

École Publique Rideau Public School

Newsletter

January 2018

Principal's Message - Mr. Seiveright

"Approach the New Year with resolve to find the opportunities hidden in each day." – Michael Josephson

Happy New Year! We hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday, and are as excited as we are to start 2018. We are sure that it will be another great year with amazing growth and learning by all of our students. We are very happy to be spending another year with our families and community.

January is always a busy month of learning and culminating tasks, as we head to the end of the first term. Students are reaching and exceeding their learning goals, completing and sharing term projects, collaborating and sharing new learning, and continuing to develop work habits and learning skills that will last a lifetime. It is a great time of year to ask students what they are learning, who they worked with, what they found challenging, and what goals they have reached.

The new year also brings with it plenty of extra-curricular opportunities for our students. Rehearsals are underway for Seussical Jr., our musical this year, and our Lego Clubs are in full swing. Also starting up in January will be our chess club and science fair, along with practices and tryouts for our basketball teams. We hope that there is something for everyone, and we are grateful to the staff and parents that volunteer their time for all these wonderful activities. We know that our children do best when they have opportunities to grow and learn in a variety of settings, in and out of the classroom.

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>

Public Consultation Meeting

Re: **Boundary Review**

Jan. 22, 2018, 6:30 p.m. in the gym

The LDSB is considering changing boundaries of several central Kingston schools, including Rideau. The proposal would result in all English track students moving to Winston Churchill PS, as of Sept. 2018. The school community is invited to share feedback and ask questions at a meeting with Board staff on Jan. 22, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the gym.

For more information, including the complete report, or to provide feedback in the event you are unable to attend the meeting, go to

http://www.limestone.on.ca/PARC/Boundary_Changes

In case of inclement weather, the public consultation will be held on Jan. 29

Young Choristers Kingston

Young Choristers Limestone - Kingston Area Choir is welcoming new members in January! Children in Grades 3 - 8 who love to sing are invited to attend a YCL rehearsal, followed by a brief audition, on January 9, 15 or 23 at Cataraqui Woods Public School from 4:30 - 5:30. Start the new year off with singing! For more information, e-mail youngchoristers@gmail.com.

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 next SAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 24, at 6:30 p.m. in the Staff Room. All parents and guardians are invited to attend. Child care is available for Rideau students.

School Year Calendar 2017-18 Parent Survey

The Limestone District School Board is requesting feedback about the 2017-18 school year calendar and possible options for the 2018-19 school year. It would be appreciated if you would please take a moment to respond to several questions available on an on-line survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/P6HZL3L>.

If you would like a paper version of the survey, please contact the school and we can send a copy home with your child, or you could come into the school to fill it out. The survey is open for responses until Friday, Feb. 9th. Your input is important to us and we appreciate your time in submitting your feedback and comments. For more information, please visit the LDSB website at http://www.limestone.on.ca/School_Calendar which also provides a link to the Ministry of Education website.

Dental Screening

Feb. 5 & 6 are the dates for our annual Dental Screening this year. Each year, hygienists visit the school, and using a 'no-touch' technique, screen all students in JK/SK, and gr. 2. This is done both to identify dental problems that need to be seen by a dentist, and to collect data to identify trends in the oral health of children in our region. Therefore, even if your child sees a dentist regularly, it is important that they have their teeth screened.

Ontario Regulation 688/00 made under the Health Protection and Promotion Act, requires yearly dental screening in all elementary schools.

If you do not want your child to be screened, you must send notice to Public Health including your child's name, school, and grade. Please send this letter to: KFL&A Public Health, 221 Portsmouth Av. Kingston ON, K7M 1V5.

Online registration is coming to Limestone

The Limestone District School Board is excited to introduce online registration for our families in the new year. New families or those returning to our district will soon be able to register online to attend school via our new online registration process. The new online tool will allow families to search their home address which will then provide the school catchment, or boundary, for their area and determine which school their child is eligible to attend.

All information provided through the online process is secure and will be confidentially transferred to the school for review to complete the registration process. Accommodations will be made to help families navigate the new process should they require assistance. The new online registration will be launched in February 2018. Watch for more details coming soon.

Inclement Weather Days

January's weather often brings bus cancellation days, and occasionally, school closures. Please listen to local radio, or follow us on Twitter (you can also follow Tri Board or Limestone DSB).

If buses are cancelled and schools are open, you may choose to send your child to school, although please remember to pick them up at 3:35! If they are staying home and are normally bussed, you don't need to call the school, but if they are staying home and are not a bussed student, please call the school to let us know. We must account for every student, even on snow days.

Thank you for your co-operation!

Family Literacy Day

Family Literacy Day is celebrated every year on January 27. This falls on a Saturday this year, and is a wonderful opportunity to spend some time enjoying reading and sharing a love of books with your children. You can learn more about Family Literacy Day at <https://abclifeliteracy.ca/family-literacy>

Roland Bibeau Concert

Thanks to a French engagement grant, our entire school will have the opportunity to see singer Roland Bibeau performing in our gym on Jan. 24. M Bibeau brings an exciting concert of French kid-friendly rock and roll, and classes are already building excitement by listening to some of his songs. You can listen too, at <http://www.rolandbibeau.com/> and clicking on Music.

Cold Weather Reminder

We are outside for 50 minutes of recess every day. In the winter, students are only kept in if the temperature dips to -25 or the wind chill hits -27. It is critical that children are dressed for the weather, with snowpants, warm boots and mitts. Thin gloves get wet quickly and can freeze little fingers. It is a good idea to send 2 pairs of mitts if possible during the winter season.



