

# F.J. Rutland Review

Mr. S. Enns, Principal

Dear Parents,

*On behalf of our enthusiastic staff, I would like to welcome our new families as well as our returning families to the F.J. Rutland learning community.*

*Creating and delivering a comprehensive academic and social program for every student is a team effort. We look forward to building positive relationships with students, parents, and community to provide children with maximum support.*

*We encourage parents to be active in their child's education. There are many ways in which you can reinforce what students are learning. We encourage you to read your child's agenda, assignments, and notes that come home. Please feel free to visit FJR to learn more about what we do. We would be happy to give you a tour of your school!*

*Throughout the year, there will be opportunities for parents to help out at FJR. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please contact the school at 295-3111.*

*If you should have any questions or would like to share your ideas, please contact the school.*

*Together, we **will** make a positive difference in the lives of our children.*

Mr. Scott Enns

## Academic Achievement

The staff at FJ Rutland is committed to our DSBN vision of "Achieving Success Together". Our staff meets regularly to share ideas, resources, and strategies to review, develop, and implement effective teaching practices to help individual students improve in the areas of literacy, numeracy, and character education. It is extremely important for our learning community to focus on relationships, respect, and responsibility to help meet our goals. Our school growth plan, which outlines our academic goals, will be shared at School Council Meetings throughout the year and will be posted on our website once it is updated.

## Long Range Literacy Plan

F.J. Rutland's long term literacy plan sets out how we will cover the Star Reading Strategies, the 6 + 1 Writing Traits, and Working With Words activities for the year. We will outline our focus for these areas in our October newsletter.

## Meet the FJR and RV Staff BBQ



On Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding a barbeque for students, parents, and staff from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at King's Bridge Park. The purpose of this informal evening is to get to know one another in our school community. Chicken and pork hot dogs as well as pop will be served

free of charge; however, we will be collecting donations for the Terry Fox Foundation.

## Terry Fox Marathon of Hope!



Students and staff will be involved in Terry Fox activities on Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. More information about this initiative will come home with students.

## School Council



Last year we had a very active School Council at F.J. Rutland. This advisory group is comprised of parents, staff, and community members. In the past, School Council has helped to organize and plan student activities, provided guidance with educational programs, and offered input with school routines and procedures.

We encourage parents to attend school council meetings; these get together are a great opportunity for people in our school community to share information and ideas.

Once again, we will combine our River View and F.J. Rutland council meetings. Our first meeting of the year is scheduled for Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> (6 p.m.) at River View School.

### Parent Assisted Literacy Support (PALS)

Last year our parent volunteer readers helped our students to become more fluent readers. Over 60 students were receiving regular one on one support. Mr. Flower, our literacy coach, is aiming to start up this program once again at the beginning of October. Please consider donating your time (one hour a week) to this important initiative. If you are interested in helping out and/or would like more information, please fill in the return slip at the end of this letter and return it to school with your child.

### Computers

Once again, F.J. Rutland will be hosting an excellent school website. Currently the website is in the process of being updated to comply with our board's requirements. We will notify our community when it is once again operational. Please visit our website to learn more about our programs and events. We thank Mr. Sirett who works hard to maintain our computer systems. Our school's website address is as follows: <http://www.dsb.edu.on.ca/Schools/FJRutland/>

### Athletics

Miss Steenhuis has called on all Trojans to come out for our Cross Country team (grades 4 to 8). Practices are starting up next week. Students need to listen carefully to announcements for practice times. Students who participate will bring home more information.

Mr. Flower and Miss Steenhuis are coaching our intermediate coed soccer team this year. Boys and girls will be selected from our grade 6, 7, and 8 classes.

### Student Safety

Staff at the Niagara Region is encouraging all parents to review water safety rules with their children. In particular, children need to have

proper supervision and not swim or dive in prohibited areas.

### From the Desk of Mrs. Lamb and Mrs. Lyndon

Students and parents are reminded to return forms to the school as soon as possible so that we can have complete records of student information. Please remember to always inform us of any changes to your child's emergency contact information.

Parents are reminded to please call the school prior to 8:40 am if your son/daughter will be absent or has an appointment first thing in the morning.



### Students of the Month

Each month, the staff at FJ Rutland take time to recognize students who demonstrate excellence in a particular area. Our first recognition assembly will be held on Tuesday, September 30 at 11:55 a.m. We will attempt to notify parents prior to assemblies.

### Spirit Wear

We are currently looking into different clothing vendors in order to offer our students a selection of FJ Rutland Trojan clothing. We plan to have clothing samples and order forms ready in October.

### QSP Reader's Digest Fundraiser

Students will learn about the QSP Readers Digest Fundraiser later this month at a school assembly. Students will be given the opportunity to win some fun prizes by selling magazine subscriptions. QSP offers low prices on a wide variety of magazines. Many people take advantage of this opportunity as they make for quality gift giving at a very affordable price. More information will come home prior to the campaign.

