

Rouleau School Newsletter

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Administrator's Message...

We are Hosting Again!

After three years without our annual student conference, we have planned a mini-conference to be held on April 11th. Dwayne Peace, our fantastic presenter from October 2017, will present his session, *Cannabis and Other Drugs*. Those of you who attended his parent session last school year may be interested in purchasing his book, *Parenting With Eyes Wide Open*, which will be available that day for \$20.

Small Town Shine 2019 will kick off at 2:00 p.m. with a welcoming student 'mash up' video and some fun school competitions. Dwayne will present from 2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., which will be followed with more games, supper and a dance. Avonlea and Craik have already committed, but we are still hopeful for two other schools that we have invited. We hope that all of our Grade 7 – 12 students will make themselves available that evening, as the information is valuable, and the connecting with other rural students a fantastic opportunity. Registration forms will be sent home early next week.

Our Grade 3 - 6 students will be in a T.H.I.N.K workshop for most of that same day. This acronym encourages students to evaluate their choices to determine if they are 'True, Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary, Kind'. The workshop stresses the importance of speaking the truth, the power of words, acknowledging that everyone has a gift, the impact of media including violent video games, bullying, cyber-bullying, on-line responsibility, inappropriate pictures, and rumours, gossip, and drama. At the end of the day, students will each leave with a T.H.I.N.K. bracelet to have as a reminder of these positive messages.

We are very excited about the opportunities for our Grade 3 – 12 students on April 11th!

Mrs. Jackie Goby

Important Dates

**April 9—Drama
Performance @ 7:00**

**April 15—Early dis-
missal @ 2:35**

**April 18—Report
Cards Gr. 9-12**

**April 19 to 28—
Easter Break**

We are now accepting applications for our school's Pre-Kindergarten program in the fall. If you know someone who might be interested in this information, please have them contact the school. Thank you!

Grade 9/10 News

ELA

The grade 9s have been busy this semester in ELA reading short stories, poems, and essays, and they are currently studying the novel *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins. They have been expanding their vocabulary on each section as well as completing questions. As we near the end of the novel, students will be working on a final project. Students are also completing a Book Review for their silent reading novels which they started at the beginning of the semester. When we return after the Easter break, we will be studying William Shakespeare's *Macbeth*.

The grade 10s finished reading numerous short stories, poems, and essays in their first unit this semester and are currently studying the novella *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck. They have completed an Oral Research Presentation, and are working on an Apple Box Drawing and a Class-wide Debate. They will also be completing a Literary Analysis of the novella and a notebook assignment. Students are also completing a Book Review for their silent reading novels which they started at the beginning of the semester. When we return after the Easter break, we will be studying William Shakespeare's *Macbeth*. ~ Mrs. Phillips

Math 9

The Grade 9 class has covered eight outcomes in five Math units so far this school year. In addition to studying concepts on powers & exponent laws, probability & statistics, rational numbers, polynomials, and linear relations, we've been working on incorporating technology tools in organization and learning. Back in October, I set up a Google Classroom which has been used for various reasons. A few of them are...

- communication reminders regarding upcoming deadlines for homework and tests
- posting links to videos or reference sheets for extra practice while completing their work outside of school
- posting digital assignments for summative and formative assessments

Prior to our school's chrome books arriving, students were accessing this classroom via school or home computers as well as on their personal devices. There is a parent/guardian component, so, if your son/daughter is in the class and you'd like access to the classroom, send me an email and I will get you set up with it. ~ Mrs. Baber

Workplace & Apprenticeship 10

Students have just completed a detailed menu project to practice their skills of converting between Imperial and SI (metric) units. One area that is challenging is converting from a weight such as grams or ounces, to a volume measurement such as millilitres or cups. This is because ingredients all weigh a different amount for the same volume. For instance, a cup of cornstarch does not weigh the same as a cup of butter! These are necessary skills, however, as many recipes will list a weight when many kitchens do not have a scale and the cooks need to rely on their measuring cups! Conversely, many products are sold in weights when the recipes call for volumes.

