



The Communiqué

May 10 - 14, 2021

Message from the Admin Team

Many of us feel fortunate to be able to celebrate our mothers today. In our school community we acknowledge the efforts and support of our dedicated moms. To quote Gilda Radner:

"Motherhood is the biggest gamble in the world. It is the glorious life force. It's huge and scary – it's an act of infinite optimism."

Here is to optimism, especially in these uncertain times. Happy Mother's Day to our RHS moms!

Monday, May 10, 2021 Day 4

- Running Club (115C, 120, 117) 8-8:45

Tuesday, May 11, 2021 Day 5

- Running Club (201, 203, 115A) 8-8:45

Wednesday, May 12, 2021 Day 6

- Running Club (202, 110, 115B) 8-8:45

Thursday, May 13, 2021 Day 1

Friday, May 14, 2021 Day 2

Patrols

Patrols on duty this week from Room 115B (Mme Thams's class).

May @ RHS is "Health Month"

This week is **physical activity week** as part of Health Month! We will learn about the benefits of physical activity, how much physical activity we should be doing every day, how to plan to be physically active, and how to identify moderate to vigorous intensity with physical activity. Every day this week students will participate in "Drop everything and MOVE"! As an additional challenge, we have added a physical activity BINGO sheet to the end of this newsletter. Students are encouraged to complete their card with family members. Finally, since we will work to be active all week long, each day is a dress in athletic clothing day to help us move in comfort. Let's get moving with physical activity week!

Traverse Wall Fundraiser

Throughout the month-long focus on health in May, École Robert H. Smith School students will raise money for a school-wide health initiative. Thank you to all the parents and community members who have already donated! Each week, students set goals for their own health in the realm of physical fitness, mindfulness, nutrition, and restful sleep. Students are fundraising for a health-related feature at our school: a “traverse wall”, a climbing wall installed horizontally so that young students can safely take part in the sport of climbing.



Here is a repeat of the three options to donate:

- 1) **Money-in-Envelope Method:** Collect money (cash, coin, and cheques) in the envelope sent home in backpacks on Tuesday. To make it easier for the head clerk, please keep the cash and write a cheque made payable to *École Robert H. Smith School* for the total amount. Return the money in the completed envelope to your child’s classroom teacher by May 14th.
- 2) **Get-a-Tax-Receipt Method.** Write a cheque made payable to The Children’s Heritage Fund with “École Robert H. Smith School” in the memo line. All money will come back to the school and you will be issued a charitable donation receipt for donations \$10.00 and over.
- 3) **Donate Electronically (with service fee).** If you wish to donate electronically, access Permission Click (<https://permission.click/OvV66/ca#/information>) or scan the QR code pictured at right. Using this service incurs a service charge.



Classroom Composition Email

As May unfolds, ÉRHSS will finalize staffing for the 2021-2022 school year. As the neighbourhood demographics have shifted over time, the population of the school has gradually declined. We expect the equivalent of about 375 students this coming school year. We are working hard to determine the classroom arrangements that are in the best interests of all of our students. In the next week, an email will be sent out addressing classroom composition. You will be provided with direction should you wish to request specific circumstances for your child’s learning. Please note, as always, we respectfully ask that you not request specific teachers, rather focus on your child’s needs for learning.

Parent Advisory Group (PAG) Updates

Environment Committee

- **Volunteers Needed:** to help with some of our outdoor projects such as: spring clean-up, special projects (e.g. moving new soil into classroom boxes, planting veggie garden, etc.), and watering over the spring, summer and fall. You can help for a few hours this spring or all summer long, whatever suits you. **If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up using the form at this link by Friday, May 14:** <https://forms.gle/y6ffr1sBJ8uTNGn7> We will follow-up with volunteers by email with options for helping out.
- **Plants Needed:** if you have outdoor plants you no longer want or perennials to split, we will happily take them for the school gardens. In particular, we would love perennial plants for the veggie garden, such as raspberry canes, rhubarb, and hardy herbs. We would also welcome pollinator friendly/native plants and shade perennials. Please send a note to environment@roberthsmithpag.ca if you have plants to spare!
- **Glenlea Plant Sale** ***Don't Forget - Plant Pickup is Monday, May 17th from 3:30-5:30pm. This year because of Covid restrictions, the Plant Pickup will be outside in the Staff Parking Lot. Masks must be worn and hand sanitizer will be available.

PAG - Parents ****Urgently**** Needed

New parents are needed to join the PAG and help fill positions that will become vacant at the end of the school year (June). If you are interested in any of the positions or would like further info please email Melanie at: chair@roberthsmithpag.ca. The PAG will have the following positions open for the next school year 2021-22 and will be voted in at our AGM on May 18th:

- **Vice Chair** - 1 year term that would then transition to the role of the Chair for a further 2-year term. This position is part of the Executive Committee for the PAG. Must be able to attend all PAG meetings (5 evenings per year) plus 2 additional meetings per month with the Executive and the School Administration.
- **Secretary** – 2-year term. This position is part of the Executive Committee for the PAG. Must be able to attend all PAG meetings (5 evenings per year) plus 2 additional meetings per month with the Executive and the School Administration.
- **Staff Appreciation** - 1-2 year term. Looking for 1-2 parents to Chair/Co-Chair this important position. Budget and general plans are already in place for next year. Provide updates and attend PAG meetings (5 evenings per year).
- **Volunteer Coordinator** - 1-2 year term. Looking for 1-2 parents to organize the parent volunteers for all the PAG events throughout the year. Provide updates and attend PAG meetings (5 evenings per year).

Health Month

Physical Activity Family Bingo

The goal of Health Month is to help our school community get out and enjoy the benefits of living a healthy, active lifestyle.

As a family, challenge yourselves to complete this physical activity BINGO card. See how many challenges you can complete. Complete the card on a timeline which suits your family!

Enjoy being active together!



Bike



Train



Play



Hike



Stretch



Swim



Paddle



Dance



Explore



Swing



Run



Skip



Walk



Camp



Skate



Climb