

# 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.

## **Want to Stay in Touch?**

If you'd like to stay in touch with the school via email and help us save a few trees each month, please sign-up for our school emails at [www.tdsb.on.ca](http://www.tdsb.on.ca) > Go to the bottom of the page and click on "CASL" and complete the information.

## **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](mailto:christopher.o'shaughnessy@tdsb.on.ca)) or simply show up in the library on Tuesdays.

## **Emergency Evacuations, Relocation & Attendance**

In rare instances, there may be a situation that requires us to move to another location (usually a nearby school or safe building) in order for the school to still operate. This may be due to a prolonged power outage, loss of heat, etc. Should we need to relocate during the school day, students would be walked to the new location with school staff and supported by local emergency services personnel, and families would be notified via our new automated call system, through the local media and onsite postings of the location and pick-up and drop-off procedures. If a relocation is required before the school day begins, we would communicate this in the same manner. During any relocation, we ask parents/caregivers to be extra diligent when dropping off and picking up students and ensure that staff know and have recorded a student arriving or leaving. Parents/caregivers would not be permitted to remove a child **during** a move to another location. If you have questions about any safe procedures, please contact the school office.

## **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 organizers), it also provides staff with valuable information that helps support our students. Some recent/future professional development staff have attended to support our students and school programs include:

K to 8 - Ontario Numeracy Assessment Plan  
K to 8 – West Region 10 Family of Schools Numeracy Plan  
K to 8 – Special Education  
K to 8 - EcoSchools  
K to 8 - Model Schools Inner City (MSIC – Roden PS)  
1 to 8 – Mindfulness  
K to 8 – Digital Learning  
7 & 8 – STEM – The Engineering Design process  
K to 8 – School Mental Health Leads  
K to 8 – Safe & Positive Spaces

### **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**

Dec. 22-Jan 2	Winter Break
Jan. 05	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of School for 2015
Jan. 14	School Council Meetings – Equinox @6pm & Roden @7:20pm – Childcare available
Jan. 16	Pizza Lunch
Jan. 16	Gr. 7 Extended French Info. Night, Bowmore PS. 6:30pm
Jan. 22	Equinox Open House for Prospective Students & Families, 6pm
Jan. 23	P.A. Day – No School for Students
Jan. 30	Roden Council's Movie Night, 6:30pm
Feb. ?	Outdoor Winter Olympics – To Be Announced
Feb. 16	Family Day – School Closed
Mar. 16-20	March Break