

ADMINISTRATIVE BULLETIN

JANUARY 2010

Greetings to all our Royal Vale families and best wishes for a happy, healthy 2010! We hope that all of you had a good holiday and are ready to face the second half of our academic year with renewed energy.

We have welcomed back our students and things are well underway in the classrooms, as we approach the end of our second term. The high school students have just finished writing their midterm exams and are back in their classrooms.

The following are noteworthy dates:

January 25th—professional day for both elementary and high school students

February 1st to 5th—registration for new elementary students

February 5th—casual dress day for elementary students; fundraiser for grade 6 graduation

February 8th—second report card issued

February 11th—parent-teacher interviews for elementary and high school (evening)

February 11th—casual dress day for high school; fundraiser for the school's foster child

February 11th—casual “dress in red” day for elementary, in honor of Valentine’ Day; this is not a fundraiser

February 12th—professional day for both elementary and high school students

February 17th—Science Fair; elementary students (evening)

February 18th—Science Fair; top projects for elementary and high school students (evening)

February 18th—guest speaker, Astronaut Marc Garneau; grades 3 to Sec. V

February 19th—professional day, high school **only**

March 26th—last day of school before March break

We remind all parents to ensure their children are sent to school dressed appropriately for winter conditions. Some of our students, both elementary and high school, are not dressed warmly enough. Elementary students have mandatory outdoor playtimes every day, unless the weather conditions are unfavorable. The children enjoy running around in the snow but must be dressed warmly, even if the weather is mild—it’s still winter.

An issue of great concern, year after year, is the constant tardiness of some of the elementary students. We realize that parents are the ones responsible for bringing the students to school on time and therefore do not blame the children. **PLEASE allow yourselves longer time to drive to school, especially during the winter months.** The same children are constantly late and it is very disruptive to the class when a few children interrupt the routine that has already begun. **PLEASE GIVE THIS MATTER YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION and remember that you are setting examples for your children to follow—please set good ones!**

Another recurring issue is the lingering of students in the front lawn past dismissal. As there is no supervision after the students are dismissed, they must leave our premises immediately and cannot stay to play on the hills of snow. Every year, we send reminders about this issue and yet, once again, we are faced with the same problem. Please help us keep your children safe and do not allow them to climb and play on the hills; take them home immediately.

And finally, the dismissal system that was well in place by October is beginning to fall apart. During the month of December, some parents began edging their way into the foyer and, in no time, the foyer was crowded with parents, leaving very little room for the children to pass. Our dismissal cannot be conducted in a safe and organized manner if we continue to do this. **PLEASE STAY BETWEEN THE TWO SETS OF DOORS. In most schools, parents are not even allowed to enter any part of the building; they greet their children outside, so please, do not enter the foyer and allow your children to come to you, as they are led from their last class or activity. WE THANK YOU KINDLY FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION AND COOPERATION!**

We wish to thank all of our parents for their generous donations of food items for the NDG Food Depot. A heartfelt thank you goes to Ms. Cynthia Bennett and Mr. Avelino Morais, the two teachers who undertook this initiative and also delivered the food to the food bank. We appreciate everyone's efforts and know that very many families had a better holiday because of you!

As usual, we thank you for your continued support in all we do to make Royal Vale the best second home your children can have. Due to their parents' work situation, a lot of our students spend the greater part of their day with us. We continue to strive for our students' overall well being and are content only when every student is totally safe and happy to be in our school!

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