

Roncalli Elementary School

Parent Newsletter

October 28, 2011



Halloween Activities

Halloween activities will take place next Monday. Further information will be sent home early next week. **Students will only be permitted to wear their costumes in the afternoon (with the exception of morning Kindergarten classes).**

Please note, accessories resembling weapons, etc. **are not** permitted.

Halloween Treats and Allergy Awareness

Please see below for reminder of allergies within our school.

We would like to remind parents and students of several points regarding Halloween Treats.

- Remind your children that there is no sharing of food or treats between students.
- If you are planning on sending in food for the teacher to share with the class, please ensure that it does not contain any of the allergens listed below. Please check with teacher before sending in food items so they can monitor amounts being sent in.
- Please read labels on any Halloween treats that your child may bring as they may contain products listed below.



Allergies

We have a number of students in our school with severe life threatening anaphylactic allergies. We ask you to take careful consideration and not send your child to school with food products that contain **peanuts/nuts and fish/shellfish**. There is also a student in the school with a **raw and cooked egg allergy**. We understand that many prepared and processed food items contain egg products and it may be difficult to make snacks and lunches that do not contain egg products. We ask that you refrain from sending to school items as hard boiled eggs and egg salad sandwiches. We have provided

a link on our website that contains some suggested snack items that do not contain egg products. However, do not feel that you are limited to sending only these products to school with your child. These are for your information. If you have any concerns or questions about this matter please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Tremblett or Mrs. Smith @ 576-4731.



Remembrance Day

Friday, November 11 is Remembrance Day, consequently, there will be no classes for students that day.

Our Grade 6 Students will be hosting a Remembrance Day Assembly at approximately 10:45 on Thursday, November 10th.



Recycling

Last year, we made some great strides in the recycling program. This year, we want to further increase both awareness and funds raised through our school recycling program. In order to attain this, we have decided that, like last year, we will continue each Friday to have a recycling drop off day at our school. **Each student participating in this program will be eligible to win prizes.**



Parking

Please respect the designated parking areas.

We will continue to monitor the parking lot your suggestions and input are welcome. **Please drive slowly on our parking lot!!!!!!!**

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School Council



School Council for this year is:

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School Council usually meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 5pm. School Council looks forward to working with parents throughout the year as we continue to grow.



Outside Days

The weather has begun to cool. On nice days, we make all attempts to get outside during lunch. Please ensure your child has on warm clothing for going outside.



Gameboys, I-Pods, etc.

Students who bring Gameboys, I-Pods and other such electronic games do so at their own risk. These are very expensive toys and many children have similar ones. We cannot be responsible for any lost Gameboys or accompanying games or other electronics.



Going Home to Lunch

Wherever possible, we encourage students to go home for lunch. It provides a good break from school and often refreshes the student for the afternoon session. **Please note, that when students go home to lunch we encourage them to return to school at 12:40pm to be ready for afternoon classes.**



No Smoking

Visitors, parents and Staff are reminded that all buildings grounds and properties under the jurisdiction of the Eastern School District are smoke free. Thank you for your cooperation with this policy.



Cell Phones

Please note, that the use of cell phones during school hours is not permitted. Any phones that are necessary to be made for emergencies can be made from the office. **Please note that taking pictures with cell phones is strictly prohibited.**



Afterschool Plans

While we understand that plans may change throughout the day due to unforeseen circumstances, we do ask that if you are aware of a change that will be happening, please send along a note to your child's teacher regarding this. This would help with some of the confusion that sometimes exists in the afternoons regarding plans.



Thought for the day...

"An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."Benjamin Franklin