



April, 2018 Newsletter

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Thanks to all of the parents who came out to our parent teacher conferences. Teachers, students and parents are becoming more comfortable with the language of the report cards and how assessments are determined based on products, conversations and observations. Our PSSC and teaching staff have started to plan for our student recognition in June based on demonstrated learning habits of Independence, Responsibility, Organization Interactions and Initiative. Information will be sent home in May to explain further to parents.

Spring is always a busy time and a time of transition in schools with staffing and scheduling. Rothesay Park will be at this point having the same number of homerooms as this year. Our schedule will be organized in a different manner. Social Studies and ELA will be blocked together as well as FILA and Science Humaines. Many outcomes can be covered in a more efficient manner by blocking these subjects.

April is a busy month for students at RPS. We have many competitions going on both in and out of the building. Congratulations goes out to participants at the **Regional French Oratorical**. In grade 6, Jorja Keenan took 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Grade 7 Late Immersion, Kylie Streeter earned 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Grade 7 Early Immersion was Aleena Dixon bringing home 3<sup>rd</sup> place and in Grade 8 Early was Nic Ashfield with 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Well done!

Congratulations to Owen Searle in grade 6 who came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Provincials for his Remembrance Day poem that was submitted to the **Legion's contest** in the fall.

This year's Heritage Fair at RPS was incredible. The projects were all amazing. Thanks to the many parents who came in during the fair to visit. It was very difficult to determine those who will participate in the **Regional Heritage Fair** being held at RPS this year on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Winners are: **Grade 6** – Hannah Clarke and Parker Craig, Sarah Walsh and Addi McClune, Claire Frenette and Madalyn Moore, Ella Bennett and Lauren Clark. **Grade 7** – Kylie Streeter, Joseph Andreani, Olivia Roh, Ella Simonds and Taylor O'Connor.

**Grade 8** – Christian McAuliffe, Molly Frenette, Julie Reevey and Ella LeRoy, Sharica Whittaker and Sophia Parsons, Claire Reevey and Caitlyn Brittain. We look forward to the fair at the end of the month with projects from other middle schools in the Hampton Ed Centre.

Huge shout out to Mme. Joseska who pulled together a **Science Challenge** team in a short time. Participating this year on April 23<sup>rd</sup> will be Liam Ellingwood, Christian McAuliffe, Cameron Pierce, James Robinson, Sara Williams, Marie Legere, Aleena Dixon and Olivia Roh. Best of luck Ravens.

Thanks to Mr. Ed Butler for taking a group of students to the Learning Partnership sponsored **Regional Arcade** in uptown Saint John. Students who participated are: Parker Craig, Lu Clarke, Luke Gionet, Harry Halpin, Josh Mahwinney, Marissa Beaudet, Reese Anderson, Ella Bennett, Addison McClune, Eunchan Park and Graham Cook.

Mme. McCallum had interested students write a Math competition assessment in early April. The following students have been selected to represent RPS at the **Provincial Math competition**: Alex Abrahams, CJ Dalglish, Johnny Wang, Jonathan Whittet, Ross Daigle, Cameron Pierce, Dria McKenna, Gracie McLean, Nic Ashfield and Molly Frenette. More information will follow through Mme. McCallum as the competition approaches.

Students in grade 6-8 were well entertained while receiving an important message about bullying, the effects on students, the community and the importance of standing up for those who may be left out or disrespected by their classmates and peers. Eric Crookshank, a former player and coach of the Halifax Rainmen, brought his Bench Bullying Tour to several schools in the Saint John area including RPS.