

Runnymede CI School Council Newsletter



April 2018

Dates to Remember

April 16 – School Council Meeting

April 17 – Last Day of Term 1

April 17 – Ward 7 Council Meeting

April 18 – First Day of Term 2

April 20 – SNIP Film Screening
(Auditorium)

April 23 to 27 – Scarborough
Outdoor Education School

April 25 to 27 – Robotics World
Championships

May 2 – Parent Teacher Interviews
(2-4 pm and 6-8 pm)

PARENT COFFEEHOUSE in Raven's
Retreat (Room 122)

May 3 – TDSB Creates Final
Performance @ Living Arts Centre
6 pm

May 4 – Sir Issac Newton Exam 9
am

May 16 – Spring Arts Night

May 25 – GREASE: The Musical!!

We are almost in the final stretch and there's so much happening at RCI. Students are ending Term 1 and gearing up for Term 2 later this month. Check out the RCI Website and new RCI App to keep updated during this busy time!

Two Exciting Topics for Parents of Teens!

Our last two School Council meetings will not only keep you informed of happenings at RCI but help you navigate the teen years. Don't miss these final two presentations:

April 16 **Connecting with Your Teen** –
presented by Toronto Public Health

May 28 **Social Media 101: Deciphering "The Code"** - presented by Ms. Bylykbashi

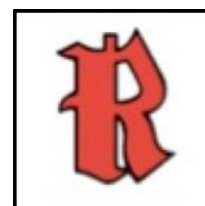
SAVE THESE DATES!!

As always, childcare is available these evenings thanks to our volunteer RCI students!

RCI is Worth Following!

Stay in the know right from your phone! Search for "Runnymede CI" in the App Store and download the new application. Or [click here](#) for the Google link.

News, notifications and calendar items are updated daily in an easy to use format. Have all school events and other information right at your fingertips.



Volunteers Needed!

Spring Arts Night is looking for parents help to make this an unforgettable night on May 16! Please contact Ms.

Bylykbashi at

janelle.bylykbashi@tdsb.on.ca

if you can help before, during or after!



Raven's Retreat is Opening Soon!

Runnymede's Mental Health and Wellness group, **Thrive**, has been busy this year fundraising, planning and creating RCI's first Wellness Room for students. Called **Raven's Retreat**, the room is almost finished. Complete with a couch and chairs, the room is meant as a quiet space where students who are feeling stressed or anxious may go to unwind or relax. It is also a more informal space that Guidance may use to talk to parents or students. It has an attached office for staff supervision. Thrive is currently collecting quilt squares from a number of extra curricular groups and departments and has hired a professional quilter to put together a Runnymede Thrives Quilt that will hang on one of the walls.

Parents are welcome to come and see Raven's Retreat on May 2 during Parent Night. It is located very close to the main front doors in Room 122.

Parent Coffeehouse – Because it Takes a Village

Come get a coffee and a sweet between interviews on Wednesday, May 2nd. School Council is hosting its first of three Parent Coffeehouses from 2-4pm and 6-8pm in Room 122 (Raven's Retreat).

This is a free event open to all parents on behalf of the (Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant. See more detailed information below. Hope to see you there!



ARTS UPDATE

The Arts Department is very busy going into our 2018 Arts season! Check it out:

[Sounds of Toronto @ Massey Hall - April 12, 2018 7:00 PM](#)

It has been at least 9 years since Runnymede Collegiate Institute has participated as musical performers for the Sounds Of Toronto Event at Massey Hall. This year, we are absolutely thrilled to announce that RCI's Steel Pan Orchestra has been selected to perform and join other fine musicians from across the TDSB, under the **Solo Orchestral** category. Tickets can be obtained through the Music Dept. at RCI - contact: Janelle Bylykbashi, ACL, Arts: Janelle.bylykbashi@tdsb.on.ca or 416-394-3200 x 20143

[TDSB Creates 2018 – RCI Headed to the Finals!](#)

Our RCI Dancers: Mikayla Desouza, Jayne Stephenson, Altia Cumberbatch and Denique Ford attended their juried performance at Canada's National Ballet on Wednesday, April 4. Our RCI dancers were selected from an overwhelming group of applicants from across the TDSB to perform their original Piece "Lose Control" at the FINAL Performance @ the **Toronto Centre for the Performing Arts on May 3!!!** A HUGE congratulations to our girls!

We look forward to the evening of Dance and Spoken Word!

[Spring Arts Night – May 16](#)

Save **May 16** in your calendars! Details to come about this wonderful evening celebrating our RCI students' talents in the Arts!

[GREASE: The Musical – May 25](#)

SAVE THE DATE: RCI is performing **GREASE: The Musical!** First performance on **May 25** – More details to come!

It takes a Village...Come chat with
other RCI parents and staff
at the
Parent Coffeehouse

RCI Coffee
Cup Raffle at
Each Event!



Bring Your
Own Mug &
Get an Extra
Raffle Ballot!

Located in

Raven's Retreat, Room 122
(free coffee, tea and sweets)

Three Dates:

- Wed, May 2nd 2-4 pm & 6-8 pm
(Parent/Teacher Interviews)
- Wed, May 16th (Spring Arts Night)
- Fri, May 25th (Grease: The Musical!)

Funded by RCI's Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant,
we hope to come together and connect as a
community to help navigate the teen years.



The **Parents as Partners Conference 2018** is on Saturday, April 28 and all parents are welcome!

This **free** conference – planned by parents, for parents – includes a variety of workshops and resources that will help any parent support their child in their achievement and well-being at school and at home.

This year's keynote speaker is Unstoppable Tracy, an award-winning educator and leader in schools, business and in sport, a humanitarian, advocate, decorated athlete and international speaker.

Transportation, childcare, food and translators are all provided. Register at <http://www.parentsaspartners.ca>

Also from the TDSB

1. **Multi-Year Strategic Plan Consultation (input requested):** Parents/guardians, students, staff, Trustees and community members are invited to provide feedback on the Board's draft Multi- Year Strategic Plan documents. This plan will act as a high level statement of intent for the TDSB and will set direction and identify system goals to support its 246,000 students and 583 schools. To learn more and to provide input online, please visit: <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/MYSP> .
2. **French Review (input requested):** Parents, students, staff, Trustees and community members are invited to public consultations regarding all TDSB French Programs. Consultations will happen this May. [Click here](#) for more information, including a list of dates, times and locations, and last year`s report.
3. **History and Heritage:** The TDSB is proud to recognize Hispanic Heritage Month, Latin-America History Month and Sikh Heritage Month during the month of April.
4. **TDSB Update:** Sign up for TDSB Update and stay informed about recent Board decisions and district-wide news.