



# Rolph Road ES Newsletter

November 10, 2023

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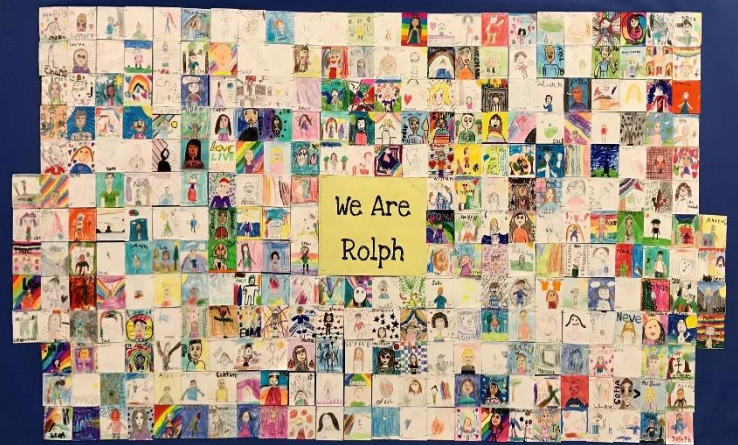
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Principal for the Day: Sophie (Grade 5)

Principal: Frances Themeliopoulos

Office Administrator: Anna Ivans



## Progress Reports will be sent Electronically on November 14<sup>th</sup>

All Progress Reports will be sent home electronically on Tuesday November 14<sup>th</sup>. Families will receive an email from School Messenger sometime on Tuesday afternoon with a link to the report card. The Progress Report is intended to provide you with an early indication of how your child is progressing at this point in the school year.

A large focus for the Progress Report for Grades 1-8 is the Learning Skills: Responsibility, Organization, Collaboration, Initiative, Independent Work and Self-Regulation. The development of these learning skills is an integral part of a student's learning. The Kindergarten Communication of Learning Report provides initial observations and information about your child's strengths and growth. Suggestions for the next steps your child is ready to take in their learning are also included.

Some teachers have already been reaching out to families to schedule parent-teacher conferences. The virtual meetings, in-person meetings, or phone calls will be scheduled during the week of November 13-17. This meeting is an opportunity to hear more about the day-to-day rich learning experiences in our classrooms, and the goals students are working to achieve.

## A Special Message from our Principal for the Day

This is what it's like to be principal for the day at my school. In the morning I started off by directing late arriving students at door #1 in front of the office, followed by introducing myself to the school, as Principal of the Day and then reading the morning announcements, which I have always wanted to do. After that, I went on a learning walk through the classrooms with Ms. Themeliopoulos. Once I finished the walk I read, The Peace Book by Todd Parr to all three kindergarten classes with my friend Kennedy. After supervising morning yard duty during first recess with Mr. Edmonds, I finished reading to the kindergarteners and then Ms. Anna took me out for lunch on Bayview Avenue. Ms. T. treated me to Mama's Pizza and a Starbucks gift card. Ms. Anna treated me to an Iced Sugar Cookie oat latte from Starbucks. After lunch I helped Ms. Ashlie with important office work while Ms. T. was reviewing report cards. Finally at the end of the day I had a brief speech that I read aloud at our Remembrance Day assembly, and I also edited the newsletter for Ms. Themeliopoulos. I loved being principal for the day and I had a great time with Ms. Anna, Ms. Ashlie and Ms. T. ~ Sophie



- November 11 – Remembrance Day
- November 12 – Diwali
- November 13 – School Support Team Meetings (All afternoon.)
- November 14 – Progress Reports sent home electronically via email.
- November 15 – Brightpics Photo Retake Day
- November 17 – PA Day: Parent-Teacher Conferences
- November 16 – **Pizza Lunch #4**
- November 21 – Queen’s Park Field Trip for Room 27 & Room 29
- November 30 – **Pizza Lunch #5**
- November 30 – Leaside Annual Toy Drive – Guys Night Out
- December 01 – Junior Division Field Trip – Raptors 905 @ Rogers Centre
- December 08 – Elementary Professional Activity Day

## Appreciation for Donations to our Library

Thank you to Mr. Jonsohn and the Jonsohn family for very kindly donating a wonderful collection of picture books about Rosh Hashanah, Hanukkah, and Passover to Rolph Road. Thank you to Ms. Massos for cataloguing the picture books for circulation in our school library.



