

RODEN PUBLIC SCHOOL (RPS) NEWSLETTER

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Both RPS and EHAS share a building
and are both "allergy aware" and
Platinum Level EcoSchools.

January's Character Education trait is "Teamwork".

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Introducing Our New BUDDY BENCH

As part of our assembly in November around EMPATHY, we introduced students to our new Buddy Bench by the Hiawatha playground. The colourful bench may be used by students who are looking for a friend or those who have their friendship to offer. The idea is simple but the effects can be great. Ask your child(ren) about the bench and include it in your discussions (as we do in the classrooms) about social skills strategies they use at school. This is one more resource we're using to help our students reduce incidents of bullying and build stronger and healthier relationships.

EMPATHY & Bullying Awareness

November's Character Education assembly, during Bullying Awareness Week, focused on empathy, general bullying awareness as well as cyber safety and online behaviour. We highlighted our Roots of Empathy programs that have been operating in our school for the past few years as well as our rules around the use of technology and its appropriate use. We also introduced a "Bullying Reporting Box" for students to use who feel there isn't anyone or any other way to report a difficult situation. This is one more resource we're using to help our students reduce incidents of bullying and build stronger and healthier relationships.

Council Meeting Dates/Times

We will be meeting on the traditional date and time of past meetings in January but would like to discuss possible alternate options in between these two meetings from 7:15 to 7:45pm. Please do join us if you are able to help come up with possible options.

KINDNESS & CARING

December's Character Education assembly focused on the themes of kindness and caring with a visit from Sharon Brant from the Rick Hanson Foundation. Sharon talked with students about living with a visual impairment and what we can do to help and how to treat people with disabilities.

TEAMWORK

January's Character Education assembly focused on teamwork with a presentation about how animals work as teams in the natural environment and how students are part of many teams at school, at home and in their neighbourhoods. We also reviewed being safe and following our school rules in the winter months.

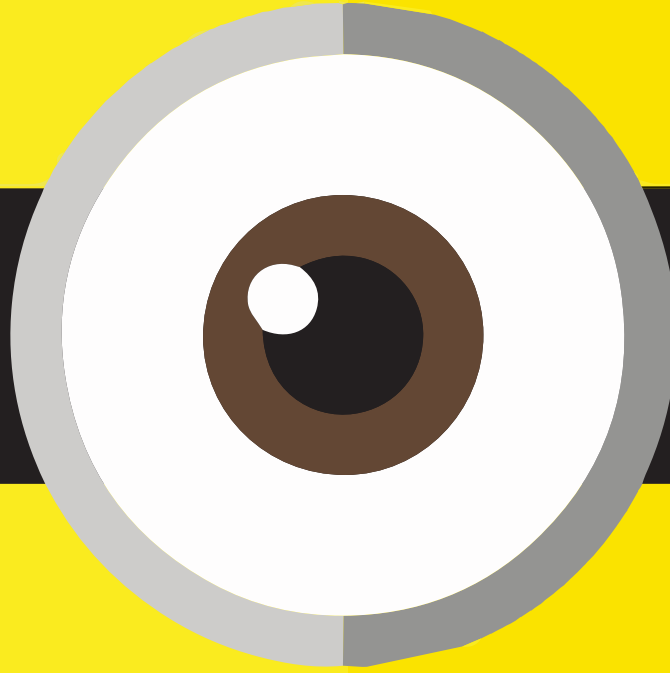
UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 13 School Council Meetings – Equinox @6pm & Roden @7:15pm
Jan. 15 Pizza Lunch
Jan. 21 Equinox Open House for Prospective Families, 6pm
Jan. 22 P.A. Day – Assessment & Evaluation - No School for Student
Feb. 09 Report Cards Go Home, JK & Gr. 1 to 8

RODEN SCHOOL
COUNCIL PRESENTS

MOVIE NIGHT!

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PERSON \$2 PER



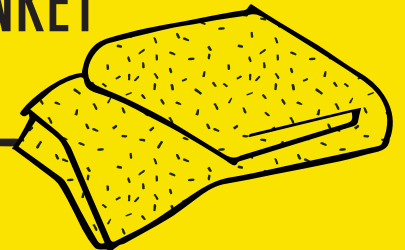
MINIONS!

FRI. JAN 29 / 6:30 IN THE GYM / DOORS OPEN AT 6

**PIZZA
SAMOSAS
DRINKS**

**POPCORN
BAKED GOODS
HOT DOGS**

**BRING A BLANKET
— TO SIT ON!**



NEW & IMPROVED: PARENTS-ONLY LOUNGE AREA!