



# RUSSELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER, OCTOBER 2013

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It's hard to believe it is October with the warm temperatures we're experiencing!

October is another busy month filled with exciting events. Please see the attached calendar for dates.

**Jump Rope for Heart:** On October 15<sup>th</sup>, students will attend a Jump Rope for Heart kick-off assembly. By encouraging your child to fundraise and participate in Jump Rope for Heart, he or she learns the importance of physical activity, healthy eating and giving to others. We are inspiring our students to be "Heart Heroes". Students will participate in this event on the morning of Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Halloween Parade...the tradition continues:** The students of Russell Public will put on their Halloween costumes and parade through the streets of Russell on the afternoon of October 31<sup>st</sup>. Please do not send replica weapons to school. Thank you. If your family does not celebrate Halloween, please put a note in your child's agenda. Your child will be supervised at school during the parade.

Parent Council had their first meeting on Monday night. Elections were done and we are pleased to announce Trevor Watters as our Chair and Jennifer Milinkovich as our Vice-Chair! All parents/guardians are welcome to our Parent Council meetings which are held on the first Monday of every month. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 p.m.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Stacey McCready  
Principal  
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## CRIMINAL REFERENCE CHECKS

Parents may "walk in" to the OPP office in Embrun and make a request for a reference check so that they can volunteer in their child's school. When the check is complete you will receive a call to pick up the approved check. The form will have to be brought to school to go on file before you can volunteer in any capacity. A reminder when you go to apply for a CRC you must produce two pieces of identification – health card and SIN card is not acceptable.

We strongly advise that you obtain your CRC as early in the school year as possible so that you are able to volunteer at short notice, in the event a field trip or special event is taking place at the school. Process time at the OPP can take up to three weeks to complete.

If you already have a recent CRC on file at the school, you will need to sign an Offence Declaration at the school (new one required every year).

## Arrival At School Procedure

Buses arrive and staff members are on the yard for unloading at 8.55am. Please arrange for your children to arrive no earlier than 8.55am so they will have supervision while they are on the school property. For safety reasons, we ask for your cooperation in not going to your child's classroom. Please say your goodbyes at the front door.

**SAFETY CONCERN:** We would appreciate if parents would respect our signs at the front entrance of the school, cars should not be entering the front driveway and dropping students at the front door during bus drop off and pick up times. Please use the drop off area in the north parking lot on the corner of Mill St. and Craig St. Thank you!

## Early Pick Up Procedure

On occasion, parents collect children at the end of the day instead of having them go home on the bus. Parents are welcome to come and pick their children up at this time but phone messages will not be passed on to students after 2.45 pm. It is helpful if parents would send a note in the agenda to teachers if students are being picked up at any time during the day. We endeavour to reduce interruptions during the academic day. A reminder please that formal dismissal is at 3.20 pm. and you must sign your child out at the office if they usually ride on the school bus. Please pick up your child at the office. For safety reasons parents are not permitted to go to classrooms or the yard to pick up their children. NO EXCEPTIONS PLEASE!

## Late Students

Students arriving late at school must be signed in at the office by a parent/guardian. Students will take a late slip to their class.

## Visitor Sign In

Visitors entering the school must report to the office. We ask that interruptions in the classrooms be kept to a minimum during the teaching day. If it is necessary to enter the academic area (for example, to make a presentation to a class) you must sign in and pick up a visitor pass. This has been put into place for your child's safety. Thank you!

## PURPLE DAY

*"Break the silence, Use Your Voice and join us in keeping kids safe!"*



On Friday, October 18, Eastern Ontario will be dressing in purple to break the silence!

Russell Public School encourages students and teachers to wear purple clothing and/or accessories on this day to show support for the prevention of child abuse. We will also be holding a draw for an electronic tablet for one lucky student amongst all participating schools.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding a child's safety, please call Valoris for Children and Adults of Prescott-Russell at 1 (800) 675-6168.



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### Peanut Butter Substitutes

We would like to remind you that our school has students and/or staff with peanut allergies. We kindly ask that you do not send products that contain peanuts. There are food suppliers who are marketing peanut-free products that look, taste, and smell like peanut butter. These peanut butter substitute products can cause confusion and create an unsafe environment for our students and staff that are peanut anaphylactic. Therefore, due to the difficulty in differentiating between peanut butter and a peanut butter substitute, we do not allow these products in our school.



We thank you for your support in keeping a safe environment for all.

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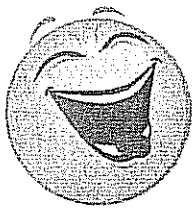
### **Stop the Flu from coming around!**

As the new school year begins, children and their families are at an increased risk of getting the flu or other related illnesses. Here are some simple measures you can take to help protect your family from becoming sick:

- Keep your child home from school when he or she is sick.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, or with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Cough or sneeze into your sleeve (not in your hands) and teach your children to do the same.
- Get your flu shot!

For more information, call the Eastern Ontario Health Unit at 613-933-1375 or 1 800 267-7120 and ask for Health Line. A list of the free flu shot clinics' dates and locations is available on the Eastern Ontario Health Unit's website at [www.eohu.ca](http://www.eohu.ca).





Back by popular demand, the *Absolute Comedy Road Show* is coming to Russell High School on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.

This acclaimed live stand-up comedy show features hilarious Absolute Comedy comedians. The seating, lighting and audio will be even better than a downtown comedy club but without the drive! Tickets are \$13 in advance and \$15 at the door - less than prices at the Ottawa clubs. The 90-minute show featuring comedians *Josh Williams* and *Ward Anderson* promises to deliver plenty of laughs. Organizers are hoping to use funds raised to purchase stage microphones and curtains for the RAPA/High School stage and sports equipment for the gym.

So gather your friends and join in the fun - you'll be glad you did!

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the show starts at 8:30 p.m. A cash bar and light snacks will be available.

Since the show contains adult material, an age restriction of 18 years will apply.

Advance tickets are available at Pronto or by calling Joanne Giles at 613-445-0839. Call Joanne to reserve your table (8 minimum).

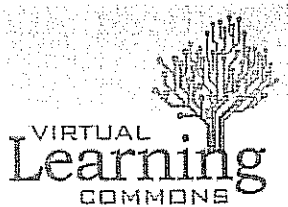
**Don't wait - space is limited and last year's event attracted a full house.**



Visit the VLC - a "Virtual Library" of French and English resources. You'll find Grade Guides, Research Strategies, Online Help, Tech Talk, Book Clubs and much more!

Resource in the Spotlight:

- **BrainPop** - Animated Science, Health, Technology, Math, Social Studies, Arts & Music and English movies, quizzes, activity pages and school homework help
  - Available from 7:30am to 5:30pm, username & password required



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## IMPORTANT DATES

Starts: OCT, 2013

Ends: JUNE, 2014

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