Rennie's River Elementary

…learning together with love and laughter
Monthly Newsletter

February 2025

Important Dates:

February 3-7
Guidance Counsellor Week - appreciation for Ms. Ennis!

February 3-11
School Lunch menu opens for March

February 10-14
Staff appreciation week - Celebrations for our RRE team! A memo will be sent out regarding this.

February 12
100th day of school!

February 14
Valentine's Day

Grade 4 Fieldtrip to the Fluvarium

February 21 & 24
Winter Break - no school

February 26
Recycling Blitz & Pink shirt day

February 28
KinderStart session #2. No school for Kindergarten students

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100 Days at RRE

On February 12 we will mark 100 days in this school year.



Winter Concert

On January 30 our grade 1, 2, and 3s presented the fantastic production of 'Flake's!', reminding us all that we are all special and unique. Thanks to all of the parents and families that came to see the show.





Upcoming PL days

We have some upcoming Professional Learning days for our staff. School will be closed for students on March 3 and March 21. Family-Teacher Conferences will take place on March 20 so there will be an early dismissal on that day.

School Lunch Dates

Please note that menu ordering for March opens on Monday, February 3. The deadline for ordering for next month is Wednesday, February 11.



Allergy Reminders

Please note that we have the following allergies at our school and remind you of the importance of not sending food containing those items: Peanuts / Tree Nuts (almonds, pecans, cashew, walnuts...) / Shellfish. Also, WOW butter and other soy butter products are not permitted.

Head Lice

Head lice have been in schools as long as schools have existed. As with every year, some cases have been reported. The best prevention is to be mindful and to check your child's hair regularly.

Being Mindful

Mindful children are better able to focus and concentrate, experience less stress and anxiety, and are more skilled in handling difficult emotions such as anger and fear. Mindfulness, however, is not just a great technique for kids. Much of the mental suffering and anguish that people of all ages experience is caused by allowing our mind to wander to sad

Assistant Principal
Ms. Shannon Goldsworthy

Guidance
Ms. Megan Ennis



Staff Appreciation Week

The week of February 10 to 14 is Staff Appreciation week. The incredible staff of RRE work hard to provide our students with the best possible teaching and learning. This note is from our School Council and will be sent again separately later this week.

Winter Break

There is a province wide winter break from February 21 to 24. School will resume on February 25.



Green Depot

Our February Recycling Blitz will take place on February 26. Donating your beverage containers to RRE helps us to make money for things like extra gym equipment! If you prefer, you can also consider dropping your recyclables off at the local Green Depot on Elizabeth Avenue and have them credit your donation to our school account. We are thankful for all donations of beverage containers.



Late French Immersion

We are still waiting to receive information regarding the late French Immersion program for our current grade 6 students. Information will be sent out to the families as soon as it is available.

Intensive Core French

memories of the past or worrisome fears of the future. As we train our minds to focus on the present moment we soon realize that most of our moments are good moments. Peace of mind can be found in the present moment. Mindfulness is a kind of superpower we all have but might not know how to use. All one needs are your senses: sight, sound, taste, smell, touch, and breath. We can practice this superpower to help relax and feel better when we feel stressed, anxious, angry or even sad. A goal for us here at Rennie's River Elementary is to help our students be more mindful and, thus better able to handle uncomfortable emotions as they arise.

Unscheduled School Closures

This is the time of the year when we can expect unscheduled school closures and they may occur at any time. Please ensure that all contact information is updated on your **child's student data form** that was distributed at the beginning of the school year. **Unscheduled school closures will be determined by NLSchools** and announcements will be made on local radio stations where possible. **In the event we are at school and an unscheduled school closure takes place,** we will notify you through email, school website, and Twitter. Our teachers will make contact with the home before sending children home. Since it will be important to have children picked up in a timely manner once a school closure has been determined, it will be crucial to have accurate contact numbers on file for your child. Also, **it is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to ensure that alternate arrangements are made for your child and that he/she is familiar with the plan you have in place.**

Winter Dress

The winter season is upon us and we remind all families to please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately for the varying weather conditions. We will continue to encourage our classes to get outside on a daily basis when the weather and conditions permit us to do so. Therefore, it is extremely important for all students to be dressed with warm hats, mittens, coats and boots. Thank you for your cooperation.

Literacy Week/Family Day

January 27 - 31 was Family Literacy Week at Rennies River. This year the theme was 'Go Green, Together'. We had a fantastic week highlighting and celebrating our

Information for Grade 5 English students interested in Intensive Core French for September 2025 will be shared within the upcoming weeks.

Pink Shirt Day

The purpose of the Pink Shirt initiative is a reminder to encourage each and every one of us to be kind to one another, to treat each other with dignity, respect, and understanding, and to embrace the differences that exist among us. In schools, at home, at work and particularly online, we must take steps to treat each other with kindness and understanding. As with so many important initiatives, the concept of respect and equality requires strong leaders who show the way and demonstrate these values each and every day.Please join us on **Wednesday, February 26th** and wear or design your brightest pink shirt, tie or any other pink article of clothing or accessory. Let's set an example and show our respect for safe, healthy and inclusive schools and working environments.

Unscented School

We are a scent free school. Please refrain from wearing any perfume, cologne, or any heavily scented product if you are coming to the school. We thank you for your understanding.



Kiss N Ride Reminders

In an effort to maximize efficiency and safety, please keep the following in mind:

- Parents/Guardians are asked not to get out of their vehicle to help students
- If students are able, they can exit the vehicle on their own and walk up to the appropriate entrance
- There is only one lane for Kiss N Ride. Please do not create a second lane
- Please use the drop-off area at the top of the stairs for students. There should be no cars stopping in front of the student entrance. This impedes traffic and bus flow.

diverse and multi-faceted school community. Some of the week's highlights were the sharing of literature, Read My Shirt Day, and lots of other fun activities. We had an amazing schoolwide bedtime read aloud with Ms. Hackett, flashlight reading, and pajama-cozy reading. It was a wonderful week of celebrating all things literacy!







