

# RODEN PUBLIC SCHOOL (RPS) NEWSLETTER

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

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***SCHOOL NEWS – December's Character Education trait is "Kindness & Caring".***

## **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](http://www.tdsb.on.ca) > Employment > Lunchroom Supervisor to apply and contact the school.

## **Call Out for Read Up Volunteers**

The very popular Read Up Club is looking for volunteers to read with children on Tuesdays between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. in our library. No teaching experience is necessary and volunteers are given a quick training session on how to read with the children. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions about the Read Up Club, please email or speak to Mr. O'Shaughnessy (christopher.o'shaughnessy@tdsb.on.ca) or simply show up in the library on Tuesdays.

## **SNAP®, Program Debuts at Roden**

SNAP®, which stands for Stop Now And Plan, is an evidence-based cognitive behavioural model that provides a framework for teaching children effective emotional regulation, self-control and problem-solving skills. The primary goal of SNAP® is to keep children and youth in school and out of trouble. SNAP® has demonstrated positive outcomes among children from ages 6+. We are glad to host this program which will be operating in a few classrooms throughout the year.

## **New Safe Arrival Process**

By now, many families have experienced the TDSB's new automated safe arrival call-out system that is being used by all schools and if you're like us, you're also getting used to it. It will take a bit so we very much appreciate your patience and flexibility. Please remember to call in any absences or lates as early as possible each day. If you still have questions, please contact staff in the school office.

## **Terry Fox Run**

Congratulations and thank you to all the students who contributed to our Terry Fox Run this year. Both schools raised a total of \$739 for the Terry Fox Foundation for cancer research. This was a great event that got us moving and helping out a worthwhile cause.

## **Safe School Committee**

The Equinox/Roden Safe School Committee meets once a month and includes a parent, administrator, teacher, support staff, facility staff and students. Each year a number of school and board policies and procedures are reviewed to ensure compliance and that they are meeting the needs of our greater school community. Feedback is often sought from outside agencies (e.g. Toronto Police, Fire) and the larger school community. If you have any questions for the committee, please contact the school.

### **Roden Sports Round-Up – Mr. Poon**

We had a record number of runners who had earned their 100km Club ribbon in the Cross Country Club this year. Most of the club's participants went on to compete in the area meet at Ashbridge's Bay on Oct. 8th. Special mention goes to Gr. 3 Finnley C. for finishing in 1<sup>st</sup> place, as well as Gr. 1's Sydney R. and Nova C. for finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place respectively. Congratulations also go out to those who qualified for the conference meet on Oct. 20th: Finnley C., Lukus R., Maximus W., Oliver W., Jovana S., Jeffrey W., and Naveed I. Mr. Poon would like to acknowledge all the parent volunteers and staff for their help with the club and team this year.

The Gr. 5 Boys' Volleyball Team, headed by Mr. Donovan and Mr. Poon, have been training on Mon., Tues., and Thurs. mornings for their tournament this week. The Gr. 7 Boys' Volleyball Team, headed by Mr. Mighton and Mr. Poon, is training each Mon. after school and on Wed. and Fri. mornings.

The Gr. 7/8 Co-ed Flag Football Team, headed by Mr. Walters, was training hard this season and enjoyed their tournament last month.

The Gr. 7/8 Co-ed Soccer Club, headed by Mr. Lam, continues to improve their skills and teamwork every Tuesday after school.

### **Pediculosis (Lice) Awareness**

As part of our awareness and prevention program this is a reminder to parents/caregivers to discuss with your child measures everyone can take to prevent the acquisition of head lice. Keeping hair short, tied and/or away from others is important. Not sharing clothing – especially hats – and regular laundering of items is also helpful. This information is already part of our regular announcements, assemblies and class discussions in addition to our frequent checks throughout the year. The TDSB has recommended treatments that may be found at <http://tdsbweb/ppf/uploads/files/live/100/384.doc>. As always the prevention and treatment is only as effective as the implementation. If you require additional information or support, copies of the treatment sheet or know of a case, please contact the school office. We can also note that both councils are considering utilizing the support of an outside company to assist in the program. More information will be forthcoming.

### **School Fees and Financial Support**

We DO NOT charge our families any fees for **required** materials or programs in our school. These costs are covered through the school budget or through the generous financial support of our school council and/or community partners. Non-required materials and excursions are the only exception where we ask parents/guardians to provide some of the costs. As always, if any of our families are experiencing financial challenges that may not allow their child(ren) to fully participate in school activities, please contact a school staff member with whom you feel most comfortable and financial assistance will be provided. We want to ensure that students have an equal opportunity to fully participate in their school experience.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Dec. 05	French Immersion SK Applications Due
Dec. 07	Equinox's Winter Fair, 11am to 3pm
Dec. 11	Roden's Winter Concert, 7pm
Dec. 16	Equinox's Winter Concert, 7pm
Dec. 22-Jan 2	Winter Break
Jan. 05	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of School for 2015
Jan. 16	Gr. 7 Extended French Info. Night, Bowmore PS. 6:30pm