

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 – February's Character Education trait is "Fairness".

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.

Special Education Info Session for Parents

Join TDSB staff to learn more about Individual Education Plans (IEPs) and Identification, Placement and Review Committees (IPRC) at two locations in Toronto on Tues. Feb. 25 from 7-9pm. The East Region meeting is at 140 Borough Dr., and the West meeting is at Bloor Cl, 1141 Bloor St., W. More information is found on the flyer posted in the school.

Community Swims @ Monarch Park Cl

There are several community swims at Monarch Park Cl Swimming Pool. They are only \$2 or \$5 per family. For more information contact monarchparkaquatics@gmail.com

All Ladies Swim

Tuesdays 7-8PM

Sept 24 until June 10

Fee is \$2 per swim

Adult Lane Swim

Wednesdays 8-9PM

Sept 25 until June 11

Fee is \$2 per swim

Community Swim

Saturdays 3:15PM-4:30PM

Jan 25 until June

Cracking the Teenage Code

Parents with their teenagers and "almost" teenagers are invited to Danforth CTI (800 Greenwood Ave.) for a workshop and discussion about building conscious communication with your teen on Thurs. Feb. 20 at 7pm in the auditorium. For more information please drop them a line at: DanforthSchoolCouncil@gmail.com or if childcare is required.

Missing Immunization Information?

Some of you have received overdue notices from the Immunization Department of Toronto Public Health. Suspensions for students who are not up-to-date with their vaccinations began on February 6th for a period of 20 school days. If you received these notices, and have updated information, or a signed affidavit, please hand it in to the office. Staff will send the information over to Toronto Public Health, and keep it on file for future reference.

Lost & Found

Please take a moment the next time you are in the school to look in the Lost & Found bin located in the east stairwell for any items that belong to your children. You may be surprised to find something that you didn't even know was missing.

Staff Professional Development (PD)

Have you ever wondered why your child's teacher is absent or how staff stay current on the latest educational topics? Staff from all grade levels are regularly attending self-initiated PD as well as both board and ministry required PD. Even though this pulls teachers out of the classroom and away from students (sometimes frequently which we communicate to the board), it also provides staff with valuable information that helps support our students. Some recent board/ministry PD staff have attended to support our school programs include:

Full-Day Kindergarten – Capacity Building Sessions

K to 8 - Ontario Numeracy Assessment Plan

K to 8 – West Region 10 Family of Schools Numeracy Plan

Gr. 1 – Levelled Literacy Initiative

K to 8 – Special Education

K to 8 - EcoSchools

Gr. 7/8 – HEROES Social Skills Program (Rodén PS)

K to 8 – Model Schools Inner City (MSIC – Roden PS)

Weather Guidelines

On all cold and/or wet days, we kindly ask parents to make sure their children are properly dressed for the weather and not to attend school before 8:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. (if they go home for lunch). Please check the forecast BEFORE sending children to school to ensure they are properly dressed for the day's weather. During the cold winter months, it may be necessary for students to remain inside or have a reduced recess time, particularly when the wind chill falls below -20 degrees Celsius (according to Environment Canada). Decisions such as these are made after consulting TDSB policy, neighbouring schools as well as local conditions. Information about students that require special consideration due to medical conditions should be shared with school staff along with a note from the child's physician.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Feb. 21 | School Outdoor Olympics (afternoon) |
| Feb. 21 | Equinox Council's Movie Evening & Bake Sale, "Frozen", 6 p.m. – All welcome! |
| Feb. 28 | Roden Council's Tropical Island Paradise Family Dance, 6 p.m. – All welcome! |
| Mar. 04 | Parent Workshop – <i>Raising Sexually Healthy Children</i> , 6 p.m. School Library |
| Mar. 07 | P.A. Day – No School for Students |
| Mar. 10-14 | March Break – School is Closed |
| Mar. 20 | Lice Check – Volunteers Needed – Please contact the school and leave your info. |