October 30, 2020

Quote of the Week:

“If opportunity doesn’t knock, build a door.”

~ Milton Berle, Comedian

Dear RH McGregor Families,

Please see below for this week's updates:

**Congratulations Grade 5 Team for Your Leadership around Halloween Activities at RH!**

A longstanding tradition at RH this time of year is for the grade 5 students to create an "arcade" for the rest of the school to enjoy.  This year they created an "alternative" arcade with many fun filled activities delivered to each class.  The students worked very hard to be creative and make something fun for students.  Their final activity was a pumpkin hunt where they taped pumpkins around the block ready for students to find and count!

**Spirit Wear From Positive Identity - The E-Store is Open!**

We are pleased to announce that our R.H. McGregor clothing will be for sale again this year.   The profits from the clothing sales will go towards purchasing toboggans for outdoor winter Physical Education activities.  Our clothing supplier offers a combination of quality products at a reasonable price.

This year we have an e-store through POSITIVE IDENTITY SPORTSWEAR.  Please see the link below.

[**http://positiveidentity.com/Spiritwear/rhmcgregor/**](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/gbsFWGd95ON1L12jhCFGGQ~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRhfYlVP0TjaHR0cDovL3RyYWNrLnNwZS5zY2hvb2xtZXNzZW5nZXIuY29tL2YvYS94YmpMTlh0S0RZZmNNMjE5dklvRElnfn4vQUFBQUFRQX4vUmdSaGRFTE5QMFF5YUhSMGNEb3ZMM0J2YzJsMGFYWmxhV1JsYm5ScGRIa3VZMjl0TDFOd2FYSnBkSGRsWVhJdmNtaHRZMmR5WldkdmNpOVhCM05qYUc5dmJHMUNDZ0JJVFEtVFg1OVE3TmhTR1UxaGNtbGhMa3h2UW1saGJtTnZRSFJrYzJJdWIyNHVZMkZZQkFBQUFBSX5XB3NjaG9vbG1CCgBG1VWcXxN5JlZSGU1hcmlhLkxvQmlhbmNvQHRkc2Iub24uY2FYBAAAAAI~)

**Deadline date for ordering is Nov 15, reference the tab for sizing.**

Orders will be delivered to the school  and sent home with your students, unless you pay the delivery charge to be mailed directly to your home.

All prices include P.S.T and G.S.T. and THESE MAKE GREAT BIRTHDAY AND HOLIDAY GIFTS TOO!

Thank you for your support.

Susan Proudfoot  and  Michael Mckay

**Remembrance Day**

This year we will be commemorating this day a little differently.  We will using The Peace Book by Todd Parr to lead our on-line commemoration with students finishing the sentence "Peace is....".

Below is a link to the book if you would like to read it at home with your child.   Thank you to Ms. Plumb for organizing this for RH!

[https://youtu.be/xohl5m-EyYA](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/aRFuBWDLWULooiWgdC1czQ~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRhfYlVP0QcaHR0cHM6Ly95b3V0dS5iZS94b2hsNW0tRXlZQVcHc2Nob29sbUIKAEbVVZxfE3kmVlIZTWFyaWEuTG9CaWFuY29AdGRzYi5vbi5jYVgEAAAAAg~~)

**Early French Immersion Program - Application Information**

For families interested in the Toronto District School Board's[Early French Immersion](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/katb5OowZMeTsbjl0FLagw~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRhfYlVP0RyaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cudGRzYi5vbi5jYS9FbGVtZW50YXJ5LVNjaG9vbC9TY2hvb2wtQ2hvaWNlcy9GcmVuY2gtUHJvZ3JhbXMvQXBwbGljYXRpb24tUHJvY2Vzcy9FYXJseS1GcmVuY2gtSW1tZXJzaW9uVwdzY2hvb2xtQgoARtVVnF8TeSZWUhlNYXJpYS5Mb0JpYW5jb0B0ZHNiLm9uLmNhWAQAAAAC) Program (begins in Senior Kindergarten), we offer an online process to apply. [Attached](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/aZGWOz5lyyX5tSKXNBmQvA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRhfYlVP0RSaHR0cHM6Ly9kcml2ZS5nb29nbGUuY29tL2ZpbGUvZC8xMXpPd1pWYUZteFNQRm9wX1Q1bC1WYlZmd1N3c0FWSHovdmlldz91c3A9c2hhcmluZ1cHc2Nob29sbUIKAEbVVZxfE3kmVlIZTWFyaWEuTG9CaWFuY29AdGRzYi5vbi5jYVgEAAAAAg~~)please find an important information package.

To apply for the Early French Immersion Program (SK entry) for September 2021, applications must be completed online between[November 2 and November 27, 2020](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/katb5OowZMeTsbjl0FLagw~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRhfYlVP0RyaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cudGRzYi5vbi5jYS9FbGVtZW50YXJ5LVNjaG9vbC9TY2hvb2wtQ2hvaWNlcy9GcmVuY2gtUHJvZ3JhbXMvQXBwbGljYXRpb24tUHJvY2Vzcy9FYXJseS1GcmVuY2gtSW1tZXJzaW9uVwdzY2hvb2xtQgoARtVVnF8TeSZWUhlNYXJpYS5Mb0JpYW5jb0B0ZHNiLm9uLmNhWAQAAAAC).

An offer of placement in the program (not a specific school) is guaranteed to all on-time applicants and will be made in the weeks following the close of the application window.

