



École Robert H. Smith School

The Communiqué

April 12 - 16, 2021

Message from the Admin Team

The time seems to be *zinging* along now that warmer weather has returned. It's almost surreal that a year ago schools were closed, and we were beginning a period of remote learning.

It's been a great joy to shop for and receive new books for our library. Even though our library is currently closed, teachers can still access books. It's important to keep our collection fresh and current. We've acquired new French language novels, high quality picture books, non-fiction, and books with indigenous perspectives.

In the coming week we'll be reviewing expectations for respectful behaviour at RHS. Read more about this initiative below.

Monday, April 12, 2021 Day 2

- PBIS focus: *Respecting Adults*

Tuesday, April 13, 2021 Day 3

- PBIS focus: *Using Respectful Words*

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 Day 4

- PBIS focus: *Respecting Peers*
- International Day of Pink – wear something pink

Thursday, April 15, 2021 Day 5

- PBIS focus: *Respecting Property*

Friday, April 16, 2021 Day 6

- School Closure Day

Patrols

Patrols on duty this week from Room 115 B (Mme Tham's classes).

Being Proactive about Respectful Behaviour

This coming week, the teachers and staff at École Robert H. Smith School will conduct a "refresher" of expectations. Our school uses a system for encouraging positive behaviours in the classroom and common areas called PBIS (Positive Behaviour - Interventions and Strategies).

Our strategy has three pillars:

- I am respectful
- I am safe, and
- I am accountable

... for behaving positively at school.

This week, teachers and staff will be encouraged to teach and remind others of the positive behaviours we would like to see in our school. We will focus on the pillar of respect. Each day we will review strategies for showing respectful behaviour:

- Monday, April 12th: *Respecting adults*
- Tuesday, April 13th: *Using respectful words*
- Wednesday, April 14th: *Interacting respectfully with peers* (also Pink Shirt Day)
- Thursday, April 15th: *Respecting property*

We welcome families to extend these discussions at the dinner table next week. For example, on the day students talk about 'respecting property', families might talk about how siblings or peers can show respect for the property of others.

International Day of Pink (Wednesday, April 14, 2021)



The International Day of Pink is an anti-bullying event held annually around the world, during the second week of April. The event was started after two high school students saw another student, who was wearing a pink shirt, being bullied in their high school in Nova Scotia. They decided to show support for the student by purchasing and handing out pink shirts for other students to wear the following day.

The day remains one of action for communities across the world to be united in celebrating diversity while raising greater awareness in stopping all forms of bullying. Please join us in wearing **PINK** on April 14th.

Parent Advisory Group (PAG) Updates

PAG - Parents Needed

The PAG will have the following positions open for the next school year 2021-22 and will be voted in at our AGM in May:

- **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-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.
- **Grade 6 Farewell** - 1-year term. Must be a Grade 5 Parent with a child going into Grade 6 in the fall. Looking for 1-2 parents to Chair/Co-Chair this annual event at the end of June.
- **Grade 6 Babysitting Course** - 1-year term. Must be a Grade 5 Parent with a child going into Grade 6 in the fall. This position does not require you to attend any PAG meetings. Must be able to coordinate/organize this important Spring event.

If you are interested in joining the PAG or finding out further information on any of these positions, please contact us directly by email: chair@roberthsmithpag.ca.

Fundraising

****Final Reminder:** Deadline for orders is this week - Thursday, April 15th. Don't forget to place your order for the Glenlea Plant Sale online at: www.glenleagreenhouses.com Remember to choose our school from the dropdown menu so that your order is included in this fundraiser and is delivered to our school. Plant Pick up will be at our school on May 17th. We recommend that you place your orders early as many of the popular items will sell out fast! If you have any questions or concerns regarding this fundraiser please email the Fundraising Committee at: fundraising@roberthsmithpag.ca

Environment Committee

Thanks again to all the families who helped us by completing our Survey. We have posted a link on our PAG website to view the results and to read some of the comments/feedback - please take a look! We are now working on a proposal for some future projects (Big and small) that we will present at the next PAG meeting in May.

Grade 6 Babysitting Course

Registration has closed and we have over 30 students registered to attend this virtual course! The school will be giving out a kit to each registered student prior to the first session. The 8-hour course will run over a 3-day period as follows: Thursday, April 15th from 6pm-8pm. Friday, April 16th from 9am-12pm (Inservice Day, No School). Saturday, April 17th from 9am-12pm. Big Thanks to our Grade 6 Parent Jenny Davin who stepped up to organize this for our Grade 6 students!

Don't forget to checkout our PAG website: www.roberthsmithpag.weebly.com and our PAG Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/RobertHSmithPAG> (please like and follow us). As always if you have any questions, concerns or would like more information on our PAG please email Melanie at: chair@roberthsmithpag.ca

Education for Sustainable Development



Top left: Grade 6 students fill soil into seed trays for our classroom planter beds


Top right: Students in rooms 113/114 work in the outdoor classroom with vermiculture worms

Bottom left: the vermiculture composter

Bottom right: a close-up of the compost and worms

Lost and Found - April







PARENT NIGHT PRESENTATION Online Risks and Emerging Trends

Join us for an online session from the Canadian Centre for Child Protection


Mark Your Calendars



Monday, May 17th




6:30 pm – 7:30 pm




Presented using Zoom

During this session, the Canadian Centre for Child Protection will provide insights into concerning trends seen through operations of Cybertip.ca — Canada's tipline to report the online sexual exploitation of children, and provide considerations and resources for talking with children and youth about online safety.



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This presentation is for parents/guardians and may contain sensitive content/discussions. It is not intended for children, youth, or teens.

SPACE IS LIMITED AND REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

Register at this link: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYkd0usgzkgE9bfDhYUkhBrtpA-KkGI9bjc> before May 10th.