

# Runnymede CI School Council Newsletter

June 2018



## Dates to Remember

**June 12 – Treat Tuesday** for THRIVE  
– buy a cupcake to create our  
Runnymede Quilt!

**June 12-13** – EQAO Numeracy  
(GR 9)

**June 13-18** – Evaluation  
Moratorium

**June 15 @ lunch** – **Forget-Your-  
Stress Pet Therapy Sessions** hosted  
by THRIVE

**June 19-22** – Exams

**June 25** – Marks Due

**June 26** – Staff Appreciation  
Lunch

**June 27, 9-10am** – Exam/Mark  
Check Day. Students come to  
school to check their marks with  
their teachers.

**June 28** – PA Day

**June 28 1:00** – Commencement!

Welcome to our final Newsletter of the school year!  
Thank you for reading about all the exciting events  
occurring at RCI as we wrap up another great year!

### Social Media 101

Parents learned about the about the latest and  
greatest social media apps popular with teens from  
Ms. Bylykbashi's presentation to School Council on  
May 28 (ever hear of the app Monkey? You might  
want to ask your teen about it!).

Check out this article too:

<http://www.chatelaine.com/living/features-living/social-media-teens/>

Have a wonderful summer and see you in the Fall –  
our First School Council meeting will be **Monday, Sept  
14 - SAVE THE DATE!!**



### Commencement News

Commencement is being held on **Thursday June 28  
at 1 pm**. There will be babysitting available if families  
want to bring young ones.

Congratulations Ayub!

The graduating class has voted **Ayub Abdulle** (one of  
Runnymede's Spoken Word Artists) as the 2018  
Valedictorian

# Principal's Message

Our yearbook is one of several media that showcases another successful school year in academics, school teams, clubs, events, and activities, including all the people who define our amazing school. It shows why Runnymede Collegiate Institute is indeed Worth Studying. Special thanks to those who played very significant roles in our lives this year, including families, staff and our friends.

Our teachers are simply amazing and I thank them for the incredible work that they do with our students every day. I would also like to thank our Assistant Curriculum Leaders for their tremendous support and leadership in the delivery of the curriculum.

To our coaches, staff advisors and mentors, special thanks for the work that you have done with our students. Thanks to our Student Council – RUSTCO, our Athletic Council - RAC, our Arts Council – RAC, BSA, Thrive, Right to Play, QSA, our very own Breakfast Club and Team1310 Robotics.

As Principal of Runnymede CI, I am very proud of our students and staff, and all the significant supports in place to ensure student success. Over the years we have all demonstrated the three “Rs” in our Mission Statement: Respect, Rights and Responsibilities. This year we continue our journey of making significant improvements in our own understanding and implementation of impactful practices in the areas of Wellness, Equity and Achievement. This journey continues!

To our Graduates: we wish you well in the next stages of your lives and we look forward to celebrating this special occasion with you at our June Commencement.

Thanks to the Executive Members of our School Council, including Harpreet Gulri, Kimberly de Witte, Richard Villavicencio, Mages Palany, Lucy Coyle, Farhia Warsame and Donna Maiato, along with all of our parents, in helping us guide this great school to a higher level of success. To our parents and guardians, again, I ask that you continue to take the time to review your child's academic progress, and continue to work with your child on shaping future goals. This continues to be our highest priority.

On behalf of all staff and students, I extend a heartfelt personal congratulation to all of RCI's student body. You are truly outstanding student leaders. I would also like to recognize and thank this year's yearbook team including our Editor-in-Chiefs Jimmy Huynh, Elizabeth Nguyen and Julie Ha, as well as Staff Advisor Ms. Michilin Ni Threasaig for this year's *Magna Carta*.

Finally, I would like to recognize and honor the leadership provided by our Vice-Principals Mrs. Julie Ardell (now Principal of Parkdale CI as of December 2017), her replacement Ms. Michelle Robinson, (as of February 2018) and our very own Mr. Joseph Pollice, as well as our Superintendent of Education, Ms. Tracy Hayhurst.

To our dear students, staff, parents, guardians and our special community members, we wish you well in all you do. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Paul Edwards,

Principal

## Volunteers Needed!

**Staff Appreciation Lunch** - OSSTF and School Council will be hosting a luncheon on Tuesday, June 26 for all RCI Staff in the Library. If you are able to help set up, clear up, or donate a dessert, please contact Donna at [donna.maiato@cityline.rogers.com](mailto:donna.maiato@cityline.rogers.com)



### Helping All RCI Students THRIVE!

Runnymede's Mental Health and Wellness group, **Thrive**, has been busy this year! We hosted a powerful assembly on Tuesday May 29 to surrounding issues of Mental Health and to showcase the great supportive family community that is Runnymede.

This Tuesday is **Treat Tuesday** and we hope students will buy a cupcake to help support our Runnymede Quilt that is being made over the summer.

On Friday June 15th we will be hosting a **Forget-Your-Stress Pet Therapy Session** at lunch. Come an join us for one-on-one time with a number of animals including parrots, chinchillas, bunnies and geckos.

The Thrive Committee would like to thank Runnymede administration, teachers, student body and school council for their support of our initiatives this year. We look forward to a new year of activity (and new members) starting in September.

## RCI Production of GREASE a HUGE SUCCESS!

In just under 3 months, the Cast and Crew of Grease put together an amazing production which included full stage design, tech, stage makeup and costumes.

We want to take the opportunity to CONGRATULATE the entire cast and crew of the RCI Production of Grease the Musical on a **JOB WELL DONE! BRAVO!!**

You are all so incredibly talented, dedicated, committed and simply OUTSTANDING performers! We were all in such awe of your performance. We look forward to what is coming up next!

A **very special** thank you to our Tech crew, Stage crew, Ms. de Witte, Ms. Coyle, Sydney, Annika, our Parent Council Chair, Mr. Gulri, for showing such great support and the Parent Council for providing the delicious treats and coffee from the PRO Grant.





# Albion Hills Leadership Camp

The annual Gr. 10 Leadership Camp is a much anticipated annual event! Mr. Kotsopoulos works with Gr. 11 and 12 student leaders who spend 6 weeks to train, plan and prepare a hands on, engaging weekend filled with trust building, cooperative games and outdoor experiences for our Gr. 10 students. It is always a meaningful and fun filled weekend where friendships, laughs and memories are made!

