

April/May Newsletter

Special Events: In March and April saw students participate in the **Heritage and Science Fairs** as well as the **Science Challenge**. We also finished up our **Artist in Residency** and our halls are lined with the artwork created by RPS students with Deanna Musgrave. Leadership students went to a Conference and a handful of Gr 7 students headed to the Saint John Ed Center for a, "Talk with Your Kids about Money" workshop. We have also had special guests attend our assemblies: KV Committee for Disabled Persons, PRUDE Saint John and the ASD-S Respect and Diversity Leads. We had **Pi Day** and 6B is still participating in the **Roots of Empathy** program with Mr. Shea. Today our Thespians head to **Drama Fest** in Fredericton and our Band students just returned from the **Atlantic Music Festival** and trip to Halifax. It's been a jam-packed Spring so far!

GSA: GSA is returning to RPS! At our Way-to-Go Assembly on April 27 our ASD South Respect and Diversity Leads gave a presentation for the re-launch of our Gender-Sexuality Alliance that will meet on Fridays at lunch time. We had an active GSA last spring and we are set to get things going again. This re-launch fits nicely with the Anglophone South Ends Policy #5, which addresses sexual orientation and gender identities. As a student, joining the GSA means that you declare yourself to be a friend and ally to all people, regardless of their gender or sexual orientation. Students will never be asked to identify themselves as members of the LGBTQ community, although they are obviously welcome to do so, if they wish.

Volunteer/OML Opportunity: The Towns of Rothesay and Quispamsis along with other various community partners are planning an event on Saturday, June 10th to celebrate and promote the new Trans Canada Trail and they need volunteers.

The Canada 150 KV COMMUNITY Trail Adventure event will celebrate the opening of the Trans Canada Trail by inviting the public to walk, run, or bike the Trail from the Qplex in Quispamsis to the Bill McGuire Centre in Rothesay. There will be different pit stops and activities along the route as well as a

post-adventure party at the Bill McGuire Centre. If your child is interested in volunteering, please contact Ms. Marr (angela.marr@nbed.nb.ca) by May 15.

Light the Night: On Friday, June 2nd from 8:15pm-9:20pm, RPS will be hosting a "Light the Night" walk at the Rothesay Commons, in support of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and the Jonathan Young Memorial Amphitheatre at Camp Medley. Students and members of the community are invited to bring their lights (flashlights, glow-sticks, etc.) and walk around the oval track or sidewalks bordering the Commons to show support for those whose lives have been impacted by cancer. You can walk as a supporter, a survivor, or "in memory of". The night will have a short program beginning with musical guests, short speeches and will end with a 20-minute walk full of Light and Hope. Proceeds from the sale of refreshments and glow-sticks will be donated to the Jonathan Young Memorial Amphitheatre Fund at Camp Medley. Donations will also be collected on-site for both the theatre fund and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Parking is free at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church across the street from the Commons. Rain date is Saturday, June 3rd. Please join us on June 2nd to shine a light in honor of the children with leukemia and those whose lives have been affected by cancer.

We also looking for donations of strings of lights, you can send them into the school office (if you want them returned, please clearly label the lights). Students have pledge sheets, they should be returned, with donations on May 4, May 12, and May 15 for incentive draws.

Special Dates:

- May 3: VanGo Art Installation
- May 5: NBTA Council Day, no school for students
- May 8: Visit from KV Paddling Club
- May 9: Photos for remaining Teams/Clubs and Gr 8 Group Shot
- May 16: Night of the Arts
- May 19: District AGM, no school for students
- May 22: Victoria Day, no school for students
- May 25: Gr 8s to RHS
- May 26: Way To Go Assembly