

École Publique Rideau Public School

Newsletter

December 2017

Principal's Message - Mr. Seiveright

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." – Aesop

As we head into December, we are struck by the incredible generosity of our students and families. At this time of year, we have many opportunities to reach out to our broader Kingston community, and our students are stepping up and showing us again how amazing they are.

We ended November with a Movember Moustache Day on the 30th. Student Council organized this event in support of men's health, selling novelty moustaches for 25 cents and running a black and white spirit day. Over \$100 was raised. The next day was the Jingle Bell Run all across Kingston, in support of the Partners in Mission Food Bank. Mme Salter's class challenged the school to bring in enough food to outweigh Mr. Seiveright, Mrs. Marshall, and Mr. Davison (243 kg!) and we beat our goal by 5 kg – Way to go Rhinos!

Throughout December, leading up to the winter break, we will continue to support other Kingston organizations. Our student council is partnering with Lion Hearts in a project called Cold War. As we usually do, we will collect hats, mitts and socks on the Giving Tree in our foyer, and this year we will also gladly accept new or gently-used warm clothing to be distributed to families in need. Finally, Mr. Baker's 3 English classes will be preparing food baskets for the Salvation Army, to help bring a wonderful holiday meal to local families. Thank you for your support as we reach out to our community in this giving season.

We welcome all feedback; please share any concerns or questions you might have – simply phone us at 546-5901 or send us an email at ridea@limestone.on.ca. Please follow us on Twitter @RideauPS_LDSB, and check out our website

<http://rideaupublicschool.limestone.on.ca>

Winter Family Extravaganza

We are very excited to invite our families to join us on Thursday December 14 from 2:15 – 3:30 for a Winter Family Extravaganza. A flyer went home with details last week, and is posted to our website. We hope to see everyone there!



What's a Tree Nut??

We have asked families to not send tree nuts to school, due to allergies in several of our classes. If you are confused over what classifies as a 'tree nut', Health Canada has a very clear guideline available on their website at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/reports-publications/food-safety/tree-nuts-priority-food-allergens.html>. Thank you for helping to keep our students with anaphylactic allergies safe!

Movie Night



Parent Advisory Council is hosting a Holiday Movie Night Event on Thursday, December 14 from 5:30-8pm. We will start by showing highlights from our Winter Family Extravaganza, and will be watching



The Emoji Movie starting at 6:30pm. The Emoji Movie is rated G in Canada, although there is some 'potty' humour and mildly frightening scenes. Common Sense Media says "it never gets too intense for young elementary schoolers". Parents are encouraged to read the full review at

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/movie-reviews/the-emoji-movie#> and decide if it is suitable for your family. There will be pizza and drinks for purchase as well as popcorn. Hope to see you there! Look for a flyer in your child's backpack.

School Advisory Council (SAC)

The SAC is a great way for parents and guardians to get involved in life at Rideau. The SAC advises the Principal on a variety of issues and matters of concern, hosts a variety of special events throughout the year, and plays a critical role in raising funds for playground equipment, new technology, library resources, and other items. The last SAC meeting of 2017 will be held on Wednesday, December 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Staff Room. All parents and guardians of the Rideau Community are invited to attend. Child care is available for Rideau students.

Dismissal Time Update

Thank you for your support of our new dismissal time procedures. We have noticed a great deal less congestion at our MacDonnell St. gate during bus loading, making it easier and safer to get all of our students on their right buses.

We do still continue to have some parents using the MacDonnell St. gate after school, and we ask that you use the Park St. or Toronto St. gate to access the school yard. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

We realize that with this new procedure, the Toronto St. gate, and also parking on Toronto St. is more congested and can be hazardous. Please remember that there are dozens of children leaving school, and they aren't always aware of personal safety. Drive safely, and follow all municipal parking by-laws. Do not block driveways or park too close to intersections. By-law officers will be patrolling the area to ensure compliance.

Learning Through Artistic Expression



All young children need to take part in forms of artistic expression. So-called "innate talent" is not required!

Young children are curious and playful. They love to explore their world through creative activities like play-acting, dancing, music and painting.

- Play-acting helps children gain the language skills needed for self-expression and learning to read and write.
- Dance, music and painting can give children a sense of identity, cultural pride and self-esteem.
- Painting and building things helps children develop mathematical and logical thinking skills.

Through the arts, children:

- learn the value of making an effort to achieve success
- are motivated to learn in other areas
- develop higher level thinking skills like
 - creativity
 - problem solving
 - critical thinking

Books: *This is Not a Box* - Antoinette Portis

Dreaming Up - Christie Hale

Ontario Early Literacy Specialists



**Last Day of School for
students:**

Fri. Dec. 22

School resumes:

Mon. Jan. 8

Happy Holidays!

