



NEWSLETTER 6-9

Roch Carrier Elementary School

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From the Principal...

Dear Parents,

Here is an update from the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC). Our last meeting was on April 18 at Castlefrank.

Following the Board decisions about interim solutions to the overcrowding issues in many of our Kanata Schools, the two Kanata Accommodation Review Committees (North and South) have continued their work, looking for longer term solutions to student enrolment concerns.

At this point, the Kanata South working group wishes to share with the community an update on its progress. The committee has established some guiding principles and is beginning the complex task of generating potential solutions to the imbalances in enrolment in the Kanata South area. The committee is committed to considering the following principles in making any proposals:

- providing dual track (English and French) schools where programs are sustainable;
- minimizing disruption to families;
- creating community-based schools wherever possible;
- considering the needs of all of Kanata's elementary and secondary schools (North and South of the Queensway); and
- supporting a 9-12 model for secondary schools in Kanata South.

The complexity of the task has become clear to the members of the committee. There are many factors the committee must consider when developing potential solutions. These include, but are not limited to:

- program choice for families,
- transportation of students,
- safety for walking to school (ie: crossing wide and busy thoroughfares like Hazeldean, Eagleson and Castlefrank Roads),

- school attachment for students,
- space available in other schools,
- number of schools a student would attend in his/her academic career,
- long term impact on school communities,
- the capacity and specialized features of each school facility,
- home development projects in the vicinity,
- current school boundaries,
- projected enrolments for the next five years,
- and the list continues.

With all of that in mind the ARC's proposals may include and are not limited to changes to:

- grade structures of schools (K-6, K-8, K-3, 4-8, 7&8)
- programs offered in schools (Regular English, Early French Immersion, Middle French Immersion);
- attendance boundaries.

As the ARC begins to generate options, the community can rest assured that each solution will be measured against the guiding principles, understanding that they may not be achieved in all of our schools. Opportunities for parental and community input are already available through discussions at School Council meetings, and will be provided through a formal public consultation process in the near future. In the meantime, please access either the school newsletter or website to remain informed of the progress of the Kanata South working group. The committee will be meeting twice in May to continue the discussions.

EQAO

This year's grade 3 and 6 EQAO dates are from May 30 to June 10.

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From the Desk of Mme. Hole...



Madame Monique and Madame Hole's SK EFI classes were visited by many special guests at the beginning of April. Madame Jeanne from "Little Ray's Reptiles" presented an array of fascinating creatures "en francais". The children had hands on experience with Cheesey the Burmese Python, Nacho the lizard, Licorice the Rat Snake, among others. This visit tied in perfectly with our scientific study of reptiles.

Our SK EFI classes are also the proud recipients of RCES Green Award for their great effort in reducing classroom waste and caring about Earth. We have said "au revoir" to Monsieur Poubelle et "bienvenue" to Monsieur Composteur". "Un grand merci" to the parents for their support of litterless snacks!

From the Desk of Mme. Laviolette...

Our May Spirit Day is Friday May 27. Students are invited to show their Roch spirit by wearing a **necktie**, as it is **Tie Day**. C'est la journee de la **cravate**.



From the Desk of Mr. Sasch...

Junior Boys Basketball

On Tuesday, April 26th, thirteen of our boys represented Roch Carrier ES at the Regional Basketball Tournament at Bridlewood Community ES. We lost our first match against WOM and followed it up with decisive wins against ALC and WEJ. The boys worked well

together and improved as the tournament went on. In the semi-finals, the boys met up with WOM again and took an early 6-0 lead. The team played well, but lost to WOM by three points. We're proud of the boys for the efforts and the third place finish. Congrats!

Bake Sale and Lemonade Sale

A group of students from Mr. Saschenbrecker's Grade 3/4 class organized a bake sale and lemonade sale on Wednesday, April 20th to raise money for the victims of the Japan earthquake and tsunami. As a part of their media studies and persuasive writing, the children made posters, made announcements and went from class-to-class to advertise. The sale was a huge success and we only asked the parents of the class to donate the baked goods. In two recesses, upstairs and downstairs, we raised **\$343.14**. Way to go!

From the Desk of Mrs. Harrison...



Earth Day at Roch – April 21, 2011

To celebrate Earth Day, Roch Carrier students took part in the City of Ottawa's Spring Cleaning the Capital event and picked up garbage from the school yard to make our play space a safer and more beautiful area. Plus, "Oscar" awards were given to the top three classes who have demonstrated the most commitment to our environmental programs at school. Third place finish was awarded to Mme Poirier's grade 3 class for their excellent participation in our Monday Litterless Lunch program, second place finish to Mrs. Paunins' grade 2 class for their outstanding record in waste reduction through green bin composting and paper recycling, and first place finish to Mme Hole's and Mme Marchand's senior Kindergarten classes who permanently said "Au revoir" to Monsieur Poubelle, and "Bienvenue" to Monsieur Composteur. These young eco citizens have become super heroes for planet Earth! They know that paper towels, tissues, and fruit and veggie bits can go in the green bin, plastics and

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juice boxes can go in the blue bin, and paper can go in the black bin, so there is no need for a trash can! Their teachers actually kicked the garbage cans right out of the classrooms! Congratulations go to all winners and the rest of the student body for terrific green work! Keep it up!

School Council News

Calvin Palen – recycling expert from OCDSB came to our meeting and presented some great information about recycling in Ottawa and at our school.

DID YOU KNOW...?

