

# Roncalli Elementary School

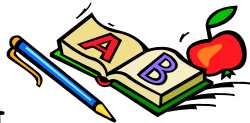
## Parent Newsletter

January 12, 2012



### ICF Applications

Applications for next year's Grade 6 Intensive Core French are due on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Grade 5 parents please note. Parent Information Session will be held tonight, at 7pm.



### KinderStart

Kinderstart sessions are due to start on January 20<sup>th</sup>. A parent information session will be held on Tuesday January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. At this time, if you have not registered your child for KinderStart (Kindergarten for September '12) we would encourage you to do so ASAP. Also, if you know of a friend or relative who do not have children currently in our school and who have not registered their child, could you please remind them to do so. This will ensure that they do not miss any sessions.



### Late French Immersion

Grade 6 parents should note that applications for LFI have been sent home to all Grade 6 students. Deadline for application is Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. A Late French Immersion Parent Information Session is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the District Conference Centre, 40 Strawberry Marsh Road.



### Outside Days

We will be making an attempt to go outside during lunchtime when the weather is appropriate. Please ensure your child wears/brings appropriate attire for outside days. It can be cold!!!!!! We usually use -10 degrees C as a gauge for outside days. Colder than this we will remain indoors.



### Spring Fling

Please see note from Spring Fling Committee

- MARK YOUR CALENDARS
- Spring Fling 2012 is Friday March 16<sup>th</sup>
- Looking for Volunteers to help with planning and Event Day
- 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in library
- Check book bags for upcoming letter.

### Eastern School District's Policy Peanut & Nut Free Peanut Butter Replacements

The Eastern School District has determined that given the similarities in appearance, texture and taste to peanut butter that Peanut & Nut Free Peanut Butter replacement products will be restricted in school where a student has a peanut allergy. The Eastern School District recognizes that these products present no risk of anaphylactic allergy, however, having these products in the schools does undermine the District's capacity to enforce the restriction of peanut butter. Teachers on duty would not be able to distinguish between the two products, therefore, both products are restricted in a school where a student has a peanut allergy.



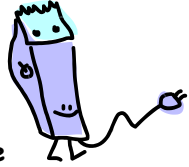
### Crossing Guard

Please note, our Crossing Guard will be away from January 19<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> inclusive. If anyone would like to volunteer to do a session during this time please let us know and we will do up a schedule. Times needed would be from 8:15-9:00am and 2:30-3:00pm. We currently have some members of School Council who have volunteered.

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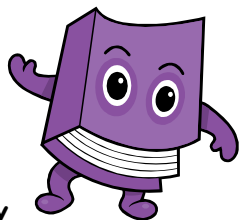
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### Shave for the Brave

A school event for 'Shave for the Brave' is currently being planned. Further information will be sent home in the next couple of weeks.



### Family Literacy Day

Family Literacy Day is scheduled for January 27<sup>th</sup>. We will have a variety of literacy based activities throughout the day. We look forward to a great day!!!



### Allergies

Please note that we do have students in our school with serious **life threatening allergies to all nuts, fish and kiwi**, so we ask that parents refrain from sending in food items which contain these products.



### Recycling

Each Friday is a recycling drop off day at our school. **Each student participating in this program will be eligible to win prizes.**



### Parking

As noted, our doors open at 8:25 am and dismissal is at 2:45pm. The parking lot is often congested and can be quite dangerous with so much traffic and excited students. With the snow now with us, our lot becomes smaller. Please be patient.

Please drive slowly!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



### School Closures

In the event of closures for weather, an announcement will be put on local radio stations by District Office. They are usually on by 6:30am. We are part of the Metro Region.

Also, you can check the Eastern School District's website at [www.esdnl.ca](http://www.esdnl.ca), go to Status Central and then click on Complete Status Report and scroll to Metro Region and look for our school. This will be updated for closures as early as possible.



### Recesses and Lunches

We have noticed an increase in the number of students forgetting their recess/lunches/ lunch money recently. Please encourage your child(ren) to double check before they leave for school. This would help minimize the inconvenience to parents having to leave work or home to bring lunches to school.



### Thought for the day...

*"All the things we achieve are things we have first of all imagined and then made happen."  
..... David Malouf*

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