



# Runnymede CI School Council Newsletter

December 2017

## Dates to Remember

**Dec 1 – PA Day: NO SCHOOL!**

**Dec 6 – Last Day of Term 1**

**Dec 6 (6:30 pm) – Winter Arts  
Night**

**Dec 15 – MADD Assembly**

**Dec 15-17 – Grade 10 Albion Hills  
Trip**

**Dec 19 – Cookie Challenge! \$1 for  
2 cookies**

**Dec 22 (12-1pm) – Holiday Bash**

The holiday break will soon be here...

### School Council Update

The November Council Meeting hosted Christie Luchies from TVO presenting their *Homework Help* program and the Math Department's overview of their program

### **SAVE THESE DATES!!**

We have two great meeting topics coming up!

**Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> Course Options Overview (RCI  
Guidance)**

**Feb 26<sup>th</sup> Connecting with your Teen (Toronto  
Public Health rep)**

Childcare will be available these evenings – thanks to our volunteer students!

### **STEM Youth Summit (Brad Kennedy, ACL - Science)**

On November 15th, four Grade 10 students proudly represented Runnymede at the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Youth Summit, where they networked and solved STEM related problems with other scholarly students from across Toronto. They even met some of Canada's most successful BioTech CEOs, an astronaut, and the Lieutenant Governor General of Ontario!



# Volunteers Needed!

## **RUSTCO (Student Council)**

Is looking for venue options for the Semi-Formal in February. If you have any contacts or ideas for an affordable place for our students to have their dance, please contact Carlotta Lovell at [carlotta.lovell@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:carlotta.lovell@tdsb.on.ca)

**Cheer** is looking for sponsor companies to help fund their competitions. The Cheer Club supports many of RCI's athletic teams and is one of the hardest working groups. Please email [Christina.kemp@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Christina.kemp@tdsb.on.ca) if you can help!

**Winter Arts Night** is looking for parents help to make this an unforgettable night on December 6<sup>th</sup>!

Contact Janelle Bylykbashi @ 416-394-3200 x 20143 or [Janelle.bylykbashi@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Janelle.bylykbashi@tdsb.on.ca) if you can help before, during or after!

## **From the Arts Department:**

It has been an exciting and very busy time for the Arts Department at RCI thus far in this school year. We hosted our first annual "Family Arts Nite" bringing together RCI students, families, friends and neighbours from the wider community. The evening was a great success as children of all ages and their parents, enjoyed face painting, pumpkin decorating and a popcorn delight creation station, as well as various delicious Halloween homemade sweets. We were very pleased to welcome our honoured guest, Trustee and Chair of the TDSB Board, Ms. Robin Pilkey who brought greetings from the Board. Also in attendance, was Bhutila Karpoche, Ontario NDP Candidate for High-Park Parkdale. A special thanks to Starbucks Coffee for sponsoring our event with delicious refreshments! We sincerely thank everyone who attended, student leaders, parents, staff supervisors and our Administration team for showing their support!



At our Grade 8 Information Night/Open House, RCI Visual Arts was pleased to showcase a range of beautiful drawings and collagraph prints by Grade 9 and 10 students as well as creative photography by senior classes. Visitors to studio arts had the chance to try a fun printmaking activity, and experiment with green-screen effects downstairs in the digital arts lab.



Students from the Band and Steel Pan Classes showed their musical talents and skills and the visitors experienced first hand what RCI has to offer. We look forward to meeting our new incoming Grade 8 students as they make Runnymede their choice for their high school endeavours! The RCI Arts Department, takes great pride in the very unique, enriching and engaging Arts Programming we provide and assure you that RCI is where you want to be!

Upcoming events we are currently preparing for are **Winter Arts Night (December 6 @ 6:30 PM)** and **Holiday Bash (December 23)**. We look forward to welcoming all of our students' friends and families to our **Winter Arts Night** where students in the Arts will showcase their work and talents. Our Arts Nights are successful because of the amazing individuals who come out to support and our amazing Parent Volunteers who assist with the festivities. We are looking for some help from our Parent community for this year's event. Please contact us if you would like to be part of our adventures. Please contact us at 416-394-3210 x 20143 or [janelle.bylykbashi@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:janelle.bylykbashi@tdsb.on.ca). We thank you in advance

## MATH SUCCESS

RCI's Math Teachers are committed to helping your student be successful, but there are some ways parents can help too!

- Have high expectations for your child
- Talk about mathematics in a positive way
- Encourage your child to use a daily planner
- Encourage personal responsibility for learning
- Emphasize that effort is as important as ability
- Talk about the importance of homework
- Encourage a regular time and place for completing homework
- Even when homework has not been assigned, encourage daily review
- Encourage your child to ask for help when they are having difficulty

### Teacher Availability for Math Help

Teacher	Availability
Copeman	Monday – Thursday @ Lunch 3:05 by Appointment
Enns	See SCIENCE Schedule
Fernandes	Special Programs: STELLAR
Preda	Monday & Wednesday @ Lunch Tuesday & Thursday @ 3:05
Skorupski	Monday-Thursday @ Lunch
Zizovic	Monday & Thursday @ 3:05



TVO's "Ask a Tutor" Website offers math assistance to Grades 7-10 Sunday-Thursday evenings from 5:30 – 9:30 pm. Christine Luchies helped our Grade 9 and 10 math students register for this amazing program. It's safe, helpful, and completely free! Check it out with your student by visiting <http://www.tvo.org/homeworkhelp>