- If we add more “Litterless Lunches” to our week that we will be helping our environment.
- That the small yogurt containers that we all buy are not recyclable and even if you put them in recycle box at home they are put into the landfill. However, if you buy the large containers of yogurt you are able to recycle the containers
- That Blue and Black recycling boxes are in all Roch classrooms.
- That if your favourite pizza take out box is soiled that you should put it in the green box.

GOOD REASONS TO RECYCLE

- it is good for the landfill
- it is good for the taxpayer
- it is good for business
- it just makes sense

So let's do our part and help our environment while securing our children's future by increasing our Litterless Lunches to everyday of the week, not just Mondays!

Say Goodbye to the Lost and Found



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Our annual Mabel's Labels Fundraiser is back! As of **May 1, 2011** 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. You may share this great fundraiser with friends or family, just give them

OUR website address above!

WANTED: Fundraising Coordinator for Sept 2011

You may think that it is a bit early to search for a volunteer but the outgoing coordinator would like to be able to meet with you and help you plan / organize and give you tips on the next school year fundraisers. If you are interested or would like to learn more about this position, please contact the fundraising chair Cynthia Menary at rces_council@rogers.com

Rochin' Family Fun Fair – will be having their first meeting this month. If you are interested in volunteering on this subcommittee please contact the event coordinator, Cynthia Menary at rces_council@rogers.com (please direct to Rochin Family Fun Fair in the subject line)

If you have questions and or require more 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>

Mark your calendar, May 6th School Council will be hosting a **Staff Appreciation Luncheon**. Please contact Kathy Warnholtz or Susan Wehrmann via email rces_council@rogers.com if would like to volunteer to make something for this annual event.

Next Council Meeting: May 11, 2011 in the library of RCES at 7pm. See you there!

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Community

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



The next BCA general meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 17 from 7:30 – 9:30 pm in the Bill Morgan Room of the Eva James Community Centre. Topics on the agenda will include committee reports, Councillor Hubley's update and planning for the May 20th True Sport Play Day, June Big Bridlewood Garage Sale and Member and Volunteer Appreciation BBQ.

Check out the BCA website at www.bridlewood.ca for information on what is happening in your neighbourhood – including links on the Hope Lands Development, Bus route changes, Garbage pick up changes, information on Census 2011 and ARC report, among other things.

All street reps, and anyone interested in becoming a street rep, is invited to our 2nd Coffee Klatch on Thursday, May 5 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.

Spring Cleaning the Capital runs until May 15. You can register your own group at http://ottawa.ca/residents/environment/community/capitalcleaning/index_en.html and get in a draw for prizes.

The Bridlewood Community Association is now accepting nominations for the Paul Van Steen Sports Achievement Award. This award is presented annually to a Bridlewood athlete, over the age of 16, who displays excellence in sports. More information can be found on our website in the sports area or by contacting Margaret at 599-1196

As you do your home spring cleaning, don't forget the Big Bridlewood Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, June 4th – rain or shine. Registration will be open online at www.bridlewood.ca in May and the BCA will be providing advertising in Ottawa and Kanata

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newspapers. For more information, please contact Jas at social@bridlewood.ca

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, gives 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.

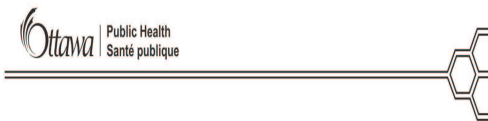
Next Monthly BCA Meeting

Tuesday, May 17, 2011 – 7:30 pm

Bill Morgan Room, Eva James Memorial Community Centre

The Best Start website (ottawakids.ca) for families and service providers in Kanata, West Carleton and Stittsville is newly revised. You can check it out here: <http://www.ottawakids.ca/en/kanatawestcarletonstittsvillebeststart/>

A First Words Preschool Speech and Language Screening Clinic will be held in our community at Bridlewood Community Elementary School on Saturday, May 7, 1-3:45 p.m. The clinic is free and open to City of Ottawa families with children from birth until they are eligible for SK. It's an opportunity to discuss concerns with a Speech-Language Pathologist. The clinic is a drop-in, no appointment necessary. More information is available on the First Words website <http://www.firstwords.ca>



Learning Basic Actions



We all know the value of reading. What about the value of moving? Children need to learn basic actions before doing more complex activities such as skateboarding or in-line skating. Children learn these skills from birth to about age 8:

- Running from ages 2-4
- Jumping from ages 3-6
- Skipping from ages 4-7
- Throwing from ages 2-6
- Kicking from ages 3-5
- Catching from ages 4-6

It's simple to help your child stay active. Get outside and play. Support and praise your child's activity. Reduce the amount of time spent in front of the TV; take the Every Day In May Physical Activity Challenge. But most of all – have fun!

For more information on learning basic actions, go to: www.Physical-Literacy.ca , ottawa.ca/health or call Ottawa Public Health at 613-580-6744.

For more information about Every Day In May Physical Activity Challenge, go to: www.ottawa.ca/activemay

Dates to Remember

- May 2-6: Education Week
- May 5: Newsletter Home
- May 11: School Council meeting at 7:00 pm in the library, all parents are welcome!
- May 18: ARC meeting, 5:30 pm at Castlefrank ES
- May 23: Victoria Day, no school for students
- May 27: Spirit Day: Necktie/Tie Day
- May 30 to June 10: EQAO for all grade 3 and 6 students
- 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 to Y Camp
- 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

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