

WEST ROUGE WEEKLY

Week of February 5 – 9, 2024



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Information & Announcements

Principal's Message

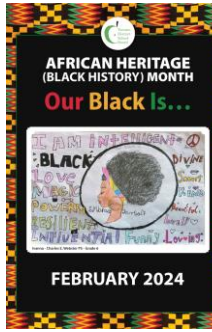
Today, we welcomed the news of an early spring as forecasted by Warton Willie. We continued our day with our much anticipated Appreciation Assembly for January's month of LOVE. We appreciated and acknowledged our Boys and Girls sports teams and thanked the Girls' Volleyball Team for showcasing their cheer! We introduced February's Grandfather Teaching of HONESTY and introduced African Heritage and Chinese Heritage Month. We also had our monthly LOVE badge draw! A BIG thank-you goes out to our student leaders in Ms. Genco's class who prepared, supported, created slide presentations and led our Assembly! Well Done Everyone!

Thank-you parents for joining our SAC meeting yesterday evening. I appreciate meeting everyone and learning more about the active involvement of our SAC in our school. We are so thankful for your involvement and look forward to the months to come as we approach our Fun Fair on May 11th. The next few meetings will focus on Fun Fair preparation and updates. Stay tuned for these meeting dates that our SAC will share. The final meeting of our School Advisory Council will be on Thursday, May 23rd.

Our week has been filled with safety presentations – Fire Safety in Particular. We wish to thank Fire Fighter Elissa for engaging our students in the important safety measures and information regarding Fire Safety. You may have already had discussions this week with your children regarding a fire safety plan at home.

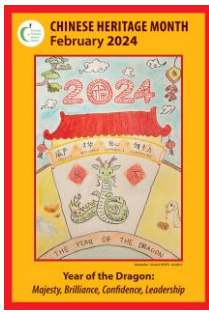
Monday is our grade 6 second Ski Trip to Lakeridge. A big thank-you to our staff and volunteers that will be accompanying and supporting our students on this Trip.

On Thursday of this coming week, we welcome visiting schools for a Jr. Boys' Basketball Tournament that will run all day in our gym. We wish our boys all the best -Play safe, show respect to all and have fun!



African Heritage Month

February is African Heritage (Black History). We “commemorate present and past individuals who helped shape the path of our future student leaders, while also celebrating the many achievements and contributions of numerous individuals with this heritage! Their voices and actions impact our society, and work to continuously improve the world we live in. This year’s chosen theme is ***Our Black Is...*** Our Black Is Resilient, Community, Beautiful, Unity, Joy, Self-Determination, Excellence, Empowering, Purpose, Brilliance, Engaging, Creative, Belonging, Tenacious, Powerful, Faith, Audacious, Powerful, Me...”



Chinese Heritage Month

February is Chinese Heritage Month. “This year we celebrate the ***Year of the Dragon: Majesty, Brilliance, Confidence, Leadership***. Lunar New Year, also known as the Spring Festival, is one of the most important celebrations for Chinese communities around the world. Lunar New Year is celebrated annually, and its dates are based on the lunar calendar. For 2024, it starts Saturday, February 10 and ends Saturday, February 24. The festivities include family gatherings, decorations, and of course a feast! “

Parking Lot

The parking lot continues to be an item on our weekly as we work together to ensure student safety and overall safety etiquette in our parking lot. Please be reminded that our staff needs to access the parking lot as well as any supply staff on any given day. We have had supply staff unable to park as the lot is full. Please access street parking. In addition, we remind everyone that there is no parking on the fire routes. We understand that some stop near the sidewalks to let children out of their vehicle and then leave, but parking in this route is not permitted by law. This also makes it difficult for our school buses to get through. At the end of the day, please use any designated parking spot that might be available in the parking lot, otherwise please choose street parking. As always, we thank-you for choosing safety over convenience.

Attendance

Please continue to enter all student absences either through the school messenger app or by calling the school. Please continue to advise the office of any upcoming vacations. Students arriving after 8:55 a.m. (after the national anthem) must report to the office for a late slip. Thank you for helping us keep our students safe and accounted for.

17th Annual Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) Conference

Tomorrow is the 17th Annual PIAC Conference on **Saturday, February 3, 2024** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Earl Haig Secondary School. More information please visit: ‘

www.torontopiac.com/whats-happening/conferences

Change in P.A. Day in April

It was announced yesterday that the professional activity day scheduled for **Friday, April 19, 2024 has been rescheduled and will now occur on Monday, April 8, 2024**. This adjustment is being made due to potential student safety concerns with regard to a rare total [solar eclipse](#) on Monday, April 8, 2024, that will put parts of Ontario into temporary darkness.

Week at a glance....

Monday, February 5 DAY 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Hern in the office• Gr. 6 students on Ski Trip to Lakeridge• Boomerang Lunches continue this week (make your lunch and snacks litter free!); Eco Club thanks students for their participation!
Tuesday, February 6 DAY 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Trialonis in the office• Jr Boys Basketball practice at 11:30am• Girls Volleyball Practice at 3:15 p.m.
Wednesday, February 7 DAY 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Hern in the office• Boys Basketball at 3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.• Jr Girls Volleyball Practice 8:00 a.m.• Eco Club meets at 11:30 a.m.
Thursday, February 8 DAY 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Trialonis in the office• Jr Boys Basketball TOURNAMENT at West Rouge• “Makers Club” meets at 11:30 a.m. in room 18 (Gr. 4 to 6); please bring your crochet needles• Jr. Girls Volleyball 3:15 – 4:00 p.m.
Friday, February 9 DAY 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Trialonis in the office• Girls Volleyball at 8:00 a.m.

SAVE THE DATE...LOOKING AHEAD

- February 12th Gr. 6 Girls Volleyball Tournament at Fleming Public School (first game begins at 8:30 a.m.)
- February 13th Term 1 Report Cards Go Home
- February 14th Marlies Game Gr. 5/6 classes
- February 15th Parent/Teacher Interview Evening
- February 16th PA Day – Parent/Teacher Morning Interviews
- February 19th Holiday - Family Day; School is Closed

REMINDER: We are a nut free facility. Please do not send any nut products to school. Thank you.

GREAT THINGS HAPPENING @ WEST ROUGE!

Forest of Reading



Boys' Basketball



Gr. 5/6 Trip to the Legislature



Love, Love, Love Badges



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