



NEWSLETTER 6-10

Roch Carrier Elementary School

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From the Principal...

June is here and it is hard to believe that we are only a few short weeks away from the summer holiday. It seems like only a few short days ago, we were planning our very first day of school. Our students have worked hard this year, and I hope that everyone will take time to reflect on their progress and success in learning.

Students, staff, parents and the community have all come together, and everyone has contributed in so many ways this year. Thank you all for everything you have done to support kids and learning!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the parents and community partners for your involvement in our school this year. Special thank you to our School Council: I would like to thank all parents on Council for their excellent work this year, under the leadership of our Chair Ken Gourlay and our Co-Chair Cynthia Menary. It is a pleasure and a privilege to work with such a dedicated, committed group of people who care so deeply about children and their learning. Without your continued support we could not have accomplished all the learning and wonderful activities we've had such as: cake walk sales, zumba lessons, sports events, field trips, hot lunches and bought resources for our classrooms, library and resource room, computer equipment and new bookshelves for our library. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you!

Another big thank you goes to all staff at Roch Carrier ES. What an amazing team of caring custodial staff, support staff, office staff and educators we have. On behalf of the students, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for all that you do every day for them.

On Wednesday, June 28th, we will formally recognize our departing grade 6 students at our School Leaving Ceremony. This wonderful group of young people has contributed a great deal to the school. Their enthusiastic participation in academic work as well as extra-curricular and community service activities has enriched the

school for everyone. I wish them every success as they leave us to pursue new challenges and experiences in grade seven at their new schools.

Some of our staff will be moving on to different endeavors at the end of June. Mlle Eliza Gravel who took over Mrs. Colleen Scott maternity leave will be leaving us. Mrs. Tricia Bailey, who filled in as our Learning Support Teacher for Julie Townsend will also be leaving us. We will miss you and wish you well in the next phase of your career.

I am very pleased to welcome back Mrs. Colleen Scott who is returning from her maternity leave, as well, our new addition to Roch Carrier, Mrs. Sharan Samagh.

Have a wonderful, relaxing and safe summer holiday. I look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday, September 6, for a new, exciting school year.

Mme. Sioufi ☺

Kanata South Elementary Accommodation Review

The Kanata South ARC is hosting a public meeting to gather input from the community on various preliminary concepts that the group has been discussing over the last several months. Your input on these concepts will assist the ARC in generating long term accommodation options for the schools in Kanata South. These options will then be presented at a public meeting in the fall of 2011 where the ARC will receive input from the community before finalizing their options.

**Public Information Meeting:
Thursday, June 16, 2011
A.Y. Jackson Secondary School
150 Abbeyhill Drive, Kanata
Cafetorium
5:30-7:00 p.m.**

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For more information please view:

www.ocdsb.ca/sch/as/Pages/KanataSouthElementaryAccommodationReview.aspx

Tentative Classes for September 2011

On Friday, June 10th, we will receive our last staffing allocation from the Board. With the latest numbers we have so far, these are the classes we have planned for September.

Kindergarten	Primary	Junior
3 JK am	1 Grade 1 reg	2 Grade 4 EFI
2 JK pm	3 Grade 1 EFI	2 Grade 4/5 reg
1 SK reg pm	1 Grade 1/2 reg and EFI	1 Grade 5 EFI
2 SK EFI am	1 Grade 2 reg	1 Grade 5/6 EFI
1SK EFI pm	3 Grade 2 EFI	1 Grade 6 reg and EFI
	1 Grade 2/3 reg and EFI	
	1 Grade 3 reg	
	3 Grade 3 EFI	

Changes in enrollment may happen during the summer. If the number of students increases, we might have to open a new class. If the number decreases in a specific grade, we might have to close a class. We will know more at the end of September and will keep you informed.

School Supply List

The OCDSB has developed a common list of recommended personal use items for students. This list of supplies is strictly voluntary: parents/guardians are not required to purchase or provide the items listed. As a result it is a parent/guardian's choice to send the following items for use by your child/ren for the first day of school on September 6th.

