

RODEN PUBLIC SCHOOL (RPS) NEWSLETTER

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Both RPS and EHAS share a building
and are both "allergy aware" and
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December's Character Education trait is "Kindness & Caring".

Treaty Acknowledgement

As part of our commitment to recognize the First Nation history of the land and its people and in recognition of Aboriginal Education Month, we will begin many of our events and meetings with a show of respect and acknowledgement of the treaty lands upon which our campus is located.

We acknowledge that our campus is situated upon traditional territories. The territories include the Wendat, Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Mississaugas of the New Credit, and the Métis Nation. We also recognize the enduring presence of Aboriginal peoples on this land.

School & Home Communication – Help Us Help You

Following the TDSBs Parent Concern Protocol, please remember that your first point of contact for any school concerns should go to your child's teacher. The teacher is usually able to address any concerns but may also refer you to the Vice-Principal or Principal depending on the issue. Please also keep in mind that both schools share one principal so it is even more critical that teachers or office reception staff are your first point of communication as they can often address your concern in a more accurate and timely manner. If you do need to communicate with administration, please also select ONE parent/caregiver and either call OR email OR send a note OR come in and NOT two, three or all four as the response to your question or concern may be even further slowed.

Matters related to school council may be shared with a council 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 has approved this method. Please help us be more efficient by carefully considering your queries. 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; rather, leave a message for them in your child's agenda or in the office. If it is an emergency, please call the school directly and we will determine the next steps.

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

Roden's Great Outdoor Adventure

A big, delayed thank you goes out to Nadia, Tanya and Tawnya for organizing a very successful and fun event and to all the parent and community volunteers and of course all those that donated. In total close to \$14 000 was raised to support school and classroom program initiatives and activities.

Stop Now And Plan (SNAP)

We are fortunate to still have the SNAP program operating in our school in some of our primary classrooms. SNAP®, which stands for Stop Now And Plan, is an evidence-based behavioural model that provides a framework for teaching children struggling with behaviour issues, effective emotional regulation, self-control and problem-solving skills. If you would like more information on the program, visit the website at <https://childdevelop.ca/snap/home>.

Roden School Council 2015-2016

Please welcome our new school council for 2015-2016:

Tawnya Hallman – Chair	Brandon Hall	Melissa Gallately
Natalie Das – Co-Sec	Elizabeth Ruth-Pettigrew	Nadia Smid
Saba Ferdinands – Co-Sec	Emily Greenberg	Paula Ravenscroft
Megan Bannon – Treasurer	Erin Boake	Shannon Olliffe

Council meeting dates/times are being determined and will be shared with the community very soon. Council will also have representatives who will work with school administration on the subjects of safe schools, school improvement, staffing and budget. Parents and community members are always encouraged to attend and be involved. There is a role for everyone. If you would like to communicate with council, you may go online to www.roden.ca, or leave a message at the school office or in the council mailbox.

Open Library

Thanks to our Teacher-Librarian, Steve Riddell, he has been opening the library on occasion to students during the three recesses for them to spend time. We will continue to encourage students to be outside and active as often as possible and to only visit on occasion however if you do NOT want your child to visit the library during any of the recesses, please ensure you've made this clear to your child as well as their teacher.

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 (including any needed clothing or basic school supplies), please contact your child(ren)'s teacher or the school office and financial assistance or the items will be provided. We want to ensure that students have everything they need including an equal opportunity to fully participate in their school experience.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed's	11:45-12:45pm – Jewellery-Making Club Outside Rm. 26 – Ms. Press – All Welcome
Dec. 10	Roden Winter Concert, 7pm
Dec. 11	Gr. 1 to 8 Progress Reports Go Home
Dec. 16	Equinox Lantern Walk & Winter Concert, 5:30pm
Dec. 21-Jan 1	Winter Break – No School For Students