November 27, 2020

Quote of the Week:

**“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”**

**~ Eleanor Roosevelt**

Dear RH McGregor Families,

Please see below for this week's updates:

**Public Health Reminders**

**Please do your part to keep the RH McGregor students, staff and community safe.  Thank you!**

As you are aware, the provincial government has placed Toronto in the "Grey - Lockdown" status which began on November 23rd to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

Please see the Toronto Public Health guide below which outlines important "Do's" and Don'ts".

To assist with minimizing the congregation happening at the end of the school day, we will be locking the kindergarten playground at then end of the day.

[https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/covid-19-reopening-recovery-rebuild/covid-19-guide-for-toronto-residents/](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/LcZJDM7XK3hBgaSAecuLlA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRhoklgP4QzAWh0dHA6Ly90cmFjay5zcGUuc2Nob29sbWVzc2VuZ2VyLmNvbS9mL2EvUjFRT214RTBDdnl1YmRYc1NYUlhqZ35-L0FBQUFBUUF-L1JnUmhvU0x2UDBSdWFIUjBjSE02THk5M2QzY3VkRzl5YjI1MGJ5NWpZUzlvYjIxbEwyTnZkbWxrTFRFNUwyTnZkbWxrTFRFNUxYSmxiM0JsYm1sdVp5MXlaV052ZG1WeWVTMXlaV0oxYVd4a0wyTnZkbWxrTFRFNUxXZDFhV1JsTFdadmNpMTBiM0p2Ym5SdkxYSmxjMmxrWlc1MGN5OVhCM05qYUc5dmJHMUNDZ0JJYi0tX1g5a2VQWFZTR1UxaGNtbGhMa3h2UW1saGJtTnZRSFJrYzJJdWIyNHVZMkZZQkFBQUFBSX5XB3NjaG9vbG1CCgBG4BXBX_hLQeVSGU1hcmlhLkxvQmlhbmNvQHRkc2Iub24uY2FYBAAAAAI~)

**A Message from the YMCA Regarding the Yard After School**

After school, the YMCA program is outside with the children.  There are 7 groups, and they need to remain separate, in their cohorts.  You will see them on the field.  Please be mindful not to be in close proximity to any of the groups when you and your child are using the field.  The YMCA appreciates your understanding in this matter.”

**Bulletin Boards Around RH!**

The Grade 2's in Room 205 learn about empathy as part of Character Education:

[Empathy Bulletin Board](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/Frd2Ro3V1_uIqEALCUwllQ~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRhoklgP0R0aHR0cHM6Ly9tc2cuc2Nob29sbWVzc2VuZ2VyLmNhL20vP3M9VGM5REhBUGV4R0kmbWFsPWFmMTJlZDg0YmQxNDZkYTA0MTg3MWNlMDkzZWEyMzczNDZjMmI4NjA0YmI4MjFmY2NmZGRlYjY4NzJkNjJjM2NXB3NjaG9vbG1CCgBG4BXBX_hLQeVSGU1hcmlhLkxvQmlhbmNvQHRkc2Iub24uY2FYBAAAAAI~)

**School Council Updates**

**Call for Class Parents**

Class parents are still needed for the classes listed below. If your child's teacher is listed and you are interested in becoming a class parent, please email [RHClassParent@gmail.com](mailto:RHClassParent@gmail.com) stating the teacher’s name, grade and room number. Thank you!

* Ms Brobyn's class
* Ms Donovan's class
* Mr Ricci's class
* Ms Bertrand's class
* Ms Beckely-Delaleu's class
* Mr Francis' class
* Ms Reid's class
* Ms Sinclair's class
* Ms Anderson's class
* Ms Neveu's class
* Ms Billings' class
* Ms Cook's class
* Ms Adams' class
* Ms Varn's class
* Ms McCullough's class
* Ms Young's class
* Ms Jalland's class

**Pizza Lunch Refunds**

On behalf of staff and students at R.H. McGregor, the Parent & School Council would like to thank those parents who donated their unused pizza lunch monies to the PSC.

Your generous contributions have been put to use in equipping the school with necessities to adapt to new protocols this year. The water filling stations and voice amplifiers are a lasting gift which will be used for years to come.