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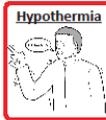
Stay connected! You can follow us on Twitter @RideauPS_LDSB. We post bus updates, reminders and photos of important events, links to interesting sites, and retweets of posts that we think are important or interesting to our school community. We also link to our newsletters, which can also be found on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

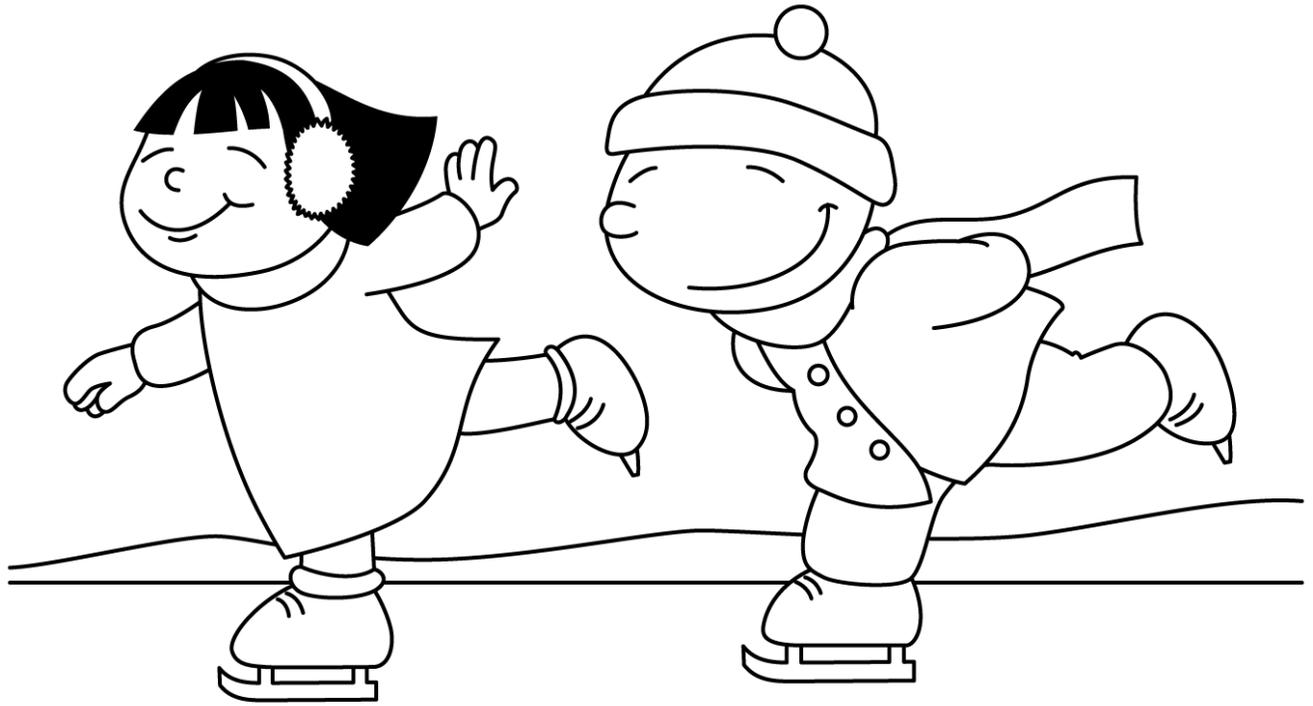
Advance Absence Notification

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!

Cold Weather Tips

- 1 Tune In** 
To the radio, tv, and our website for cold weather health notices.
- 2 Cover Up** 
Wear layers, a hat, gloves, scarf, and boots.
- 3 Watch for Frostbite & Hypothermia**

 Frostbite <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dark pink areas- Pain- White, waxy patches- Prickles, numbness, or tingling <small>Infants and elderly are most at risk.</small>	 Hypothermia <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Shivering-Stumbles-Mumbles-Fumbles-Grumbles <small>Infants and elderly are most at risk.</small>
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- 4 Stay Hydrated** 
Drink warm liquids; water is best. Avoid alcohol and caffeine.
- 5 Check on Others** 
See how people are coping with the cold weather. Have someone do the same for you.
- 6 Stay Warm** 
Reschedule outdoor activities when the temperature is below -25°C or -28°C with the wind chill.
- 7 Get Advice** 
Speak with a doctor or pharmacist if you take medication or have a health condition. You may be prone to cold weather injuries.
- 8 Contact Us** 
For more information, visit our website www.kflapublichealth.ca or call 613-549-1232 or 1-800-267-7875.



January/Janvier

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Day 1 Welcome Back!	9 Day 2 Pizza Lunch	10 Day 3	11 Day 4 Sub Lunch	12 Day 5 School Colours Spirit Day!	13
14	15 Day 1	16 Day 2 Pizza Lunch	17 Day 3	18 Day 4 Pita Lunch	19 Day 5	20
21	22 Day 1 Vision/hearing screening k-1 Boundary Review Public Consultation 6:30	23 Day 2 Vision/hearing screening k-1 Pizza Lunch	24 Day 3 Vision/hearing screening k-1 Roland Bibeau Concert SAC 6:30	25 Day 4 Sub Lunch	26 Day 5	27 Family Literacy Day
28	29 Day 1	30 Day 2 Pizza Lunch	31 Day 3		PA Day Feb 2	