Twitter

Stay connected! You can follow us on Twitter @RideauPS_LDSB . We post bus updates, reminders and photos of important events, links to interesting sites, and retweets of posts that we think are important or interesting to our school community. We also link to our newsletters, which can also be found on our website: <http://rideaupublicschool.limestone.on.ca> .

Thank you Queen's Convenience!

Queen's Convenience on MacDonnell St. continues to support our school this year with revenue from Nevada ticket sales.

This money helps support Rideau's purchase of technology resources.

Thanks!


Advance Absence Notification


Please remember to call the school when your child is away for the day, or late due to an appointment. We sometimes have over 50 students away on a day, and the office must call every family that doesn't call us, to ensure student safety. Thank you for your help with this!


Parent Council Meeting HIGHLIGHTS

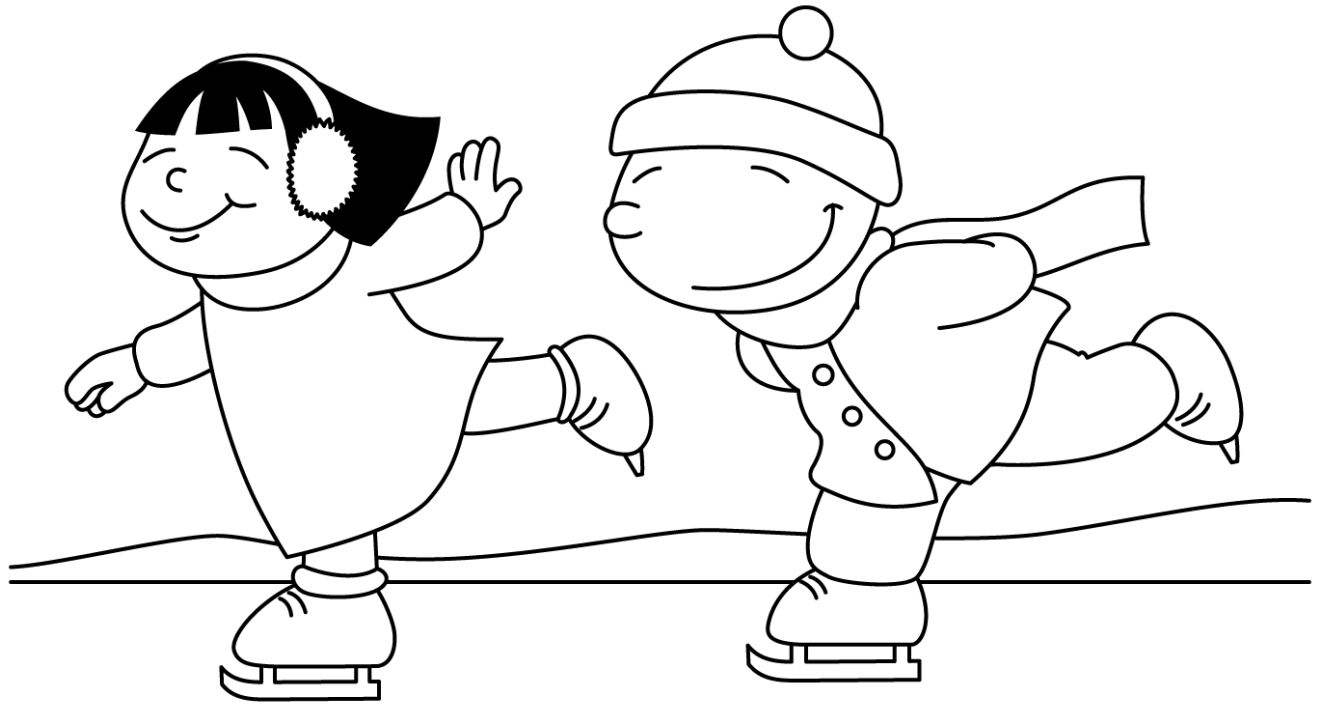
 Boo Bash raised over \$2000

 Fresh from the Farm fundraiser raised \$1700 with a large donation of food also going to Loving Spoonful

 Spirit Wear orders should be in by the holidays and Parent Council has donated funds to purchase additional shirts and hats

 Movie Night at the school for students, families and staff planned for mid-December

 Composting is taking place in many classrooms and in the Breakfast Club room



December/Decembre

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Day 5	2
3	4 Day 1	5 Day 2 Pizza Lunch	6 Day 3	7 Day 4 Pita Lunch	8 Day 5 Grade 2&3 FI classes to Octave Th.	9
10	11 Day 1	12 Day 2 Pizza Lunch	13 Day 3	14 Day 4 Sub Lunch Winter Family Extravaganza Movie Night	15 Day 5	16
17	18 Day 1	19 Day 2 Pizza Lunch	20 Day 3 Gr. 4-6 FI classes skating at Mem. Ctr.	21 Day 4 Pita Lunch Kdg Craft Carousel	22 Day 5 Last Day for students	23
24/31	25 December Break Starts	26	27	28	29 Classes resume Jan. 8	30