For parents who opted for refunds, we expect to start mailing out refund cheques shortly.

As we brainstorm more ways to connect with our community, stay tuned for future potential fundraising events!

**Next Parent and School Council Meeting**

December 9, 7 p.m. via Zoom - [https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/91401793999](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/73gpfMEI-m9IYPdUWPy7Aw~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRhoklgP0QlaHR0cHM6Ly90ZHNiLWNhLnpvb20udXMvai85MTQwMTc5Mzk5OVcHc2Nob29sbUIKAEbgFcFf-EtB5VIZTWFyaWEuTG9CaWFuY29AdGRzYi5vbi5jYVgEAAAAAg~~)

The RH McGregor Toronto Public Health Nurse will be presenting to parents and answering questions.

**Gift Giving and Exchanges in Schools To support safe gift giving this year, Toronto Public Health makes the following recommendations**:

· Consider gift cards as gifts.

· Consider donations to charitable organizations in lieu of gifts.

· If it is a teacher distributing the gift, ensure that the gift is individually packaged or in an envelope and quarantined for 3 days. The teacher should wash/hand before and after touching the gift. Have the students come up and pick up their own individual gift package.

· If it is the teacher receiving the gift, see if it can be wiped down or ensure that the gift is quarantined for 3 days prior to opening it. The teacher is to practice hand hygiene before and after touching the gift.

**Donations** - Learn more about Making Donations on the Toronto Public Health website. Donations are allowed but please be mindful of the COVID-19 protocols to make it a safe venture for everyone involved.

· Donations by credit card, gift card, cheque, or e-transfer allow organizations to purchase the goods they need, often at better prices. This way of giving is also safer for the donor, staff and volunteers.

· Students/staff should not donate items if someone in their household is sick.

· Clearly communicate the goal of your donation drive, including who the donations are for, the type of items you are looking for, and how they should be packaged. · Create a safe location outside for people to drop off donations. Do not use large, enclosed donation bins, as there is a risk of people falling in.

· Use contactless drop-off / delivery methods, if possible.

· If donation drop-off are staffed, ensure everyone can maintain six feet physical distancing, masks worn. Donation drives, activities and events must comply with current provincial gathering limits.

· Wash hands before and after handling donations

**Toronto Miracle Food Drive**

* A local grassroots food drive that is happening here in Toronto on December 5th called Toronto Miracle.
* simply put non perishable food items out on your porch by 10 am on December 5th and volunteers come by to pick it up and distribute it to local food banks in Toronto. They are working with other charities like Second Harvest to distribute the food.

Take a look [here](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/oLED3jWi-oc9eexs3kodcg~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRhoklgP0QfaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cudG9yb250b21pcmFjbGUub3JnL1cHc2Nob29sbUIKAEbgFcFf-EtB5VIZTWFyaWEuTG9CaWFuY29AdGRzYi5vbi5jYVgEAAAAAg~~) to see more about this charity that is striving to help  people right here in our community who have been hit hard with food insecurity due to Covid-19.

If you would like to donate food you will need to register [here](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/UkV8WdR-LRWHAdiLDCzI7g~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRhoklgP0QlaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cudG9yb250b21pcmFjbGUub3JnL2RvbmF0ZVcHc2Nob29sbUIKAEbgFcFf-EtB5VIZTWFyaWEuTG9CaWFuY29AdGRzYi5vbi5jYVgEAAAAAg~~) so that they can send volunteers to pick up.

**Covid Testing Sites in East Toronto**

[Testing Sites](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/HOgVwc1ATO2r4Dnc2JSXcg~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRhoklgP4RLAmh0dHA6Ly90cmFjay5zcGUuc2Nob29sbWVzc2VuZ2VyLmNvbS9mL2EvVVdLOHpLeVhCb0lRZnFjUHhIM2Eyd35-L0FBQUFBUUF--VwdzY2hvb2xtQgoARuAVwV_4S0HlUhlNYXJpYS5Mb0JpYW5jb0B0ZHNiLm9uLmNhWAQAAAAC)