

# 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.

***November's Character Education trait is "EMPATHY".***

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## **SCHOOL NEWS**

### **International Language Program**

At Roden PS, International Languages Program offer Cantonese and Spanish classes for students from JK – Grade 8. Classes are offered every Monday from 3:35 – 6:05 pm for 30 weeks throughout the whole school year. Spaces are still available and registration is ongoing. If you would like to register your child in this program, please go to the school second floor and talk to the site administrator, Ms. Jae Won Byun for registration during the program time. If you have any questions, please contact Program Officer Li Gao at 416 395-3251.

### **Weather Guidelines & Appropriate Dress**

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 have appropriate clothing for the day's weather. If for any reason you are not able to provide appropriate clothing, please contact the school as we are more than glad to help.

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.

### **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.

### **Gr. 1 to 8 Pizza Lunch Fundraisers**

Thank you for your continued support of our Gr. 1 to 8 Pizza Lunches run by our own Heather C. who volunteers her time for this great fundraising event for our Snack and Breakfast Programs. If you would like to help out, please drop by any morning and see Heather in the Snack Prep Room.

### **Gr. 7 & 8 Immunizations**

Toronto Public Health (TPH) will be visiting our school twice this year to provide important vaccines to students in Grades 7 and 8. Beginning this year, Grade 7 boys and girls will now be able to receive the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine for free. Girls in Grade 8 will continue to be able to receive the HPV vaccine this year as well.

The HPV vaccine prevents cancer. It is safe and effective. For most students, the HPV vaccine is given with two injections, six months apart. Grade 7 students will also be offered meningococcal and hepatitis B vaccines to protect from other serious diseases. Note that the meningococcal vaccine offered in Grade 7 is one the required vaccines to attend school in Ontario.

In order for your child to receive these free vaccines, please complete the consent package your child received at the beginning of the year. For further question, please see the TPH website or call the immunization hot line at 416-392-1250.

### **Homework Help for Mathematics**

If you watch TVO, you likely have seen a segment that explains Homework Help. Homework Help is a free, online tutoring service for students taking math in Grade 7 to 10. Staffed by Ontario qualified teachers, tutors are available from 5:30 to 9:30 PM, Sunday to Thursday. Additional resources to help students with their math are available 24/7!

Homework Help is totally interactive between the student and the tutor. The students at our school who access Homework Help say it is a terrific resource for them. In addition to tutors, Homework Help has instructional videos on topics in Grade 7 and 8 Math. Explore Homework Help at <https://homeworkhelp.ilc.org>. With Homework Help, tutors are just a click away. Your child will always have help with math homework when help is needed. Parents/guardians can create their own account to help support their child's math learning.

Other Online Assistance: [khanacademy.org](http://khanacademy.org) is a site that provides short, explanatory demonstration videos on a wide range of topics in mathematics and sciences. The explanations are clear and easy to follow. You type in the general topic you are interested in (e.g. Solving equations) and then work through the list to find that one that matches your specific area (e.g. solving equations with one variable). The videos cover topics at all grade levels.

### **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 > Support Staff > Lunch Room Supervisor to apply & contact the school directly.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Dec. 08	Roden Winter Concert, 7pm
Dec. 23	Gr. 1 to 8 Pizza Lunch
Dec. 26-Jan.6	Winter Break – School Closed
Jan. 11	Lice Check
Jan. 16	School Council Meetings – Roden @6pm & Equinox @7:20pm – Library, Childcare Avail.
Jan. 19	Equinox Open House – For Prospective Families, 6pm
Jan. 20	P.A. Day – No School for Students