JK-SK

The Kindergarten team will send a list of supplies needed in the June package that will be sent home or mailed to you.

Grades 1-3

- 12 pencils
- 2 erasers (preferably white)
- 1 package of coloured pencils
- 1 package of coloured markers
- 1 metric ruler

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- 1 pair of blunt scissors
- 2 glue sticks
- Grades 4-6**
- 12 pencils
- 2 erasers (preferably white)
- 1 metric ruler
- 1 pair of blunt scissors
- 2 glue sticks
- 3 ball pens
- 1 package of coloured pencils
- 2 package of 3-hole lined refill paper
- 6 duotangs
- 1 package of coloured markers
- 1 calculator
- 6 lined notebooks
- For grade 6 only:** 1 geometry set

From the Desk of Miss Kathy



The Chicks are Here!

The Kindergarten students are delighted to announce the safe arrival of 26 baby chicks! After just 21 days, we have a varied assortment of chicks from many breeds including Ameraucana, Cochin, Leghorn, Rhode Island, Cornish and Silkie. The fertilized eggs came from farms in Ashton and Richmond and the chicks were returned to these farms on May 31st and June 1st. Many classes visited the chicks in Kindergarten classrooms and boxes of chicks were sent to other classes for observation. Students have enjoyed learning and experiencing the life cycle! This is our best hatch yet!

The incubator and automatic egg turner were generously donated by our Roch Carrier School Council and the fertilized eggs were purchased with funds from the student levy. Thanks to all our parents for supporting meaningful learning opportunities in our school.

School Council News

A Message from Your Chair and Vice-Chair

Dear Parents, Teachers and Students of Roch Carrier E.S.,

It's hard to believe that there are only a few weeks left of school and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all Roch Families for helping to make the 2010-2011 school year fantastic! Without the thoughtful dedication and commitment from our volunteers we would not have been able to make the year such a success.

It has been a busy year for the Roch Carrier School Council! Our Fall Entertainment Book campaign allowed us to subsidize **EACH** Roch Carrier student \$7 towards a field trip; we set up a Roch Carrier School Council Fan Page on Facebook to better communicate with families; we had two parent representatives on the Kanata South ARC; Starbucks continued to be a sponsor for RCES - holding our second annual Book Drive to help us collect books for the library and by supplying coffee for our monthly school council meetings; and we are working hard to prepare an enjoyable and delightful evening of FREE ACTIVITIES at the Rochin' Family Fun Fair. Our Fundraising efforts - Milk and Lunch Programs; Cake Walks; Mabel's Labels; MacMillan's Cookie Dough; and our Zumba evening have helped us enrich our classrooms, our schoolyard, and library, while also allowing us to help a Beacon School.

Thank you again to the members of the school council, all volunteers, the Families at ROCH and our wonderful staff for contributing to a fun and memorable 2010-2011 school year.

We hope you all have a fun, happy and safe summer.

Ken and Cynthia

The 2nd Annual Rochin' Family Fun Fair is just 3 weeks away!!! Pack a picnic for the family and join the festivities at the Rochin' Family Fun Fair on Friday June 24th, 2011 from 4:30- 9:00pm. There will be fun and games for all ages!

Exhibitions in the Gym:
4:45-5:15pm - C.S.M.A. Karate with Sensei Jason

5:30-6:00pm - Capital City Storm Cheerleading
6:15-6:45pm - Capital MissFits Zumba

Free Games Include:

Carousel Bouncer
Combo Bouncer with slide
Gladiator Joust
Soak The Staff - DUNK TANK!!!
Tug 'o War
Potato Sack Races
Three Legged Races
Giant Snakes and Ladders
Hula Hoops
and more...

