

# RedHawk Express

April 18, 2021



## Stronger Together

The school has shared 3 mantras this year – Together we Can do Hard Things, Lead by Example, and It's Okay Not to Be Okay. On Monday I tried to model all three. I shared with the whole school community how I dealt with the sudden cancellation of the full return to school. I attempted to make visible the steps that I take internally to cope with change which would otherwise be invisible to them. This skill, resilience, does need to be taught and modelled but that is often easier said than done.

There is no question that our students have developed their resiliency this year and I would like to acknowledge the role their teachers, parents, guardians, and peers take in helping to teach this skill. I am witnessing great examples in our school community of people working together to overcome adversity, leading others in coping with change and people reaching out for help when they need it. Thank you all for your hard work, patience and understanding.

## School Wide Events

The Tell Them from Me Survey was completed this week as well as practice for the ELPA/R. A reminder of the student surveys and assessments still to come.

1. **English Language Proficiency Assessment/Re-Assessment (ELPA/R)** – For ALL Grade 9 students and a small number of Grade 11/12. This is an online reading comprehension test. We will complete this during P1 & 2 on Tues April 20 & Wed April 21. (Information is attached on Page 3)
2. **Hybrid Learning Survey (Q3)** – Will be completed over the next two weeks to gather data on the successes and challenges of our current learning model.
3. **Grade 10 FSL Reading Assessment** – All Grade 10 students will complete this assessment on May 18 & 19 during P2 & P3. Stay tuned for more details closer to the time.

### Weekly Schedule

Apr 19-23

Monday – A-K

Tuesday – L-Z

Wednesday – A-K

Thursday – L-Z

Friday – A-K

Apr 26-30

Monday – L-Z

Tuesday – A-K

Wednesday – L-Z

Thursday – A-K

Friday – L-Z

### Upcoming Events

Tues April 27 → PSSC

Meeting – Cafeteria – 6pm

Tues May 4 → 2021

Graduation Planning Meeting

Fri May 7 → NO SCHOOL (PL)

Mon May 10 → NO SCHOOL

(Union Meetings)

May 17 – 21 → French Week

Mon May 24 → NO SCHOOL

# Supporting Your Students @Home

## THANK YOU

The PSSC led an effort to provide a Teacher Appreciation Event this week and we are so grateful. Thank you to Liz Tait for coordination and delivery and to all who contributed. I wanted to share my message for the PSSC with our whole parent community.

“Thank you so much for today.

The staff felt it important that I write and tell you all just how much it meant to them to have the special treatment today. There were cheers, laughter, and applause with each announcement of prize winners, food arrival and the reveal of the goodie bags!

As Principal I cannot thank you enough for bringing that spark to the staff today. In as much as it was stressful to prepare for the full return to classes, the teachers were ready and looking forward to having everyone back in the building. Their disappointment to not see their classes back together was evident Monday and Tuesday. I feel as though they are ready for tomorrow and to face whatever comes next!”

## Reminders and Celebrations

**AEI Homestays NEEDED** → Each year Anglophone School District South hosts many fee-paying international students. Each student that attends RHS brings with them some additional funding for the school which can be used to support our initiatives. We need host families for the 2021-22 school year. If you are interested to learn more check out the ad on Page 4.

**Graduation Planning Meeting** → On Tuesday May 4 there will be an online TEAMS planning meeting for Graduation 2021. The meeting will start at 6:30pm on TEAMS. Please [click to register](#).

**Grad Events**– The variants have thrown a wrench into any forward planning at this stage but for the sake of coordinating grad week here are some firm dates.

- Grad BBQ & Yearbook Signing – Friday June 18
- RHS Grad’s Choice Awards – Tuesday June 22 (Formal Attire)
- Outdoor Graduation Ceremony – Thursday June 24

**Adopt-A-RedHawk** → At this time of year it can be difficult for some families to keep up with all the financial demands of graduation and post-secondary registration. As a result, we started a fund in September to help assist students in need. If you would like to donate to our fund, please reach out to Patti Melanson on 847 6204 for more information. If you might be in need in this area, please reach out to Mrs. Barrington for more information.

**41 School Days until Graduation!**  
The countdown is on...



## **ELPA/R - Message for students, parents, and guardians:**

The *English Language Proficiency Assessment/Reassessment (ELPA/R)* is normally administered during the high school exam period in January. This year, at the request of the school districts, it has been delayed and will be administered between **April 19 and May 5**. *At RHS it will be done on April 20 & 21.*

The *ELPA/R* is an assessment of student reading comprehension skills. It is compulsory for all Grade 9 students and is a graduation requirement unless an exemption is granted. Students who are unsuccessful or who missed the assessment in Grade 9 may participate again in Grade 11 and Grade 12, if necessary.

This year will be the first time the *ELPA/R* will be delivered online. In preparation, a short practice test will be available beginning on April 6. Students will be able to access this from school or home as often as they wish. This will provide the opportunity for students to become familiar with the assessment format and to explore the available accommodations. *Students at RHS will complete the practice session with their teachers between April 12 - 16.*

Please ensure that students:

- check their devices prior to April 6 to be certain they meet the technical requirements of the online platform – Internet Explorer will NOT work – most other browsers will work!
- alert the school if they do not have access to a suitable device so that alternative measures may be taken.
- bring their devices to school on the day of the assessment fully charged and with a charger.
- explore the practice test in preparation for the assessment.

**This assessment may not be completed on a smartphone.**

**The *ELPA* must be written while students are at school.**

For this year only, Grade 9 students who are unable to come to the school during the administration period will participate in the assessment in Grade 10. For information about available accommodations and conditions for exemption, please consult the [Protocols for Accommodations and Exemptions Guideline](#).

### **Content**

To ensure alignment with our provincial standards, a review committee of New Brunswick educators selected the content of the assessment. Students have 90 minutes to complete the assessment, with up to 90 extra minutes, if needed.

#### **Text Types:**

- 4 Literary texts
- 4 Informational texts

#### **Question Types:**

- Literal Responses 20%
- Inferential/Interpretive Responses 60%
- Personal/Critical/Evaluative Responses 20%

### **How are the results reported?**

Students receive individual reports. In addition, results for each school and school district are published on EECD's website, under [Reports on Achievement](#).

### **Where can I find more information?**

Information about the *ELPA/R* can be found on the Education and Early Childhood Development website under [Assessment and Evaluation \(High School\)](#).

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