

Hello Students and Parents/Guardians:

Any students that are contemplating extended absences (5+ days) for vacation or **hunting**, for example, should stop by the office to pick up an Extended Absence form. The form should be initialed by each teacher, taken home for parent signature, and returned to the school office so the approved absence can be recorded.

Please review the following points:

Whole School

- For the month of October, Mr. French's Grade 8 class is collecting **used blankets and towels** for local animal shelters and veterinarian offices. Please drop them off to Mr. French's room 106. Remember, reusing is a great way to help care for our environment.
- Friday, October 25 – **PA Day**
- Monday-Friday, Oct 28-Nov 1 – **Spirit Week!**
 - 28th Flannel Day
 - 29th Croc 'n Slide Day
 - 30th Black n' Orange Day
 - 31st Halloween Costume Day (no masks)
 - 1st Camo Day
- Wednesday, October 30 – **Photo retake day** – will happen in the morning in the gym
- Wednesday, October 30 – **Bus Evacuation Practice** – all students, walkers included, will participate in bus evacuation practice beginning at 1:55 pm.
- Thursday, October 31 – **Cake Auction** – there will be a cake auction in support of the Cheerleaders at 9:45 am. Pool your classroom money and come to bid on a cake!
- Monday, November 11 – **Remembrance Day Ceremony** – our students and staff will participate in a ceremony beginning at 9:30 am – 10:00 am.
- Thursday, November 14 – **Flu Clinic** – Students and staff can receive their flu shot. Intermediate students require a parent signed consent form (not available yet but it will be soon – check at the office). Secondary students and staff can sign for themselves the day of the clinic.
- Thursday, November 14 – **Parent Council** – 6:00 pm in the Learning Commons
- Friday, November 15 – **Volunteer Fair** sponsored by the North Leeds Youth Coordinating Committee to increase awareness of volunteer opportunities available for youth to complete their required 40 hours of community service. 9:10 am – 12:15 pm in the gym, for Grades 8-12.
- Friday, November 29 – **PA Day**
- Our social media accounts are:
 - **Facebook:** Rideau District High School - UCDSB
 - **Twitter:** RideauDHS_UCDSB @RUcdsb
 - **Instagram:** www.instagram.com/rdhslions (@rdhslions)
- Please contact marcia.miller@ucdsb.on.ca **if your student will be absent** or call the school at 613-359-5391 – answering machine is available 24 hrs/day

Intermediate School (Gr 7 & 8)

- Monday, November 4 – **Immunizations** - Health Unit Nurses will be at Rideau (usually in the morning) to administer single dose Meningococcal vaccines and the 1st dose of Hep B and HPV

for those Intermediate students who have submitted their signed permission forms. The second dose of Hep B and HPV will be administered April 27.

- Wednesday, November 6 – **Elementary Progress Reports** will be sent home

Secondary School (Gr 9-12)

- Monday, October 28 – **Experiences Canada Exchange** We will be saying good-bye to students from W̱SÁNEĆ Leadership Secondary School from Brentwood Bay, British Columbia, who have been visiting our area for the last week.
- Wednesday, November 6 – **Grade 9 Take Your Kid to Work Day** – forms are available from Mrs. McCourt or from the office and are due back on Wednesday, October 30. Information can be found at thelearningpartnership.ca
- Wednesday, November 6 – **Algonquin College Ottawa** – Gr 12 students who have signed up to participate in the Algonquin College tour will be leaving the school at 7:50 am and returning at 2:00 pm.
- Wednesday, November 20 – **Practice Literacy Test** – students who will be writing the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) will have an opportunity to do a practice test which will be marked by our teachers and results used to help prepare the students for the real test which will take place on Tuesday, March 31.
- Friday, November 22 – **Mid-term Report Cards** – will be sent home today. December 2 is the last day to drop a course so that it doesn't show on a transcript as a withdrawal.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school. As well, if you have any address changes or phone number/email address/emergency contacts to update, please reply to this email or contact the school.