Refreshments:

Pizza - \$3/slice,
Drinks \$1
Cotton Candy \$2/bag
Bake Sale - inside the school - each item \$1
Cake Walk - inside the school - 5 tickets for \$1

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time to make the event a ROCHIN' success! Volunteers are still needed to help out during the event (4:30-8:30pm). If you can help for one hour or bake goodies or a cake, please contact: cochairs@rochcouncil.ca

Please note that this event is being held by school council for ROCH FAMILIES - parental supervision is required

Information regarding the ARC and how it will affect RCES and Kanata as a whole, please contact RCES ARC parent representatives, Christina Huppe and Cynthia Menary at arc@rochcouncil.ca

What's going on? Are you scrambling each month to find out what is going on at school, or forgot when the next Spirit Day or Cake Walk is scheduled? Don't fret. School Council has created a Google calendar with important dates marked on the calendar. This calendar has parent council information as well as important dates found in the school newsletter. You may find this on the School Council website:

<http://www.rochcouncil.ca/calendar.html>

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Spring into Summer with



You may log on to OUR school specific website www.rochcarrier.mabel.ca to place your order. Remember it will be shipped directly to your home, yes even over the summer! Fundraiser will not close until Oct 31, 2011.

There are **new camp themed labels, limited edition camp combo**, loot bag combo for those who want a cool loot bag to send home with your little party goers.

Are you planning a big trip this summer – don't forget about Mabel's 411 wristbands.

As always we like to remind our parents of children with **allergies**, Mabel's offer "**allergy alert labels**". You may share this great fundraiser with friends or family; just give them OUR website address above!

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: June 8, 2011
We will be having a potluck meal in the library of RCES at 7pm. See you there!

NEXT SCHOOL YEAR Council meetings will be held on the **1st Thursday of the month**. The date for our Annual General Meeting AGM will be announced on the first newsletter in September.

Community



The next BCA general meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 21 from 7:30 – 9:30 pm in the Bill Morgan Room of the Eva James Community Centre. There will be a very brief BCA meeting including Councillor Hubley's report and planning for the Member and Volunteer BBQ. Beginning at 8:00 pm the Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre will be hosting a Youth Issues Panel. They will be bringing our Community Police Officer, Crime Prevention Ottawa, Bylaw, possibly Youth on the Move and the Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa together to do three things:

- 1 - To highlight the way in which the organizations at the table work together
- 2- To assist the community in identifying their role in crime prevention and the appropriate avenues to deal with different issues
- 3 - To connect them personally with those on the receiving end of calls for service.

All street reps, and anyone interested in becoming a street rep, are invited to our 3rd Coffee Klatch on Tuesday, June 7 from 7:30 – 8:30 pm at Gabriel's restaurant. Join us for coffee/tea/pop, share ideas and get to know other street reps. Please contact Stephen at streetreps@bridlewood.ca for more information on this program.

Don't forget the Big Bridlewood Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, June 4th – rain or shine. Visit www.bridlewood.ca to register or to see a listing of all participating homes.

Registration is now open for the 6th Annual Member and Volunteer Appreciation BBQ to be held on Saturday, June 25 from 11:30 am – 2:00 pm at the Eva James Community Centre. This event runs rain or shine as we have indoor facilities. Not a member yet? Annual Family Memberships are now on sale for only \$10 on our website at www.bridlewood.ca. Show your support for the Bridlewood Community Association, give us a stronger voice when dealing with the City and Developers on local issues, join us for our Annual Member and Volunteer Appreciation BBQ, get regular updates on what is happening in Bridlewood and be able to register your children for Spring Sports – just by becoming a member. Please contact Margaret at pres@bridlewood.ca for more information.

Neighbourhood Toolkit

Crime Prevention Ottawa's Neighbourhood Toolkit is an online resource (a printable version is also available on the website) that provides ideas, information and resources to help Ottawa residents make their neighbourhoods better places to live. The Toolkit encourages residents to get involved in their neighbourhoods and to be accountable and proactive about community safety. Individuals, community associations, Neighbourhood Watch volunteers and many others will find helpful ideas and practical information about building safer neighbourhoods from the ground up. The Toolkit also contains

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information about specific problems and crimes and how to get help from municipal and community resources in Ottawa. You can learn more about the Toolkit by visiting: www.crimepreventionottawa.ca/toolkit.

