We would like to acknowledge that Royal West Academy is located on unceded Indigenous lands. The Kanien'kehá:ka* Nation is recognized as the traditional custodians of Tiohtià:ke/Montréal*, which has long been a site of meeting and exchange for many First Nations and is currently home to diverse groups of Indigenous and other peoples. We are grateful to live, work, and learn here and recognize the important role of education in reconciliation. (and in maintaining connections between the past, present, and future.)

"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain."

-DOLLY PARTON—
Parade

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 3 I.D. Photo Retake
- Oct. 4 Piece De Theatre Sec. 5
- Oct. 6 Drama Outing Sec 1,2 & 3
- Oct. 9 Holiday
- Oct. 11 PSAT
- Oct. 13 Ped Day
- Oct. 13 Progress Reports
- Oct. 17 Calculus Competition
 - Oct. 17 Sec 1-3 Reading Assessment

NEW!

Paint By Numbers

If you signed up for Paint by Numbers, we will be having our first session on Wednesday, October 4th at lunch in room 312. See you there!

NEW!

ID PHOTO RE-TAKES

Students who did not take their ID photo in September received a note with their scheduled time for TODAY's retake in room 102. If you forgot your time or you never received a note, please come to room 102 at 8:45am.

NEW!

GRADE 7 WALK & TALK - Tuesday Group

Reminder that we meet again today for some more fun in the park, and of course walking & talking. Our meeting place is the Park 'N Lot on Ainslie Avenue, at the beginning of the lunch hour. Any student who managed to get their name <u>anywhere</u> on the sign up sheet is eligible to attend. Bring your lunch and your usual enthusiasm. See you there!

H. Held - Student Services

Nebb

Park'n'Lot

We will meet on Wednesday, **October 4th** at 3:10 in the garden. Bring your gloves!

NEW!

<u>Pickleball</u>

Pickleball Info Meeting: To students interested in participating in this year's upcoming tournament, there will be a mandatory meeting on Wednesday at 12:30 in room 102. As this is new to RWA and to GMAA, we will be only taking students who have some previous experience with this sport, as there is limited space and time leading in to the tournament. Thanks, see you there. Mr. Aiken & Mrs. O'Neil

NEW

Bouldering in the memorial gym

Come check out the bouldering wall and learn some new technique. Day 4 and 7. Come by room 103 for more information.

NEW!

Avocados and Onion skins (FREE CANDY)

The Art department is making natural dyes, and we need your avocado pits and skins! We are also collecting onion skins! Please bring them to room 103 and receive a sweet treat in exchange!

NEW!

Voices of Olympia Competition:

Meeting with representative on **Wednesday, October4**th , at lunch in room 211. If you are unable to attend, please send me any questions you have about the competition ahead of time.

Ms. Bateman

NEWI

CADET BOYS BASKETBALL

Our next practices will be Wednesday October 4th in the Memorial Gym and Tuesday October 10th in the New Gym. Both practices will be from 3 to 4:30pm.

NEW!

<u>Light & Sound sign ups:</u>

Have you ever wondered what goes on behind-the-scenes of the many extracurricular productions at school? Would you like to experience the chance to control sound and lighting in different events? Are you someone who enjoy working with A/V equipment? If yes, why don't you give Light & Sound a try! Sign-up sheets will be outside room 308 from Tuesday (Oct 3) until end of day Thursday (Oct 5). If you have any questions, please see Mr Manstavich in the main office or Mr Magee in 308. Students who sign up will be invited to an interview within the next two weeks. Open to all Sec 1-4 students.

WATER POLO Information Session

To all those who signed up for the Water Polo team, we will be having an information meeting **Wednesday, Oct. 4th** in Room 305 at lunch

Swim Team – 1ST Practice CANCELLED

To all swimmers on the Swim Team. First off, you have been added to the Google Classroom group for the team. Please make sure you have accepted the invitation. If you haven't been invited, please send me an email at lkissin@emsb.qc.ca to make sure you are added to the team. Secondly, unfortunately the first practice has been cancelled. Our first practice will therefore be October 11th.

FEM CLUB

FEM CLUB will start on Friday, October 6th, 2023, and will be every day 4.

Cross-Country Practice

Next practice will be held Tuesday October 3rd afterschool. The race will be held Thursday October 5th. We will meet in the cafeteria after period 1.

SCIENCE FAIR

What do Einstein, Hawking, Newton and Oppenheimer have in common?

None of them participated in the RWA science fair - imagine how much more they could have accomplished if they had!

That's right, it's time to start registering for the 2024 RWA Science Fair.

Grade 11 physics/chem students – pay attention for relevant information in your classes in the coming days.

Non grade 11 students: If you would like to participate in the science fair, come attend an information session in room 201 on Friday October 6th at lunch!

For information on how to register and about the fair, join the Google Classroom using code **rhwg5em**.

Registration is due October 13th using the Google Form in the classroom.

RWA Student-Led Choir

Hey RWA! The choir is shaking things up this year for a fun, memorable, and musical experience that will be student-led!! If interested, please prepare a song that shows off your vocal abilities for the auditions on Wednesday, October 4th at lunch and after school in the RWA Performing Arts Center! Sign up on the bulletin board in the 2nd floor west wing, hope to see you at auditions! Email rwachoir@gmail.com or DM @rwachoir on Instagram for more information! Melody Marrone and Malina Hakien:)

Ribbons of Hope

Add some positivity this month with an orange Ribbon of Hope. Drop by the main foyer to add your thoughts of hope, peace and love by tieing an orange ribbon to the display. These Ribbons of Hope are a sign of our school community's commitment to Truth and Reconciliation.

Truth and Reconciliation @RWA

With Orange Shirt Day soon approaching, we invite staff and students to drop by the main foyer to check out a special display. This display offers information about Truth and Reconciliation along with some useful resources. Don't forget to wear orange on September 28.