

# Royal West Academy

## Student Bulletin

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.)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr. 30 – May 3 – EXPO RWA (Cultural week)
- May. 2 – “Wear Your Culture” EXPO Dress Down Day
- May. 3 – A Night around the World Dance (Sec. 3,4,5)
- May 3 – Sec 1 & 2 – Drama Theater Outing
- May 6 – Ped Day
- May 6 – Holocaust Remembrance Day
- May 7 – Hispanic Cultural Day
- May 7 – Lunch ends at 1:26 PM
- May 8 – Book Fair 8AM-8PM
- May 9 – Book Fair 8AM – 1PM
- May 10 – SLA Elections



### Facts about vaping

E-cigarette waste does not decompose even in harsh conditions. When discarded on streets, e-cigarettes gradually degrade into microplastics and chemicals that enter storm drains, leading to pollution in our water systems and harming wildlife.

Remember this for the treasure hunt on Friday...

### NEW!

#### **Bike Trip Preparation ride: Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> after school**

Our **mandatory** Bike Trip Prep ride is now on Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> from 3 PM to 4 PM. We will be biking from RWA to René-Levesque park. We will also be assigning jobs for the trip and organizing tent groups. We will meet on the Ainslie side at 3 PM. Please come see me before May 9<sup>th</sup> if you are not able to make the prep ride in Room 301.

Ms. Partington

### NEW!

#### **Homeroom 212s Great British Scone off**

Keep Calm and Carry on. Carry scones that is, because in Honor of our new King (and all this rainy weather) we may as well. Homeroom 212 will be having its Great British Scone off Friday morning. You bloody well should try one. Scones will be selling for 2\$, and we promise that you will be gobsmacked by our offerings. See you soon and be sure to shine those toonies please (or the queen will be rather displeased). We wish you all a jolly and jam filled morning.

### NEW!

**Beginners Italian:** Reminder: the session this week will be today (Thursday, May 2) during lunch Rm 307

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#### **SLA ELECTIONS**

We will be hosting an information session this Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at lunch about running for SLA ELECTIONS. If you want to make a slate or run as grade representatives you must attend this session. The session will begin at 12:30pm and end at 12:50pm.

### NEW!

#### **RWA Dance**

Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> we are having a dance celebrating cultural week. The dance is only for grades 9 - 11. The doors open at 7pm and the dance ends at 10pm. Tickets are on sale in the foyer at lunch for the cost of 5\$.

### NEW!

May is Speech, Language and Hearing month. The aim is to raise awareness about hearing loss and communication disorders (ex: speech and language delays, literacy difficulties, stuttering, central auditory processing disorder). The theme for this year is *Communication Is ...* You are encouraged to think about what communication means to you!

#### **Vaping Awareness Day (May 3<sup>rd</sup>)**

Join us in the foyer at lunchtime this Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> for a treasure hunt activity in honor of vaping awareness day! The first person to finish the treasure hunt wins a \$20 gift card to Lafrenaie, and everyone else who completes it wins something too! Look out for daily facts about vaping in the bulletin this week...they may help you out during Friday's activity.

### **School store**

School store student volunteers will receive their certificate from Défi OSEntrepredre at the school store at lunch on May 7 and May 21.

### **Wellness Activity During Lunch**

Hydrate yourself! The weathers getting warmer, and Wellness Committee is handing out healthy refreshments in the foyer during lunch on Friday, May 3rd. Make sure to try our little trivia for the chance to win a yummy prize!

### **Tote Bag Club Junior and Senior**

Please pick up your tote bag or pencil case by the end of the week, in room 113 at lunch, otherwise your bag will be repurposed.

### **Yearbook 2024-2025**

It is time to select next year's yearbook committee. I am looking for a group of 5-8 grade 11 students who can design and create the yearbook. You will be taking all the photos and designing each page. This will be your book.

This is an all-year commitment that starts with grade 7 orientation in August and finishes with the distribution of the books in June.

You will be moved to homeroom 304 so that we can work together daily. Please submit your team (name, email and homeroom of each team member) to Ms. Fogel ([jfogel@emsb.qc.ca](mailto:jfogel@emsb.qc.ca)) by **May 13th**. If you have any questions, please stop by room 304 during homeroom to speak with this year's committee or email Ms. Fogel. Interviews will take place the following week if necessary.

- Ms. Fogel

### **Art Crew**

Every day at lunch in room 113 for the month of May, community or cultural credit offered.

### **OPEN BASKETBALL DATES**

Open basketball practice is back on this week! Meet at 3pm Wednesday and Thursday in the Foundation Gym. All are welcome!

### **Track and Field**

Just a reminder that track and field qualifying meet is scheduled for May 1st for boys and May 2nd for girls. The championship meet will be held May 7th for girls and May 13th for boys. Location will be held at Parc Marcel-Laurin, 2345 Boulevard Thimens, Montréal, QC H4R 1T4 - The bus will depart from RWA at 7:35 -we will meet near the cafeteria. Please submit forms ASAP, if not you will not be able to attend the meet.

### **Phys. Ed. Class Gym Switch:**

Contrary to what some classes were told, the change of gyms, for PE classes, will only occur as of May 9. Apologies for any confusion. Thank you!

### **EXPO RWA April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 3<sup>rd</sup> (Cultural Week)!!!**

Welcome RWA to our first EXPO! Next week we would like all homerooms to participate in our cultural week. Homerooms are asked to:

- Select a culture you would like to represent. Homeroom teachers will have access to a google document to indicate their choice. No duplicates are allowed. Due Tuesday April 30.
- "Pin Your Culture" The SLA will post a world map in the Foyer on Tuesday April 30<sup>th</sup> and students are encouraged to place a pin on the country that best represents their cultural identity.
- Decorate your door with fun facts about the culture selected i.e. cultural art and flags. To be completed by Wednesday May 1st.
- EXPO Dress Down Day whose theme is "Wear Your Culture" on Thursday May 2nd. **Cost is 2\$, students and staff are asked to come to school wearing their own personal cultural attire or flags if they so wish. Students are not to wear any other cultural attire other than their own.**
- Food or activities at lunch on Friday May 3rd in front of your homerooms. Homerooms are asked to collect money and deposit it with the office.
- "A Night Around the World Dance" On Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> we will hold a dance for grade 9-10-11 students only, from 7PM – 10PM. Cost will be 5\$.

All money raised will go towards "Centre Pour Les Victimes D'Aggression Sexuelle de Montreal".

### **Park'n'Lot-Gardening Environmental Credit**

Spring is here and the garden is waiting for us! Park'n' Lot is beginning next Thursday May 2nd. If you want to join, we will meet in the garden at 3:10.