

F.J. Rutland Review

Mr. S. Enns, Principal

This is a very exciting time of year for F.J. Rutland School. Many positive initiatives have begun both academic and extracurricular. We invite students and parents to get involved wherever possible!

Our focus this year continues to be on higher order thinking skills both in literacy and numeracy. Specifically, staff and students are concentrating on critical thinking. When students are required to use their critical thinking skills, they are making conclusions, defending their ideas and opinions, evaluating, justifying, solving, judging, and debating ideas.

Mr. Flower, our literacy coach, is once again running our parent assisted literacy support (PALS) program at F.J. Rutland. We thank Mr. Flower for his tireless efforts and leadership to enhance our school's literacy program.

Term 1 Report Cards



Report cards will be coming home on Wednesday, December 2.

We encourage all parents to plan for an interview to discuss their child's progress with the homeroom teacher. Interview schedules will be sent home with your child's report card.

Professional Activity Day Friday, November 13

There is no school for students on Friday, November 13. Teachers will be busy writing report cards.

School Council



We had a productive discussion at our October School Council meeting.

Council generated some great ideas to help make connections between our two schools and the community. We are encouraging all parents to come out to our Family Math Night scheduled for Tuesday, November 24. An information note will come home about this prior to the event.

In addition, Council has decided to organize another Festival of Lights Family Night on December 10th – more details to follow.

Accommodation Review

On November 9, 2009, the first South Niagara Falls Accommodation Review Public Meeting will be held at Princess Margaret Public School in Niagara Falls at 6:00 p.m. The schools involved in the review are: F.J. Rutland, River View, Battlefield, Princess Margaret, Heximer and James Morden.

Members of the public are welcome to provide input on the accommodation review by way of written submission or verbal presentation. There will be a limit of 3 minutes per speaker or presentation. Presenters are asked to submit a written copy of their presentation at the meeting.

Family Math Night

We are very excited to be presenting our first ever Family Math Night on Tuesday, November 24 beginning at 5:30 p.m. and running until 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Kimpinski and Mrs. Musgrave have worked very hard to plan an evening full of fun math activities. This night will also include a free pizza dinner and lots of door prizes. More information will come home with your child prior to the night.

Holiday Presentation

Mrs. Musgrave and Miss Steenhuis are pleased to announce that FJR will once again be presenting a fun and entertaining holiday musical. We have tentatively scheduled the public daytime and evening performances for December 15. All classes and staff at F.J. Rutland will be involved in the production. More information will come home closer to the date.

QSP Fundraiser

Thank you to all the students and parents who supported the magazine fundraiser. This initiative raised over \$2,500 for student activities, which is a significant amount of money towards our student activity fund. We could never have done this without the terrific support of Mrs. Flachs who organized the program or without our families who purchased the magazines.

Dance-A-Thon

Mr. Gienow is once again planning our Valentine's Dance a Thon. This is a very important fund raiser for

the school. One of Mr. Gienow's biggest jobs is to find prizes for this event as incentives for students to fund raise. If you have prizes to donate or have some community connections for prizes, please contact the school.

Breakfast Program

On behalf of the FJR community, we would like to thank the Wilkinson family and Mr. Ovens for their generous donations to the Breakfast Program. We would also like to thank Mrs. Flachs, Mrs. Zulik, and Mrs. Brown for their continued effort with this important initiative.

BINGO

About eight times a year, a small group of parents work a Sunday morning bingo at Delta Bingo on Drummond Road. These sessions generate over \$4000 for our two schools. The money is used to enhance student life by helping to pay for guest speakers, bussing, and extras for students on activity days. Nancy Manels has been spearheading our group for the past three years and without her commitment and leadership, we simply wouldn't have these funds. Tracey Cooper, Helen Millward, LeeAnn Sargeson, and Cathy Devoe are also regular attendees that make this fundraising initiative possible. Our last Bingo date for 2009 is November 29. Please consider helping for one morning in the coming year (dates for 2010 will be posted in a future newsletter). We only require three people to be at the bingo and no prior experience is needed to be a helper.

Athletics

Mr. Gienow and Mrs. Musgrave have been working very hard with our boys' intermediate team which has been doing well with league play.



We also thank Ms. Lenc and Miss Steenhuis who have enjoyed coaching the girls' team. Both teams are nearing the end of a fun and very successful season and now wait to see their position for playoffs.

Our Cross Country team, led by Miss Steenhuis and Mr. Flower had a very successful season this year. The team represented our school extremely well at the DSBN Championship.

