

# 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.

***September's Character Education trait was "RESPECT".***  
***October's Character Education trait is "RESPONSIBILITY".***  
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## **SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Student Information Forms - IMPORTANT**

You received a number of forms the first week of school that must be completed and returned as soon as possible. These forms provide the school with very important information that we use to provide a safe environment for your child(ren). Please review them carefully and ensure they are returned to the school either with your children or by yourself.

### **New Equinox Outdoor Kindergarten Space**

We appreciate your patience as we wait for the full opening of this new space and clear out the construction equipment from the property. It is quite the inconvenience but we appreciate your understanding and flexibility. We also appreciate those that respect these areas and who are educating others on the safe and respectful use of this and all our spaces.

### **Sending Medication to School? Health & Medical Information**

Student health and medical information is collected at the beginning of each school year. Inform the office immediately if any of this information changes. Students who:

- Have serious medical conditions,
- Are required to carry medication,
- Require medication to be self-administered or be administered by staff,
- Are required to use or wear an assistive medical device

are to submit to the school specific forms (available from the office) completed and approved by a certified medical practitioner licensed in the Province of Ontario. Staff cannot accept or administer medication or follow medical procedures without these documents.

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

To assist us in our efforts to reduce and eliminate this problem often encountered in institutions such as schools, we ask our families to practise and review these actions with their children:

- Avoid sharing things that have been on or near another child's head,
- Avoid prolonged contact with others' hair, clothing, etc.
- Regularly clean things that your child's head has direct contact with, such as car seats, pillows, etc., if you are sharing these items with other children,
- Having short hair or wearing long hair up or in a kerchief, and
- Checking your child's hair regularly and reporting any incidences

We will continue to closely monitor the situation and review these same practices with students. If your child is found to have lice, treatment quickly at home is highly recommended. Information will be sent home to all students in the same classroom in the event of a positive finding in which all families will be requested to do a thorough check. We also use the services of 'NitWits' lice removal service to help us monitor the condition with our students. Funding for this service is shared between councils and the schools.

## **Roden School Council Update**

We received a total of 11 confirmed self-nominations for the Roden Council. Since this number was at or below twelve, all that accepted were acclaimed onto council. If you submitted a nomination but have not been able to reply back, please contact the school office.

Please welcome our members:

Jolane Folts	Megan Bannon	Nadia Smid
Melanie Cote Loken	Jennifer Pendergast	Natalie Das
Shannon Olliffe	Nawazish Ali	Tawnya Hallman
Elizabeth Ruth-Pettigrew	Saba Ferdinands	Mark Lasso - Principal

Council will be meeting soon to decide upon the roles (e.g. Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, etc.) and will be communicating this 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. The first full council meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 12 at 6 p.m. If there are parents who are still interested in serving on the council or would like to volunteer to help with any of the above roles, please attend the meeting and/or leave a message in the council mailbox in the main office or email [roden@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:roden@tdsb.on.ca).

## **Arrival at School**

Students in Gr. 3 or below should not arrive in the morning before supervision begins unless they are supervised by an adult or staff. Upon hearing the entry bell, students should immediately assemble in their assigned areas or lines. Entry is under the supervision of staff on duty. Parents are encouraged to allow child(ren) to enter/assemble on their own.

## **Absences & Safe Arrival Program**

If you know in advance that your child will be absent, a parent/guardian must communicate with the school office the reason for and length of the absence. Students who are ill should remain at home. Unplanned absences need to be called into our 24-hour Safe Arrival Number listed above before school begins **each day** your child is absent. Please do not email or text absences/lates. The family contacts of students who are absent and for which we have not received confirmation, will be contacted by an automated system notifying parents of the issue. You must follow the direction on the recording to confirm the absence and stop the calls.

## **Lates**

To ensure the safety of our students, those arriving after the entry bells and after their classroom line has entered the school shall report to the office to sign in. Students will receive a late slip and be sent to their classroom upon signing in. Parents should not send their child(ren) into an unsupervised yard or send them in and to their classes without signing in. Late arrivals are tracked, reported to parents/guardians and to the T.D.S.B. Attendance Counsellors.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Oct 5	Cross Country Meet – Ashbridges Bay
Oct. 7	Professional Activity (PA) Day – No School for Students
Oct. 10	Thanksgiving – School Closed
Oct. 12	School Councils – Roden @ 6pm & Equinox @ 7:20pm
Oct. 14	Roden Council's "Maker Mission" Fundraiser
Oct. 20	Photo Day
Oct. 21	Pizza Lunch
Oct. 28	Gr. 7 & 8 Immunization Clinic
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov. 15	SK to Gr. 8 Progress reports Go Home
Nov. 17	Reporting to Parents Evening, 4 - 8pm
Nov. 18	Reporting to Parents Morning 9am - Noon