### Breakfast Club

We will begin our breakfast club program on Monday, September 15.



Students interested in participating will need to pick up a breakfast club form from the office.

Mrs. Pace and Mrs. Flachs and staff will meet breakfast club students at 8:30 a.m. in the staff room on the second floor. Student participants will be expected to display excellent manners and help clean up the breakfast room.

### Milk/Juice Program



We will be starting our Milk/Juice Program on Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Flower, our coordinator, has sent home order forms this week.

### Recycling Club

Mrs. Pace and our eager students are ready to go once again with the FJR Recycling Club. Students will be invited to join this fun and rewarding group in the second week of September.

### Code of Conduct

A code of conduct has been sent home with each student inside the student agenda. This section of the agenda outlines the responsibilities and expectations for all members of the F.J. Rutland community. Please take time to review the contents with your child. Also, the Student/Parent Handbook which can also be found on our school website provides an overview of most of our school's routines. Many common questions are answered throughout its various sections.

### School Beautification

Mrs. Jonah and her assistants Mrs. Eade and Mr. Cam have done an amazing job of getting FJR ready for the school year. Students, staff, and

visitors to the building are all very impressed with their efforts.

Our new elevator will be operational later in September/October.

### River View Connections

We had a great deal of fun working with the River View students and staff last year. It is our goal to make the transition for grade 3 students to F.J. Rutland a comfortable experience. To meet that end, our two schools will continue to plan cooperative student activities throughout the year.

### Stamford Connections

We look forward to working closely with staff from the Stamford Collegiate to prepare our students for high school. Our intermediate students have already begun attending Design and Technology and Choices and Changes classes this week. Please look at the monthly calendars to see when they attend.

### Pizza and Hotdog Lunches

We are looking for parent volunteers who are interested in helping to run Friday hotdog and pizza lunches for our students. If you would like to volunteer, please check the appropriate location on the return slip of this newsletter. Please see the calendar for our September lunch dates.

### Insure Your Child

Is your child insured for medical or dental costs in case of an accidental injury? The District School Board of Niagara does not provide medical payments coverage for students. If you have no other coverage it is important that parents/guardians consider purchasing this coverage to ensure that medical or dental costs

are covered in case of accident. Reliable Life Student Accident Insurance forms have been provided to each student to assist you in getting coverage. If you are interested, please follow the instructions on the form.

### Public Health Reminder

It is important to keep your child's immunization up to date. Also, be sure to contact the Public Health Department following your child's immunization to keep their records current. 1-800-263-2748.

### Vaccinations

The first Hepatitis B and MenC vaccination for our grade 7 students is scheduled for the morning of Wednesday, September 24th. The vaccination is for grade 7 students only.

Grade 8 female students are eligible for the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination program. The vaccination date for HPV is also on October 1.

Vaccine fact sheets and consent forms will be given to the students prior to our vaccination dates. We are hoping to have a nurse visit the school prior to vaccination dates to speak to the students to provide more information.

Should you have questions or wish more detailed information regarding these vaccinations, please contact the Vaccine Preventable Disease program at (905) 688-3762 ext 7396 or 1-800-263-7248 ext 7396 or website:

[www.regional.niagara.on.ca/living/health/wellness/disease-](http://www.regional.niagara.on.ca/living/health/wellness/disease-)

[prevent/Human-Papillomavirus---HPV.aspx](http://www.regional.niagara.on.ca/living/health/wellness/disease-prevent/Human-Papillomavirus---HPV.aspx)

These vaccination programs are happening province wide. Both vaccinations require parental consent.

### Brock Student Teachers

We are very excited to have two Brock students join us for the fall. They will be visiting twice a week beginning later in September and then will be here for their practice teaching block in November. Dragan Rusic will be in 5L with Ms. Lenc and Jessica Clayton will join 7F in Mr. Flower's room.

### Calendar Reminder

Please check the calendar for a list of most activities.



### Early Release Day

Please note that on Monday, September 15th, staff will be involved in professional activities during the afternoon. All students are expected to be in school for the morning. Bus students will leave the school and return to their drop off locations approximately three hours earlier than their normal time.

### School Pictures

We are sending home a reminder slip with this newsletter for our school picture date which is scheduled for Friday, September 12.

### VOLUNTEERS:

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I am interested in helping with the Parent Assisted Literacy Support (PALS) program or I would like more information. Mr. Flower, our Literacy Coach can call me at the following daytime phone number: \_\_\_\_\_. My name is \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I am interested in helping to organize pizza and hot dog lunches for FJR's students. My daytime contact phone number is \_\_\_\_\_. My name is \_\_\_\_\_

**NEWSLETTER DRAW:**

Please sign and return this slip to indicate that you have read the *F.J. Rutland Review*. Three return slips will be chosen randomly. These lucky students will win a free hot dog or pizza lunch!

The \_\_\_\_\_ family has read the *F.J. Rutland Review*

Student(s) Names

Teacher

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Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this page by Thursday, September 11**