

## APRIL 2021

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### UPDATE FROM MS. ECCLESTON



Dear Rawlinson Families,

We have to confess that the month of March was a little more challenging for everyone... but the good news is, we made it together!

Welcome to April and welcome to spring. This is a time of new life so I trust that as the weather begins to get warmer and the days a little longer, this will help to refresh our entire community!

There is no better way to feel inspired than to engage in a good workout! We had a great turnout for the Just2Sweat bootcamp yesterday. Thank you to our community partner Adonike Charles for getting our heart beating, blood pumping and oxygen flowing through her inspiring bootcamp! I hope we can get together again for another bootcamp! Thank you to

Ms. Taylor for connecting us to Just2Sweat!

### SUMMER SCHOOL

With all the disruptions to student learning this year, we are pleased to be able to host summer school during the month of July. It would be excellent to have a full house of Rawlinson students attend.

Summer school will be half-days from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Monday through Friday and beginning July 5<sup>th</sup> and ending on July 30. Summer school is available to all schools within our community so it will be important to register as soon as possible. Programs will be offered in all tracks: French Immersion, Extended French and English!

### PRE-KINDERGARTEN SUMMER SCHOOL

We are also one of six schools in TDSB to host the Africentric Pre-Kindergarten Summer Learning Program during the month of July! This is a very popular program and spaces will be limited. We would like to give first consideration to our own

students who have just registered for Junior Kindergarten in the Fall and for our existing JK students who will be SK in September. If you know of a family who has just registered their child for JK, please let them know of this summer learning opportunity.

**PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED FORMS SENT IN SCHOOL MESSENGER FOR THE APPLICATION LINK and DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION.**

### STARTING SOMETHING NEW- HONOUR ROLL!



Dear families, to maintain, promote and highlight academic excellence, we have initiated grade 7 and grade 8 honour roll!

Students in these grades who achieve an average of 80% or higher in Term 1 and/or Term 2 will be acknowledged for their academic achievement. We acknowledge that learning under these extreme circumstances this year has been a challenge and it has been equally

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challenging for some students to remain motivated during the pandemic. We want to help maintain academic motivation through initiating the Honour Roll. Students like the idea and many have already started goal setting for term 2.

Term 1 concluded in February and we would like to announce our Grade 7 and Grade 8 Honour Roll students:

### Grade 7

Erich A., Neil B., Amaani B., Michelle B., Cody B., Claire C., Lea G., Markus J-B., Jade K., Grace N., Trevin P., Ferina T., Phoenix T. and Josziaah W-M.

### Grade 8

Sarah A., Yvette A-B., Andreas C., Ruby C., Eden D-G-T., Natasha D., Esha F., Micah G., Kaspar G., Sophia K., Hana K., Eric L., Victor M., Hanaan M., Anthony P., Rebecca S., Ayumi S., Mia T., Loyalty T., Candace V. and Luna Y.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Grades in the core subjects of: English (all strands), French (all strands), Mathematics, Science, History or Geography, Health and Physical Education are used to calculate Honour Roll. Students must average 80% or higher. We would love to see even more students added to the Honour Roll at the conclusion of Term 2!

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**RAWLINSON SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Our next School Advisory Council meeting will be on Thursday April 22nd at 7:00 p.m. A Zoom link will be sent prior to the meeting so that you can participate from the comfort of your own home! We hope you can make it! More information will be coming your way. Stay tuned...



### ANTI-BLACK RACISM EDUCATION

What is White Supremacy? According to author Layla F. Saad, "White supremacy is a racist ideology that is based upon the belief that white people are superior in many ways to people of other races, and that therefore, white people should be dominant over other races. White supremacy is not just an attitude or a way of thinking. It also extends to how systems and institutions are structured to uphold this white dominance."

White supremacy manifests itself in schools through the disproportionate number of Black, Indigenous or racialized students in special education programs (not gifted), the suspension and expulsion rates of students, the streaming of students to applied courses, versus academic courses in

secondary school, graduation rates and the lack of representation of racialized educators in schools.

We can begin to disrupt and dismantle white supremacy by acknowledging it exists, teaching students how to be an ally, incorporating culturally responsive teaching and learning resources at home and at school, and challenging the policies and practices that allow white supremacy to still exist.



**Happy Birthday to all staff and students celebrating their birthday in April!**

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To all families observing the upcoming holiday, we want to extend to you all a happy Easter. Please keep safe and enjoy your family time!

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As a culmination to our safety unit in health, the Grade 1's made safety posters. Now we all know how to stays safe at school, in the community and at home. (Mrs. Wells)



## TWIN DAY

Many students helped to earn point for their 'house' by participating in last Friday's 'Twin Day.' Even staff showed school spirit!

