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Arts, Green and STEM Committee plans (link from email #1 to website):

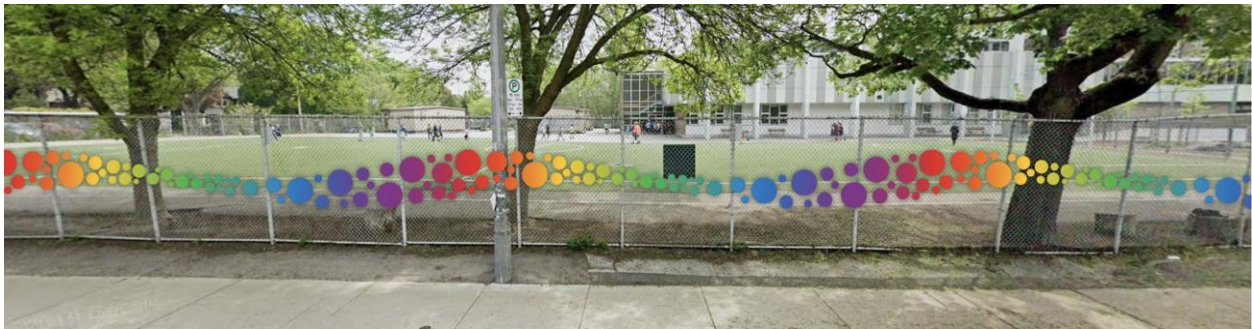
Runnymede Arts Committee 2021-22 resource and enrichment plan:

Completion of 2020-21 Collaborative art project

Creation of a collaborative uplifting art installation for the entire school community.

Each student (and staff if they'd like to participate!) will create one painting, which symbolizes what Runnymede means to them. Each piece will then be combined to form a large outdoor installation. The mural will be a collective representation of our school community's optimism, determination and togetherness despite these challenging times.

We will provide each homeroom teacher with a kit of supplies and simple instructions, which will allow their students to create their pieces at a pace that best suits their schedules. Once finished, we will collect all the individual paintings and install the mural along the fence.



Spring 2022 Outdoor Arts Enrichment Program

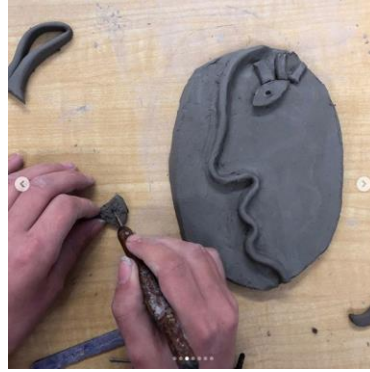
The Arts Committee is thrilled about the chance to facilitate the return of the cherished arts enrichment program to Runnymede PS.

The creative programming will provide all students in every grade with the opportunity to learn, engage and create in a unique hands-on workshop facilitated by a talented art specialist.

These outdoor workshops will...

- Include an art lesson that compliments the curriculum
- Introduce students to distinct artistic theories, concepts, and movements
- Teach new skills, techniques and how to use unique materials
- Provide the opportunity to explore and express creativity in imaginative and innovative ways!

Each student will proudly showcase their creations in a "gallery" at a school-wide event (like Illuminations) and then bring home their one-of-a-kind piece for the whole family to enjoy.



Portable Mirrors for Dance, Drama and Vocal Music classes

Mirrors are a key studio tool that enhance dance, drama, and vocal music education. Mirrors provide performing arts students, ensembles and teachers with immediate visual and spatial feedback, helping evaluate physical placement, movement, and emotion. This unique perspective takes creative learning and performance skill to the next level!

These glassless mirrors on a rolling stand are the perfect solution for the school, quickly transforming one large classroom space into multiple areas. They are safe, lightweight, easy to move and store compactly.



Runnymede Green Committee 2021-22 resource and enrichment plan:

Parent Council's Green Committee manages programs relating to Runnymede's outdoor areas - the nature garden, amphitheatre and playgrounds.

Our Green Teacher Program runs three times a year and is a curriculum-based exploration of our school's hillside garden. Run by a trained outdoor educator, grade 2, 4 and 6 students head outdoors to learn about the biodiversity of our garden. In the spring we also run a kinder program and a grant-funded native species planting program for grade 6 students. This October, the green teacher worked with senior students (6, 7, and 8s) to plant 130 shrubs as they learned about native species, invasive plants and erosion to help stabilize the nature garden pathways before the winter.

Green committee supplies recess equipment for students across all grade levels (balls, hula hoops, tricycles, shovels, etc.) and in 2020/2021 we will enrich outdoor play further by creating a musical fence installation in the Adventure Yard to join our new colourful caterpillar in the kinder yard.

We plan and facilitate twice yearly yard clean-up days to ensure our nature gardens are safe and clean for students and this year we plan to build new retaining walls in the hillside garden to keep the pathways safe and usable. Our committee is working alongside school administration to install two large sail shades in the kinder yard to protect our youngest students in the warmer months.



Runnymede STEM Committee 2021-22 resource and enrichment plan:

The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) committee is planning to bring hands-on STEM enrichment activities to each classroom during the 2021-2022 school year.

COVID-19 restrictions have limited our ability to run parent-led programming, so instead we are working with outside organizations such as the University of Toronto Engineering Outreach team to deliver K-8 programming.

Runnymede Council also supports classroom-based STEM learning by providing funds for classroom technology (laptops, iPads, charging stations, projectors, etc.) and STEM learning materials (electrical circuitry, scales and weights, and math manipulatives like hundreds blocks, counting cubes, etc.).