Within the project they designed a one-meal menu from a specific cuisine. This included an appetizer, a main course, and a dessert, all advertised on a full page menu. They were required to list all ingredients in their recipes in both Imperial and SI units, as well as any temperatures. They also each made a shopping list, including what size of item they would need to purchase of each ingredient to have enough for all three recipes. Finally, they created a conversion table showing the different volumes for 100 grams of five of their most common ingredients.

The entire effort was a practical learning experience for our Grade 10 students! ~ Mrs. Goby

Health 9

The grade 9's have been working hard on an addictions unit. We have been listening to a read aloud and discussing the process of addiction. In January/February we discussed relationships and began discussing healthy boundaries and sticking to personal limits. ~ Mrs. Baiton

Scholastic Book Fair

The March Book Fair for Rouleau School was once again a huge success!

This year we had total sales of \$1,917.65!

From this we were able to purchase \$900 in books for our school library!

Thank you to all the family, friends and members of the community who came out to support our school library and our children's reading!

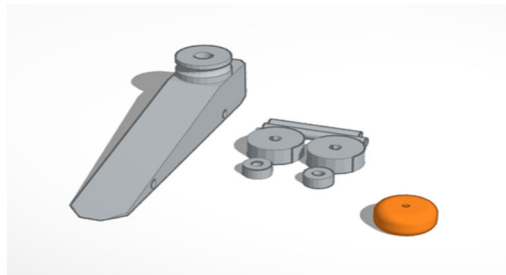
A super special thank you to Nelliah, Mrs. Singleton, Mrs. Baber, Mrs. Krauss, the wonderful students who helped with set up and tables, and the phenomenal young ladies who helped with packing up on their day off. I could not have done it without all your support.

~ Ms. Wood

Grade 9/10 News

Heading into the newest semester the 9/10 Science class has delved into an area many of them are unfamiliar with – Physics! We started off looking into how we calculate speed, acceleration, and even got to play with some Hot Wheels cars in a lab setting! Most interestingly, the students have had a chance to do some hands-on 3D modelling, where they were given a basic balloon-powered car and were tasked with modifying the model as they see fit – adding spoilers, wings, decorations, etc. We are now in the process of printing off the vehicles and wheels, which once done, we will then race against each other! While that is going on we're taking a look at vectors and displacement, which is a way to indicate travel distance and direction. This is a little different than what we've done before, so it's going to take some work to get it fully understood. ~ Mr. Volman

Example of 3D Car Model



In History 10, students have been learning about Ideologies and Imperialism. Throughout February, students learned about the purpose and importance of ideologies, found out where they stood on the political spectrum, and identified the positives and negatives of each ideology. Lately, students have been Imperialism during the late 1800s. Currently, students are representing Belgium, Great Britain, France, Portugal, Italy, Germany, and Spain at the Berlin Conference. Students are playing a game simulating the Scramble for Africa. During the "Risk" style game, students can either colonize a territory, wage war against a fellow European country, or pass on their turn to collect points for further advances. Part way through the game Great Britain has been on the winning side of many wars. Students will continue learning about Imperialism throughout April and in May and June learn about the events leading up to WWI and WWI itself..

In Entrepreneurship, students have completed the Rouleau Asylum Escape Room and have been busy over the first two weeks. Students have been covering shifts each night operating the Escape Room with great success so far. Approximately 50% of our visitors have managed to escape successfully. On Tuesday, April 2nd the staff and owners of Regina's Escape Manor will be coming out in the morning to test out the Escape Room and provide some feedback for the 9/10 students. The Escape Room will continue to be open every night we have school until Wednesday, April 10th. Email rouleauasylum@gmail.com or message us on the Rouleau School Facebook page. Thanks for your support so far!

~ Mr. Singleton