Please note: Families with an older sibling currently enrolled in the same French program and who will be in attendance next year are still required to complete an online application for the new student. Please select the “sibling option” within the online application.

For more information about the Early French Immersion (SK) application process, please join us for a[Virtual Information Session](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/Z9xBMhc-vq52SKoWWYhRvA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRhfYlVP0RbaHR0cDovL3d3dy50ZHNiLm9uLmNhL0VsZW1lbnRhcnktU2Nob29sL1NjaG9vbC1DaG9pY2VzL0ZyZW5jaC1Qcm9ncmFtcy9JbmZvcm1hdGlvbi1TZXNzaW9uc1cHc2Nob29sbUIKAEbVVZxfE3kmVlIZTWFyaWEuTG9CaWFuY29AdGRzYi5vbi5jYVgEAAAAAg~~) on one of the following dates:

* November 2, 2020, 7 p.m.
* November 12, 2020, 7 p.m.
* November 19, 2020, 10 a.m.

For more information about French as a Second Language programs, the application process and important dates, please visit[www.tdsb.on.ca/french](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/lhlCeNbs8WHSJi7v4qV8RQ~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRhfYlVP0QcaHR0cDovL3d3dy50ZHNiLm9uLmNhL2ZyZW5jaFcHc2Nob29sbUIKAEbVVZxfE3kmVlIZTWFyaWEuTG9CaWFuY29AdGRzYi5vbi5jYVgEAAAAAg~~).

**School Council Updates**

**Next PSC meeting**

The next Parent & School Council meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, November 4th at 7 p.m. The link to join is [https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/94796974388](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/Sd56RlZANBnSh3gq8Fi1LA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRhfYlVP4SzAWh0dHA6Ly90cmFjay5zcGUuc2Nob29sbWVzc2VuZ2VyLmNvbS9mL2EvUjZGd0s1c1VueFp4WDdoTEw5aEVzZ35-L0FBQUFBUUF-L1JnUmhkRUxOUDBUUGFIUjBjRG92TDNSeVlXTnJMbk53WlM1elkyaHZiMnh0WlhOelpXNW5aWEl1WTI5dEwyWXZZUzltZUdKRFJUY3hjMlpsYlhWTFRYQkhja0Z2V25WUmZuNHZRVUZCUVVGUlFYNHZVbWRTYUdGM1gxUlFNRkZzWVVoU01HTklUVFpNZVRrd1draE9hVXhYVG1oTWJuQjJZakl3ZFdSWVRYWmhhVGcxVGtSak5VNXFhek5PUkUwMFQwWmpTR015VG05aU1qbHpZbFZKUzBGRmFGUXpTV3htVjIxcE9VTXhTVmRrUjJoc1dtNUthR0p0VG5Cak1rNTJVVWRrZEZsWGJITk1iVTUyWWxablJVRkJRVUZCWjM1LVZ3ZHpZMmh2YjJ4dFFnb0FTRTBQazEtZlVPellVaGxOWVhKcFlTNU1iMEpwWVc1amIwQjBaSE5pTG05dUxtTmhXQVFBQUFBQ1cHc2Nob29sbUIKAEbVVZxfE3kmVlIZTWFyaWEuTG9CaWFuY29AdGRzYi5vbi5jYVgEAAAAAg~~)

**Bulletin Boards Around RH!**

Room 114 made beautiful wind chimes for their wind inquiry.

[Wind Chimes](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/LpSoaaGUMUSMA7y9TcGH7w~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRhfYlVP0R0aHR0cHM6Ly9tc2cuc2Nob29sbWVzc2VuZ2VyLmNhL20vP3M9TGhES3Y3bUJBQ2MmbWFsPThkYzE1NmViMWE5Njk4MGIxNzlkMjU1NzU2ODU2YjlhMWUwNGZlMThiMTI4NWY2ZGRhNGM3YTVkMjAwODg2MGVXB3NjaG9vbG1CCgBG1VWcXxN5JlZSGU1hcmlhLkxvQmlhbmNvQHRkc2Iub24uY2FYBAAAAAI~)

**Dress for the Weather, Inclement Weather Procedures**

Please ensure your child is dressing for the weather as we will be going outside rain or shine to get those important breaks from wearing masks.

If there is inclement weather at drop off or pick up, we will continue to meet you at the designated line-up areas as we do not have space to enter the building.

**Ventilation/Air Circulation**

Below is information shared in the previous Friday Flashes.   RH McGregor had 2 new boilers and a new Building Automation System (BAS) installed over the s.  Air filters have been changed and the BAS controls have been set for fan times to operate from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily, allowing for maximum air flow/exchange.

The TDSB  reviewed building ventilation and filtration systems and is implementing a number of strategies to improve ventilation in our schools and increase the volume of fresh air to the maximum extent possible. These strategies include:

•             Schedule HVAC systems to start 2 hours prior to the school day, to flush the school with fresh air.

•             Ensure that exhaust fans are running and keep them running for additional time at the end of the school day.

•             Ensure clean filters are installed prior to the start of the school year and inspect regularly to ensure they don’t become clogged, or hinder airflow.

•             Increase frequency of filter changes from 4 times per year to 6 times per year to maintain performance.

•             Ensure that HVAC exhaust grills are clean and that air supply grills are not blocked or closed off.

•             Follow recommended maintenance measures for air handling systems including inspection and replacement of filters.

•             If mechanical ventilation is not available, open windows to provide outdoor air.