

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year! The holiday season lends itself to good quality time with family and friends. The children returned rested and eager to share their holiday stories. As the first week back draws to a close, it is a good time to write and share some upcoming information for the month of January.

"Looking for something for your child(ren) to get involved in this year? Come and see what 4-H has to offer you locally, provincially, Nationally and Internationally! **Richmond 4-H** is open to youth ages 6-25 and focuses on developing leadership skills and community involvement through participation in various projects. The Richmond 4-H members invite youth and parents/guardians to join them for an evening of exploring 4-H. Visitors can try their hand at both our archery and our craft projects and see displays of our square dancing and animal projects. Everyone is welcome! We look forward to seeing you on **Wednesday, January 16th , 2019 from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the Richmond Regional High School. Miss Scoble**

**January Theme meal in the cafeteria on Friday, January 25:** Members of the PPO are working with Shirley on the special theme meal which will be a brunch. Thanks to the President's Choice grant that we received this year, every child will receive a piece of a waffle with homemade jam. Next month the theme meal will be a Chinese Lunch.

**The RRHS CLC presents Movie Mania Night: Friday, February 1**  
**RALPH BREAKS THE INTERNET (English Version)**

Popcorn for sale by ADS Elementary's PPO; Movie begins at 7:00 pm

**School Fees:** The second instalment due date was on November 27<sup>th</sup>. If you have not yet paid your child's fees, please drop by or send the payment in at your earliest convenience.

**The School registration period for NEW students for the 2019-2020 school year will be from January 28 to February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**

**Re-registration will take place on line in early February. You will receive instructions shortly.**

**Evaluation:** The following three weeks, as term two is drawing to a close, the children will be extra busy finishing up units, tests, projects, and *Diagnostic Reading Assessments*. Term two ends on February 1. The Term 2 report cards will be posted on line on Wednesday, February 13, 2019. Our next parent-teacher interview evening is **Thursday, February 28**. We look forward to seeing you at this get together. An invitation letter will be sent home in February.

**Sexuality Education Information:** The new Sexuality Education Program information letter for students in grades 1-6 was sent home earlier this week. A letter will be sent home soon for the kindergarten parents. We have ordered a series of recommended stories and little novelettes as material for the course. How much time will be dedicated to teaching the course content at each grade level? In kindergarten, the students will be covering lessons on the various topics over a 5 hour period of time. By grade 6, the topics will be covered over a 12 hour period. As in previous years the school nurse will come to the grade 6 class in March to cover a unit on puberty. A chart with the specific objectives at each grade level has been posted on our school website for your convenience.

**St. Francis Elementary School Website:** Our webmaster, Mrs. Sullivan, continually updates the site. Check it regularly for our menu, calendar of events and lots of useful information. <http://stfrancis.etsb.qc.ca>

### **Summary of Important Dates**

**Jan. 16:** Richmond 4-H (an evening to learn about 4-H, held at RRHS @ 6:30 pm)

**Jan. 21:** Due date to sign up for January 28 Planning Day Daycare

**Jan. 25:** St. Francis Cafeteria Theme meal (Brunch with PPO support)

**Jan. 28 – Feb. 8:** School Registration (for new students)

**Jan. 28:** Planning Day/ with Daycare

**Feb. 1:** End of Term 2; CLC Movie Mania Night @ RRHS

**Feb. 4:** Term Three begins

**Feb. 4-8:** Teacher Appreciation Week

**Feb. 4 – Feb. 15:** Bus Safety weeks (<http://www.federationautobus.com/>)

**Feb. 8:** 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School

**Feb. 11:** PPO Meeting @ 6:00 pm; Governing Board meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

**Feb. 11 – 15:** Hooked on Schools Week

(<http://www.reussiteeducativeestrie.ca/jps/en/>)

**Feb. 13:** Term Two Reports posted on line

**Feb. 14:** Valentine's Day Hot Chocolate (organized by the PPO)

**Feb. 15:** Planning Day/with Daycare

**Thurs., Feb. 28:** Parent-Teacher Interview Evening

**March 1 @ 3:00 p.m.:** March Break begins (Daycare will be closed during this time)

***March Break:*** March 4 – 8, 2019

***March 11:*** Planning Day/with Daycare

Have a great winter month! I will be sending home the next newsletter in mid-February.

Sincerely,

Louise Retchless, Principal