online payment but you may also send in \$7.00 per Agenda with your child. Thanks to all families who have completed both.

3. The annual **Terry Fox School Run** is coming up on Sept. 26th. Families are welcome to join us from 12:10 until 1:00 (brief assembly in the gym followed by run on the Elora-Cataract Trail). This year our school has set a goal of raising **\$500.00 or \$5.00 a student**. We had a Grade Two student bring in \$182.50 this week so this is definitely the donation to beat. The Terry Fox Foundation has a great reputation, with \$0.79 cents of every dollar raised going directly to cancer research. Donate online at <http://www.terryfox.ca/RossRMacKayPSHillsburgh> or by simply giving your student \$5.00 (or more) 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 hope to see all families this Thurs. Sept. 26 (5:00 – 7:00 PM) as we are hosting our back to school OPEN HOUSE. For those families that ordered dinner, this will be served in the gym from 5:00 – 5:30. Classrooms will then be open from 5:30 – 7:00.
6. Backpack Check. Each family should have received a copy of our School Council Pizza Order Form. We strongly encourage you to order online on <https://www.schoolcashionline.com/>
7. A reminder that this Friday is a Professional Activity Day for our staff and there is no school for students.
8. RRM will be recognizing Orange Shirt Day (September 30th) This is a day when we honour the Indigenous children who were sent away to residential schools in Canada and learn more about the history of those schools. Want to learn more about the importance of this day yourself? Visit <http://www.orangeshirtday.org/> or <https://www.cbc.ca/kidscbc2/the-feed/what-is-orange-shirt-day>
9. Our first School Council Meeting is on Wed. Oct. 3 at 6:30 – 8:00 PM in the Library. We welcome all parents and guardians who are interested. If you require child-care, please let Ms. Armstrong know as soon as possible.

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