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October 2020 Newsletter

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Message from the Office

It is hard to believe that October has already arrived. Our students have been settling to school routines nicely. The grade 7&8 students have been busy assisting Mr. Ferguson the secondary horticulture teacher with preparing the grounds for fall and winter. This is an example of the hands-on learning that is unique to RDHS. This learning is part of the students' science curriculum.

The Thanksgiving long weekend is quickly approaching. The staff wish the students and families who observe this celebration a Happy Thanksgiving. We also hope our families who are busy with harvest season have a safe and successful harvest!

Safe Schools & Calling Home

While we recognize that in today's digital world, students often have access to personal devices such as cellphones, school procedures for illness need to be followed. If a student is feeling unwell and needs to contact a parent to call home, they must first speak to their teacher, who will assist them in making contact home through the office. In terms of student safety, it is important for the office to be aware if a student is not feeling well and ensure safe pick up of the student. Students should not be making their own arrangements without a staff member. We thank you for your cooperation with this.

Alternate After School Arrangements

If your child is being picked up by anyone other than yourself, or is not taking his/her regular bus, please ensure that you call the office or email us to let us know what the end of the day plan for your child is. If we do not receive contact from a parent, students will be sent home on their regular bus, or via regular arrangements. This is to ensure the safety of all students. We appreciate your cooperation!

New COVID-19 Screening Tool for Students

As of October 1, the provincial government has revised the daily screening tool for students. The updated tool and the downloadable version of it are available at: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>. We thank you for completing this daily screening before sending your student(s) to school.

Staffing Changes

We would like to welcome Ms. Veenstra to RDHS. Ms. Veenstra will be our Elementary Supervision Support in the afternoons. We have said goodbye and wish Mrs. McCutcheon all the best in her new position at BDHS! A replacement for Mrs. McCutcheon has not yet been determined.

Important & Up Coming Dates:

October 12	Thanksgiving
October 21	School Council Meeting (Virtual)
October 22	Deadline to change learning method
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 20	PA Day

Changing Learning Methods

If you would like your child to switch from virtual learning at home, to face-to-face instruction at RDHS, or to be put on the waiting list for virtual learning, please contact the Principal or Vice-Principal of RDHS, at 519-674-5449. The deadline for changing methods consideration is October 22 this term.

School Council

The school council meets at different times throughout the school year. Our meetings will be conducted virtually for the foreseeable future. These meetings are open to any parent, guardian or community member who is interested in attending. There are positions such as school council chair and secretary which are open for nomination and election. Should you be interested in either of these roles or finding out about what they entail, please contact Ms. Bruette or Miss McFarland. Our second school council meeting of the year is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21st at 6:30pm via Google Meets. Please plan to join us via the link below:

meet.google.com/yue-eywk-bfc

Staying Connected with RDHS 7&8

For the most up-to-date information, please consider following us on Facebook. Our Facebook page is intended to be an information page that gives reminders about upcoming events. This page is information only and does not take comments or messages. Should you ever need more information regarding an item posted on our Facebook page, please contact the office. In addition to this our school website can be found at [https://www.lkdsb.net/school/RDHS/7-8/Pages/default.aspx#/="](https://www.lkdsb.net/school/RDHS/7-8/Pages/default.aspx#/=). You can find information about upcoming important dates, and our newsletters will appear on this page.

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