



Rosemont Elementary Newsletter

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An earth-friendly EC40 school.



Upcoming Dates

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| Remembrance Day Service | Nov. 10 |
| Ruth Sutton speaks on Assessment for Learning—Prestige | Nov. 12-14 |
| School—based Pro D Day | Nov. 16 |
| Early Dismissal Days Students dismissed at 1:30 p.m. | Nov. 24-26 |
| Rosemont Elementary Book Fair | Nov. 23-26 |
| Next Newsletter | Nov. 20 |

Principals Message

Dear Parents,

This month the "C" we are focusing on at school will be caring. Caring is such an important virtue to instill as it is the premise of all our interactions and the foundation of relationship building. If we do not care about people, our actions mimic our beliefs.

Since arriving at Rosemont Elementary I have seen so many instances of caring between staff, between students and

staff and between students. Just yesterday, three of my grade 2/3 students combed the woods after Halloween and brought back litter and recyclables that were left by not so caring visitors. Their actions were unsolicited and warmed my heart that they do care about their play spaces.

I have seen so many examples of staff who constantly look to support vulnerable learners and students who just need that little bit of extra TLC. They give unconditionally because they care.

During the Halloween afternoon, I saw our oldest students, the grade 5s, caring and supporting the youngest in games and spooktacular activities. From what I could tell, they did this with a deep sense of caring for their fellow students. I was so proud of our young leaders.

In the following weeks, as you visit the school, pay attention to the many examples of caring our students and staff show, and feel free to let them know—right then and there! At our assembly in December, we will be choosing students that exhibit caring qualities and inviting them to share with me. I look forward to celebrating with them.

Thanks!

~Thanks to P.A.C. for all the work done in preparing hot lunches for students and staff. The students are loving the hot meals. The pasta and sauce was a huge hit!

~Thank you to John Schnare and all his house captains for their work in preparing for the Halloween afternoon last Friday. It was an amazing sight to see 90+ students and staff all encouraging and competing in their house teams (Earth, Air, Wind and Water).

~Thanks to our Collaboration Team of teachers who planned many opportunities to develop social responsibility. The team has planned the Halloween afternoon, the Destination Conservation events to reduce litter and save electrical and water energy, and the upcoming Remembrance Day Service.

~ Thanks to Wendy Maslechko for all her efforts at keeping our library services. Wendy does this as part of her teaching assignment, but we all know, she puts so much more into making sure Rosemont students benefit from a rich library of books to read.

~ Thank you to Judy Betts who has taken on yet another component to her teaching assignment. Judy will now be providing the language and culture component of our Aboriginal education program. Judy has already coordinated a guest to come and share Aboriginal culture through storytelling.

Attachments:

~PAC news

~November calendar of events

The 4Cs Student Assembly

At Rosemont Elementary, we use the 4Cs of Courtesy, Common Sense, Caring and Commitment to Learning, to help us learn about social responsibility. Each month, we have a "C" focus where staff will be looking for instances where students display that focus. A student from each class will be chosen and honored as modeling that focus. The focus for the remainder of November will be **Caring**.

The students selected for September Courtesy Awards were:

The October Courtesy students selected were:

Celebration of Learning

This past Thursday, our teachers participated in a Celebration of Learning at Trafalgar School. They were one of seven schools represented in an opportunity to speak on their growth plan and its implications for improving student learning. Rosemont's growth plan is centered around the goal of developing social responsibility by exercising democratic rights and responsibilities through fostering healthy relationships with each other, with community and with their environment.

What's in the news..

Book Bert

Crunchy details.
Perfect problems.
Supreme settings.
Cheerful chapters.
Fulfilling friends.
Outrageous rhymes.
Friendly fiction.
Entertaining ends.
Powerfully funny.
By Robin

My Favorite Books

Excellent scary story.
Fantastic problems.
Amazing pictures.
Happy ending.
Cool action.
Super long.
By Eli

Photo Retakes...

Photo order forms have gone home and are due back by November 10.

Photo retakes will take place Wednesday November 18 (morning).

Any students wanting retakes will need to pick up prepay order forms at the office on November 12 or 13. These are to be handed to the photographer on November 18, by the student.

Calling all Gardeners!

**Information Meeting
Regarding
Community School Garden
Project
Monday, November 23
Rosemont Elementary
6:30 - 7:30 pm**

We are seeking your perennial wisdom and volunteer labor in the planning of the next stages of the Rosemont Community School Garden. Call the school for more details if you are interested.
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"Plant a new Truffula. Treat it with care. Give it clean water. And feed it fresh air.

**Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."
Dr. Suess**

The Inside Story

On Wednesday, October 29, our teachers participated in the Literacy Innovation Launch held at the Board Office from 4:00–6:00. Superintendent, Pat Dooley, opened the Launch by outlining the district 5 Focuses for this year:

- Assessment for Learning
- Focused Collaboration with Action Research
- Differentiated Instruction
- Inclusion
- Professional Learning Teams

Our Rosemont Literacy Action Research project involves supporting all vulnerable learners in our school by building support packages that are user friendly by peers, staff or volunteers who come into the school to help.

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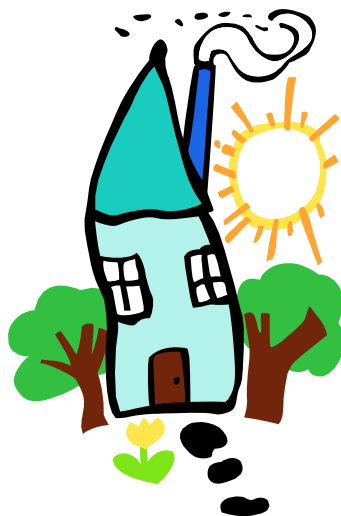
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Upcoming events...

- ☺ Thursdays Pizza Day at Rosemont
- ☺ Friday, November 6, Newsletter out to families
- ☺ Tuesday, November 10, Remembrance Day Service, Rosemont Gymnasium, 10:40 am.
- ☺ November 12-14, Ruth Sutton speaks on Assessment for Learning at the Prestige
- ☺ Monday, November 16, School-based Pro D day, students away
- ☺ Tuesday, November 17, Nelson Maple Leafs visit Rosemont
- ☺ Wednesday, November 18, Aboriginal Education presentation
- ☺ November 24-26, Early Dismissal Days, students dismissed at 1:30

Attention: Adoptive Families

November is Adoption Awareness Month, and on Saturday, November, 21, families who have been touched by adoption are invited to come for a potluck lunch, playtime for the kids and time for parents to meet, talk and learn about adoption resources.



Come and have fun at Crescent Valley Hall, Saturday, Nov. 21

Saturday, November 21, 11:am.—1:30 p.m. Crescent Valley Hall. \$5 per family. Bring a yummy dish to share and your own plates and cutlery. Coffee, tea, and juice will be provided. For more information, contact Sheri at 359-7639 or sjwalsh@telus.net

Silky Road Music Family Concert

Saturday, November 21, 2-3 p.m. Crescent Valley Hall. \$10 per family. Silk Road Music has performed for many years for school children across Canada.

Check out silkroadmusic.ca to see and hear them. For more information, contact Sheri at 359-7639 or sjwalsh@telus.net.

Thanks to the Adoptive Families Association of BC for supporting these two events.