

## RRM Email Blast April 24, 2020

1. Thanks to our Office Coordinator, Mrs. Gerrits. She has processed all refunds for any outstanding School Council Food Days (full refunds for Hot-dog days as they had not yet started and partial refunds for Pizza Days). If your family paid online, there should be a refund in SchoolCashOnline. If you paid with a cash, you will receive a refund cheque in the mail. Thanks for your patience and understanding.
2. The link to the Special Education Parent Resources and Information Site is now live on the board website and every school's website.

<https://sites.google.com/ugcloud.ca/parentresourcesped/home>

3. If your child has been involved with our School's Speech & Language Pathologist this year or participates within Language Intervention Through Engaging Stories (LITES) program at school, please check your child's school Gmail account (ugcloud.ca) for message(s) from your school speech and language team.
4. We know that many families are requiring additional data related to working and learning at home. Attached, please find a flyer detailing local internet options. This information may be helpful for your family if you wish to explore additional options.

We recognize that this may entail an additional cost. The Government is providing some funding to support families.

Eligible parents will receive a one-time per child payment of:

- \$200 for children aged 0 to 12
- \$250 for children or youth aged 0 to 21 with special needs

This funding can help parents with the costs of work books, educational apps, educational subscription services, movies and other tools to support learning at home.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-support-families>

And, if for any reason, your family would benefit from having an additional device at home, RRM still has some Chromebooks and iPads that we can loan to your family during this period of Distance Learning. Please just let us know and we will coordinate a time for your to pick it up at the school.

5. For our Grade Six graduating class, we wanted to let you know that if you ordered a Grad Sweatshirt, Mr. Robnik is having them delivered to his home and we will figure out a way to distribute them safely to your homes. Also, rest assured that we will in some way still have a Graduation...even if it means postponing it until the Fall.
  
6. We'd like to offer a Family Challenge. For our Twitter Page (@RossRMacKayPS), we'd love to share pictures of your child engaging in distance learning at home. If you have a picture of your child, either email it to Ms. Armstrong at [tracy.armstrong@ugdsb.on.ca](mailto:tracy.armstrong@ugdsb.on.ca) or send it to her by text at (519) 215-3771.