



RUSSELL REID ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MAY 2015 NEWSLETTER

*** We are a NUT Free School ***



Dates to Remember...

May 1—Pizza Day
May 1—Gr 7/8 Field Trip
May 6—Grandparent Day—Primary classes
May 8—Hoops/Jump Rope 4 Heart
May 12—Lemmon/Slogget Field Trip

May 13—Kindergarten Visit
May 13—Mr. Gray class field trip
May 25—Track & Field—Gr. 4—8

Student Values

- Last year, as Colour Houses, the students completed activities to determine their school values. These values were posted in the common hall in the school. This year teachers will focus lessons on these student values. Here are the students' value statements:
- WE want everyone to feel safe, respected, and welcomed in our school where there is no bullying.
- WE want to feel safe at school, be able to make new friends and have more opportunities for active learning. WE need our teachers to respectfully learn along side us as we encounter new learning and be patient in explaining things.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Achievement

Thank you to Mrs. Birkett for planning Grandparents' Day for the primary students. Students enjoyed doing an academic activity with their grandparent or special adult in their life in the classrooms. A short assembly featured the talents of the primary classes. The Art Show featured work from many students throughout our school. As well, we hosted an open house on Tuesday afternoon from 4 to 5:30 pm with work from our students in the gym.

Math Learning Cycles continue in all three of our divisions. You will notice many students are working through problem solving-choosing the appropriate strategy, working with others to see how others solve problems differently and using supports that work for them when solving a problem.

EQAO testing for the primary division will occur on Monday, May 25, Tuesday, May 26th and Wednesday, May 27th. Students in grade six will write on Friday, May 29th, Monday, June 1st and Tuesday, June 2nd. Students in grades three and six will be writing on different days this year. We ask that all students come to school with a good breakfast, a solid night's sleep and a positive attitude. We did our mock EQAO assessment and by doing it, students were relieved and less stressed about the real assessment.

Engagement

Our Welcome to Kindergarten Orientation is on Wednesday, May 13th from 2 to 3 pm. Representatives from the Y before/after school program and the Brant Count Health Unit will also be in attendance.

Environment

Our last lock down practice was on Wednesday, April 29th. We practiced our fire drill procedure on Friday, May 1st. We have two more fire drill practices to complete in May and June.

Thank you to our families and community members for their generous donations to our School Greening Project. To date, our community has donated \$2000 towards the project. I can't wait to see the results in September!

P.T.A SPOTLIGHT

- Thank you for supporting our fund raising campaign . Money raised will go towards offsetting the cost of fields trips, graduation, fulfilling teachers wish lists and our year end BBQ.
- We will be hosting two pizza days in May. Friday May 1st and Wednesday May 15th. The next PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday May 12th at 6:30 pm in the school library. Come out and join us!
- Your PTA – School Council

BADMINTON

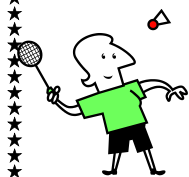
The Junior Badminton Team participated in the Regional Badminton Tournament. The students played very well and proudly represented our school. In draws of 14 players our top finishers were Dakota W. and Taylor L. with 3rd place in Girls Doubles and Sammie R. and Alex F. finishing in 5th place in Mixed Doubles. Other team members were Nathan P., Eric S., Alexis W., Maya M., Sydney F., Sam M., Kwinn G., Adam M., Claudia C., Jakob D., Will S., Cassie C., and Colin M. Congratulations to all players!

On April 29 the Senior Badminton team took part in the Grand Erie Regional Badminton Tournament at Ryerson Heights School. The competition was strong and all team members played well. Our top finishers were Candace R and Emma S who finished 2nd and will advance to the County Finals later this month. Other top participants were Brayden T & Brianna B finishing 4th in Mixed Doubles. David P. 6th in Boys Singles and, Maddy S and Jessica K who tied for 6th in Girls Singles.

Other team Members were Nathan G., Isaiah R., Matthew P., Zach B., Danny N., Nida H., Devyanee M., Charlie M., Stephanie P. Congratulations to all team members

We would also like to thank all the parent volunteers who helped drive the students to both the tournaments and used their cheering voices!

Mr. A. Lloyd and Mrs. K. Nash



A Note From Your School's Public Health Nurse...

Bicycle Safety

Bicycle riding can be a lot of fun; but it's important to be safe and wear a helmet! By law, every person in Ontario under the age of 18 who rides a bicycle must wear a helmet. A helmet that fits properly can prevent up to 85% of bike-related head injuries and can save your child's life!

Follow these tips to make sure your child's helmet is safe:

Before buying a helmet for your child, make sure it meets the correct safety standards and has a safety sticker from one of the following organizations: CPSC, CSA, Snell or ASTM

Make sure that your child's helmet fits properly!

Helmets should sit level on the head and should cover the top of the forehead, with two fingers width between the helmet and the eyebrows

The side straps should make a V shape and should fit snugly around the ears

Only one finger should fit between the chin and the helmet strap

When your child shakes his/her head from side to side, the helmet should not move

Helmets should be replaced every five years

If the helmet has been in a crash or is cracked or damaged in any way, it has to be replaced immediately

Remember – different helmets may be needed for different activities! If you're unsure whether or not the helmet is safe for the activity, check with the company that made the helmet!

For more information about bicycle helmets, safety tips and answers to frequently asked questions, visit Parachute Canada at www.parachutecanada.org

Ontario Schools Battery Recycling Challenge

The Ontario Schools Battery Recycling Challenge has officially come to an end. Our school did an outstanding job. Since the beginning of the competition in October, Russell Reid has collected over 500kg of batteries. We will let you know our exact total and standing in the competition once the official tallies are complete. Thank you to everyone who helped out. We to participate again next year.

RUSSELL REID PARENTS/GUARDIANS/STUDENTS/STAFF

This note is just to remind you of some changes that are beginning within the next few weeks in regard to the safety of students when arriving and departing the school.

■ As you may recall, as communicated in the school's Winter newsletter, Russell Reid
■ E.S. recently underwent a safety audit with Constable Andrea Cooper, the police officer
■ who is responsible for our school's Safety Patrol program. There were a number of
■ recommendations that resulted from this process, one of which was the start of
■ driveway patrolling at the beginning and end of each school day.

■ Therefore, **beginning Monday, April 20th**, safety patrollers will be actively monitoring
 ■ student movement before and after school at the driveway entrance to our Kiss n' Drop
 ■ area. ***This will entail the placement of pylons across the entrance to that area three***
 ■ ***minutes prior to the entry and exit bells each day.*** The placement of these pylons is
 ■ necessary to control both pedestrian and vehicle traffic in this area as students move en
 ■ masse to and from the school building.

- Drivers are asked to respect this new process as the pylons will be put into place in
- order to ensure student safety as they cross the driveway. At regular and safe intervals,
- the pylons will be removed to allow vehicular traffic to enter and exit the Kiss n Drop
- area. There will, of course, be times when vehicles will have to wait to enter and exit
- the Kiss n Drop area, especially if these times coincide with student movement. Your
- patience and respect for our students' safety will be expected and be appreciated.

■ Drivers are reminded to also be aware of and respect the areas on Cambridge Drive
■ where NO PARKING signs are mounted so that our students can continue to travel to
■ and from school in a safe manner.

- Once the Kiss n Drop driveway patrols begin on Monday, the Woodlawn patrols
- will be discontinued.

■ Thank you for your attention to this matter. ■

C. Brittain, Principal