

École Publique Rideau Public School

Newsletter

May 2017

Principal's Message - Mr. Seiveright

"I haven't failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work." – Thomas Edison

Perseverance is a perfect Character Trait for Rideau during the month of May. Everywhere you look, students are working hard to learn, grow, and improve in the classroom, on the field, and all around the school. It is encouraging and invigorating to see students reach their goals in reading, demonstrate deep critical thinking in all subjects, and reach new personal bests in their athletic endeavours.

During May, teachers and students start the final push towards summative assessments and culminating tasks for the year. Students will have the opportunity to showcase their learning through projects and presentations, collaborating with a variety of peers. Our grade 3 and 6 students will participate in the provincial EQAO assessment at the end of the month, showing how much they have grown and developed over their primary years.

Our students athletes are busy in May as well. Our girls' and boys' basketball teams wrap up their seasons with tournaments on May 8th. Our Rideau Runners have already had one race at Bayridge SS, and have two more this month at LCVI and NDSS. Later in the month we will have our school track meet, which will lead to the Regional and District track meets in June. Our athletes work very hard, and we are proud of their perseverance and accomplishments.

Parents and caregivers are a very important partner in public education, and we value your contribution. 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 Rideau on Twitter @RideauPS_LDSB.

Our School Student and Parent Survey

In May, students in grade 4-6 will take part in the Our School Survey. This survey is done annually by students in grades 4-8 across the board, and gives us a look through students' eyes at issues of school climate, culture, peer issues, and other important information. This survey will be done in class.

Also this year for the first time, parents are invited to provide their input through the Our School Parent Survey. We want to hear your voice on issues of Sense of Belonging, Communication, School Culture and more. To access this survey, please go to <http://www.ourschool.net/rps123>. The survey will be open for the month of May.

Yearbook

We are very excited to once again be offering a yearbook to families this year. The yearbook is on sale now, but only until Friday May 5. The yearbook can be purchased for \$15 online at www.ybpay.lifetouch.com (school code is 13186817). Order forms were also sent home last week, and can be sent in directly to the school. The yearbook is a 40-page, full colour glossy softcover book full of class pages, grads, teams, clubs, spirit days and candid. Be sure to order yours before Friday!



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Kindergarten Music Wall

We are making a sound/music wall in the kinder yard and we need items that can be banged and drummed and scraped to make different noises! Anything that can make interesting sounds would be helpful, and we also need interesting and unusual items the children can use as drumsticks. There is a box in the foyer for donations. Here are some ideas for items:

- old pots and pans
- cookie sheets
- metal bowls
- hubcaps
- washboards
- big water jugs
- whisks, wooden spoons, spatulas, ladles and other items to use as drumsticks

Thank you for your help!

Track and Field & Marathon Club

On May 16, our grade 3-6 students will travel to Caraco Field at Invista Centre to participate in our annual Track meet. All students will have the opportunity to compete in 3 events. Top performers will move on to compete at the Regional and District Track meets in June. **We still need volunteers to help at our meet on the 16th; if you are available, please contact the school through your child's teacher.**

On May 17, many of our classes which have been running laps during the Spring as part of the Marathon Club will travel to Caraco Field to complete the last lap of their Marathon or half-marathon. We are tremendously proud of this amazing accomplishment by our students.

Biking to school? Be sure to lock your bike – a bicycle was stolen from our bike rack last year.

Composting at RPS

Thanks to an initiative from our School Council, we have begun composting in four of our classrooms.



Thanks to a generous donation from Trailhead, we have steel compost pails in classrooms, the Breakfast Club room and the Staff room, which student helpers are emptying every day into the black bins at the front of the school. We look forward to expanding this project to even more classes in the near future.

Sunscreen and Hats

As the weather gets warmer and sunnier, we would like to remind families to protect our children from the sun. Please send them with a hat every day, and apply sunscreen before they leave home in the morning. Most sunscreens will last throughout the day. Teachers and staff can not apply sunscreen to children, so if you wish to send sunscreen to school, please send a solid stick and teach your child to self-apply. Due to allergies and the risk of injury, we do not allow spray sunscreens, and we do not allow children to share sunscreens.

School Advisory Council (SAC)

The next School Advisory Council meeting date is **Wed., May. 17**. The meeting will be held in the staff room from 6:30-8pm. All parents and guardians of the Rideau Community are invited to attend. Child care is available for Rideau students. Any parents/guardians who would like to volunteer at events are asked to register their email address at: <http://eepurl.com/cpyYsD>

Measuring Up

Measurement is a math concept children learn about at home and school. Measurement includes understanding length, mass, volume, perimeter, area, temperature, time and speed.

You can help preschool and school age children understand measurement by helping them learn to use measurement vocabulary. Words such as short/long, heavy/light, full/empty, big/small, hot/cold, early/late, fast/slow help them compare things in their everyday world.



Create one-of-a-kind rulers by helping your children trace and cut out their handprint. Help them use their hand rulers to find other hands that are bigger, smaller, and the same size as their own.

Can your children use their hand rulers to count how many hands their pet or stuffed animal is high or long?

Provided by: *Ontario Early Years Literacy Specialists*

Kindergarten

Registration is now open for English and French Immersion. Our Discover Kindergarten at Rideau info session is Thursday, May 25, 5-6 p.m. for families who have registered their children.

PA Day

Friday, May 19

Victoria Day

Monday, May 22

No School For Students

Top Tips for Parents

- **Build strong, positive attitudes about math.** When children feel positively engaged and successful, they are more likely to stick with an activity or a problem to find a solution.
- **Begin with activities that meet your child's level of mathematical understanding.** Early success in solving problems will build your child's confidence. Gradually move to activities that provide more challenge for your child.
- **If you and your child are more comfortable in a language other than English, use it.** Your child will understand concepts better in the language that he or she knows best.



May/Mai 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Day 1	2 Day 2 Pizza Lunch	3 Day 3 LCVI Road Race	4 Day 4 Pita Lunch	5 Day 5 School colours Spirit Day	6
7	8 Day 1 Boys and Girls BBall tourneys	9 Day 2 Pizza Lunch	10 Day 3 NDSS Road Race	11 Day 4 Sub Lunch	12 Day 5	13
14	15 Day 1	16 Day 2 Pizza Lunch Gr. 3-6 Track meet @ Caraco Field	17 Day 3 Marathon Club final km @Caraco Field SAC mtg 6:30	18 Day 4 Pita Lunch	19 PA Day	20
21	22 Victoria Day	23 Day 5 Pizza Lunch	24 Day 1 Gr. 3 EQAO	25 Day 2 Gr. 3 EQAO Discover kindergarten @ Rideau 5-6 p.m. Sub Lunch	26 Day 3 Gr. 3 EQAO	27
28	29 Day 4	30 Day 5 Gr. 6 EQAO Pizza Lunch	31 Day 1 Gr. 6 EQAO	June 1 Day 2 Gr. 6 EQAO Pita Lunch	June 2 Day 3	June 3 SAC Fun Fair