Girl Guide Spring Registration Event

We are holding a Spring Registration event for the Guiding 2011/2012 year for all levels (Sparks, Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders and Rangers - Girls Ages 5 to 17+) at:

Where: Hazeldean Mall

When: Saturday, June 4, 2011 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

For information on Girl Guides, the branches and levels please visit:

<http://www.girlguides.ca/branches>

GIRL GREATNESS STARTS HERE

Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada (GGC) stands for what it has always stood for - fun, friendship and adventure. GGC is a safe, accepting environment with diverse and exciting programs and activities that offers girls the chance to learn, grow and discover through age-appropriate programming.

From sports, camping and science to eco-activities, fashion design and community projects, Guiding's girl-centered programming has something for everyone. Guiding is fun, energetic and gives girls the tools and resources they need to achieve greatness.

If you have any questions regarding this local event, please contact the local Community Guiders at girlguideskanatasouth@hotmail.com or Wendy at 613-315-4683.

A. Y. Jackson S.S.'s 3rd annual Kenya Run is back!

On Saturday, June 4th, 2011 at 9:30 AM, join 150 students, staff, and community members to raise money for Ibinzo S.S. in Western Province, Kenya. This is an all girls school where students are often unable to pay for their education. By providing girls with their tuition, A. Y. Jackson S.S. is helping those who otherwise would not have the chance to become educated young women. Register online (cost \$25) for the 5km or 10km fun run/walk at www.runningroom.com. The race course follows the Trans-Canada Trail. Please register before May 16th to receive a T-shirt! For

any additional information, please contact Emily Hammond at run_for_africa@hotmail.com



Healthy Fundraising

School budgets are tight these days. Selling candy bars and cookie dough is a common way to fundraise. However, there are other options – get creative!

Examples are:

- Selling garden plants, fruit, cheese, garden bulbs.
- Having a silent auction.
- Selling cards and calendars.
- Planning a walk-a-thon or read-a-thon.

Schools can be healthy role-models when choosing these options. They reinforce healthy eating taught in the classroom. This creates a healthier school food setting.

If you would like to know more, go to ottawa.ca/health or call Ottawa Public Health at 613-580-6744.

GOODLIFE FITNESS is offering FREE Teen Fitness Memberships from July 2nd to August 31st this summer. It only applies to teens from 12 to 17 years of age.

The Teen Fitness Membership will be All Club Access with Fitness Plus membership. The club hours for the Teens to workout are from 8:00a.m. to 4:00p.m., Monday to Sunday with the **last check-in time at 3:00 p.m. No check-ins are to take place after 3:00 p.m.**

Teens will have access to a wide range of club services but are restricted from:

Squash court
Entire pool/whirlpool area
Sauna area
Hot Yoga studio
Tanning salon

Personal Training and Group Exercise Specialty Programming (fee applies) will be available for

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teens. A parent/guardian must be present during the initial consultation.
All Teens **must** participate in at least one orientation.

The registration process starts online on June 1st.

**To sign up online go to
www.goodlifefitness.com/teenfitness**

A parent/guardian must complete the form online with the teen To complete registration:
The teen must be present with a parent/guardian to complete registration at a club
The teen must provide a piece of ID with date of birth
The teen and parent/guardian must bring the unsigned printed copy of the Special Agreement for Free Teen Membership to the club to sign in the presence of a club Associate
MC/GM/AGM tours the teen and parent/guardian and books an orientation session.

Dates to Remember

- June 2: Newsletter Home
- June 3: PD Day, no school for students
- June 6: ARC meeting at 5:30 at Bridlewood CS
- June 8: School Council meeting at 7:00 pm in the library, all parents are welcome!
- June 10: Grade 6 trip
- June 13: Track and Field Day for grades 4-6
- June 15: Roof Top photo at 10:00 am and 1:00 pm for pm Kinders
- June 17: Spirit Day: Backwards/Inside Out
- June 24: Rochin' Family Fun Fair!!!
- June 28: Grade 6 Leaving ceremony at 12:45 pm in the gym
- June 29: Report cards go home
- June 30: Last day of school for students