

RODEN PUBLIC SCHOOL (RPS) NEWSLETTER

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Both RPS and EHAS share a building
and are both "allergy aware" and
Gold Level EcoSchools.

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SCHOOL NEWS – May's Character Education trait is "Integrity".

Local Donation to Roden P.S.

Local businessman Mr. Gurnam Multani recently made a very generous \$2100 donation to Roden P.S. that we are directing towards our building-wide Snack Program (including the Breakfast Program) that benefits all our students. Mr. Multani will be visiting our program very soon to see it in action and meet some of the students and staff. Thank you to Michael Yhip and the Roden School Council for making this happen and of course Mr. Multani for his generosity!

Roden Email List

In an attempt to reduce paper and distribute school information electronically, we would like to continue compiling the Roden Email List. If you would like to receive school information via email, please email the following information to Mr. O'Shaughnessy (christopher.o'shaughnessy@tdsb.on.ca):

Parent's names (first and last) - Student's name(s) (first and last) and grade level - Email Address

Adult English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes

If you are, or you know of a parent or adult family member in our school community who is interested in attending a free adult ESL class here at Roden PS, please join us each Thursday from 9-10:30 a.m. in the 1st floor conference room. Parent volunteer ESL Teacher, Suzanne Carmichael will be leading the classes. This is another initiative supported by Model Schools program funding.

How Pizza Lunches Feed Us All

Did you know that Heather Cornish, our Snack Program Coordinator and Lunch Room Supervisor, is the sole organizer of the Friday Pizza Lunches and that all the proceeds from each Pizza Lunch are directed exclusively to the Snack Program? The program is mostly funded by the Toronto Foundation for Student Success (TFSS) but we have to raised the rest of the funds through individual donations and fundraisers like this.

April 9th Literacy/Numeracy Night

Even though the numbers were low, parents all left with a better understanding of some of the strategies teachers use in the classrooms and a few ideas to use at home. Thank you to presenter Dean Younger and the many staff members that helped set up. We also would like to thank Van Ngo, Shama Mahmood and Nadira Yasmin for translating our posters and flyers. Look for some of the pamphlets available from the evening coming home with your child(ren) in the next few weeks.

TDSB Earth Hour Savings

Through the efforts of students and staff board-wide, electricity consumption throughout the TDSB declined 21% from 2 pm to 3 pm on Fri. Mar. 28th and 5% over the following weekend. So what does this really look like? Electricity consumption went down by 10,265 kWh for the one hour period on

Friday afternoon, and 62,551 kWh over the weekend. Thank you to all those that participated and let's try to keep these numbers as low as possible every day.

School & Home Communication

Communication between school and home is very important so we kindly ask our families to regularly review our newsletters, websites, Twitter updates, students' agendas/information packages, council bulletin boards, posted flyers and any letters/flyers that come home with students. Much of this information is cross-posted as well to ensure that it is accessible to all. Following the board's Parent Concern Protocol, classroom concerns should be directed to the specific teacher – this is even more important as both schools share administrators. School-wide or more serious concerns may be directed to the administration. Matters related to school council may be shared with a member and discussed within this forum. Messages for staff may be included in student communication books, phoned in, left in the office or emailed if the teacher encourages this method. Please help us be more efficient by carefully considering your queries. We will endeavour to respond to you as soon as possible however emails may take 5 to 10 days or more due to the volume we receive. To ensure the safety of our students and to ensure your matter is appropriately addressed, please avoid discussions with staff at entry or dismissal times or while staff are on supervision duty. Please leave a message for them in your child's agenda or in the office. If it is an emergency, please call the school directly.

September 2014 Roden School Organization

The following staff model was recently presented and endorsed by our school staffing committee, our school staff as a whole and at the recent school council meeting. This model reflects the K to 3 caps of 20 students and the board-wide average of junior classes. Please note that teaching assignments will not be finalized until the end of June (and in some cases, not until the end of August). This model is based upon the projected enrolment as supplied by the TDSB and is subject to reorganization and realignment near the end of September 2014.

FDK = Full-Day Kindergarten

FDK – 4 Classes	Gr. 2/3 – 1 Class	Gr. 6 – 1 Class
Gr. 1 – 2 Classes	Gr. 3 – 1 Class	Gr. 7/8 – 2 Classes
Gr. 1/2 - 1 Class	Gr. 4 – 1 Class	
Gr. 2 – 1 Class	Gr. 4/5 – 1 Class	

We will also have the following positions : primary, junior and intermediate Home School Programs (HSP) shared with Equinox, one half-day Special Education Resource, one half-day Library, one Music, one Physical Education (PE)/English as a Second Language (ESL), and one Core French/ESL.

Lunchroom Supervisors (LRS) Needed

As the TDSB rolls out more Full Day Kindergarten programs in neighbouring schools, there is an increased need for LRSs in our school and those nearby. If you have extra time between 11:30am and 1pm, enjoy working with children and are looking for a part-time job, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca > Employment > Lunchroom Supervisor to apply.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 09	“Dress Like Twins” Spirit Day
May 13	Folkfest, 6:30 p.m., East York Collegiate
May 14	School Council Meetings, Equinox @6pm & Roden @7:20pm, Library
May 20	Gr. 2 to 6 Track & Field Meet @ Birchmount CI
May 22	Roden's Welcome to FDK, 5:30 p.m. (For new Sept. 2014 JK families)
May 26 to 30	EQAO for Gr. 3 & 6 Students
May 22/23	School Bus Safety Presentations
May 30	Roden Council Movie Night, 6:30 p.m.
June 05	Roden Spring Concert
June 06	PA Day – No School for Students