Intramurals

We thank Mr. Gienow for organizing our junior intramural volleyball program that takes place over our lunch hours. There has been excellent participation and skill development.

The students would like to thank Drew Michael and Sterling Britt for organizing and running a very successful coed touch football league for the entire school. Well done boys!

We thank Mrs. Mills and Mr. White for taking six students from FJR and six students from River View to the "Raise the Bar" conference which is designed to empower students to help initiate more intramural opportunities for the student body. We look forward to seeing some of their new ideas in action.

Computer Club

Mr. Sirett continues to run his amazingly popular computer club over lunches at FJR. We have had such a terrific response that he has divided the club into two different groups. Lists of members are posted in the locker bay area and up near the lab. Thank you Mr. Sirett!

Welcome Student Teachers

F.J. Rutland is fortunate to host four dynamic student teachers in our classrooms: Miss Fioravanti is working in 4M, Miss Wink is in 4/5L, Mr. Oblak is in 5/6K, and Miss Gates is in 6G. All of these teachers are completing their teacher

qualification programs at Niagara University.

School Spirit

Our students and staff are very excited about the Trojan Cup initiative designed to help raise school spirit and to get our students actively involved in doing good things. The Spartan House was the winner for the month of October.

Students of the Month

Each month, the staff at F.J. Rutland recognize students who demonstrate excellence in a particular area. Our winners for the month of October are: Brittany Kindt, Fred Wain, Trisha Cardwell, Drew Michael, Sterling Britt, Josh Carfagnini, Sarah McCraw, Claire Savoie, Amara Ali, Teven Gallen, Zach Toth, April Vowels, Ryley Scarbro, Teddy Mansell, DJ Manwaring, Dylan Delamatter, Julia Doucet, Emily Hilborn, Luke King, Amber Zupan, Tyler Nemeth.

River View Connections

Marathon Water Station

Congratulations to the students, staff, and parents of F.J. Rutland and River View Schools for demonstrating excellent team work and school spirit at Mile 24 along the Niagara International Marathon on Sunday, October 25. Our group did an amazing job of providing runners with water and encouragement. A special thank you to Mrs. Zulik and Mrs. Flachs who worked very hard to get the water station equipment organized. This was an excellent community connection for our children.

Stamford Connections

Students from Stamford continue to complete their community service hours at F.J. Rutland. Many of these students are graduates from our school. These students help out with student activities and school beautification projects.

Our Grade 8 students will be traveling to Stamford on November 4 with their teachers to experience a typical day in high school. A pizza lunch will be provided to our students in the Stamford cafeteria.

We are very happy to have Rebecca King, a Stamford co-op student, helping on a daily basis in our junior division.

Remembrance Day Assemblies

Students from River View and F.J. Rutland will be involved in an assembly on November 11 to recognize the awesome contributions that Canadian men and women have made over the years to ensure our freedom. The assembly will begin at 10:45 a.m. and will last approximately one hour. Students who belong to community groups such as Cadets or Scouts/Guides are encouraged to wear their uniforms. Students and staff will be encouraged to wear the colours red,

white, and black in honour of our country and out of respect for those who have served. Family members are welcome to join us. Students will be provided with poppies on November 11th by our local Royal Canadian Legion – Branch 396, Chippawa.

The Chippawa community will hold its Remembrance Day Assembly on Sunday, November 8.

Pizza/Hot Dog/Sub Lunches

F. J. Rutland would like to thank our parent volunteers, Mrs. Flachs, Mrs. Lamb, and Mrs. Lyndon for organizing and running very successful hot lunches for our students on Fridays. Please look at the attached calendar for upcoming dates.

A special thank you goes out to the **Chippawa Volunteer Firefigther’s Association** for organizing a free pizza lunch for Monday, November 9. This kind gesture was an incentive for our students who

participated in their annual poster contest. Our winners of the “Stay Safe – Don’t Get Burned” poster contest were Tristan Zammit, Emily Hilborn, and Trisha Cardwell. These lucky students will accompany the firefighters in their truck when they go and pick up the pizza for the school.

“Kuda’s Komics”

Please check out an original comic strip created by our very own Kuda Charamba. This latest edition is posted on the board in our front entrance.

Newsletter Draw

Don’t forget to return the slip for November’s newsletter draw. Each month we draw three lucky winners for a free Friday hot lunch.

NEWSLETTER DRAW: Please sign and return this slip by November 6 to indicate that you have read the *F.J. Rutland Review*. Three returned slips will be chosen for a free pizza lunch.

The _____ family has read the *F.J. Rutland Review*.

Student(s) Names

Teacher(s)

Parent Signature: _____