## Welcome our new Student ECEs from George Brown

On Monday October 30<sup>th</sup>, we welcomed three new Designated Early Childhood Educator candidates from George Brown College. They are working in our Kindergarten classrooms on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from October 30<sup>th</sup> to December 15<sup>th</sup>.

We thank our ECE candidates for joining our team and supporting our youngest learners!

Ms. Ashwinii Mohanarasa in Room 2 with Ms. Stefanoff and Ms. Maureen.

Ms. Cynthia Li Lin in Room 8 with Mr. Sauve

Ms. Elli (Elizabeth) Callum in Room 9 with Ms. Jajeh and Ms. Arenal.

## Welcoming our U of T Victoria College Volunteers

VicReach is a Toronto school outreach program, run by Victoria College in the University of Toronto. Every year for over a decade, the program has partnered with numerous schools in Toronto, including a past partnership with Rolph Road that has now been re-established. We thank our Vic Reach volunteers for choosing to complete their 50 placement hours at Rolph Road Elementary School over the next 6-7 months. We value their contributions! All volunteers provide an up-to-date Vulnerable Sector Screening Police Reference Check before their placement begins.

So far, we have welcomed the following volunteers and additional volunteers may be placed as the year progresses. Thank you to Rolph Road staff for supporting this program and hosting a Vic Reach volunteer this year.

Teacher	Grade & Room Number	Vic Reach Volunteer
Ms. Caroline Kroboth	Grade 1/2, Room 4	Ms. Leen Al-Utaibi
Ms. Rahima Nulla	Grade 1/2, Room 5	Ms. Miralda Dzaghgouni
Mr. Peter Sauve	JK/SK, Room 8	Ms. Ella Dooling
Ms. Kanny Chea	Grade 3, Room 28	Ms. Bernice Mak
Ms. Angie Massos	Special Education MART, Coding, Science/Social Studies	Ms. Allison Gao

## 2023 Leaside Community Toy Drive

Every year the Leaside Community Toy Drive raises money to purchase toys for children in neighbouring communities.

This year, the Toy Drive is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> year!

More information is available [HERE](#) for anyone who would like to contribute





## 2023 TDESAA North Conference Soccer Tournament

On November 1st, Rolph Road closed out a long and successful soccer season at Zion Heights Middle School by participating at the North Conference Championships with both Junior Boys and Junior Girls teams.

Our Junior Boys Soccer team fell short in a tightly contested semifinals game with Summit Heights. Despite the disappointment, our boys showed great respect for the opponent and a true fighting spirit till the last minute. Congratulations for your effort and the incredible skill development curve this year!

Our Junior Girls Soccer team won in dominant fashion – in both elimination games and showed great perseverance at multiple points of their journey. The teamwork, confidence, and willingness to dig deep and sacrifice for each other was amazing to witness. Way to go champs! Go Rolph Go! ~ Coach Miha

This is the second consecutive year our Boys were second place finishers, and the second consecutive year our Girls won the Championship!



# Home & School/School Council News

## *Direct Donation Campaign*

Rolph Road's Annual Direct Donation campaign has launched with a bold mission to raise \$10,000! Your donations are the rocket fuel that enables us to provide additional educational resources and experiences for our students. From STEM tools that spark curiosity to artistic adventures that ignite creativity to outdoor play spaces that encourage exploration, your contributions make it all possible. Visit our [website](#) to learn more and donate today! **Direct Donation Campaign runs November 10th to 26th.**

## *Remembrance Day*

Thank you to Ms. Fitzpatrick and her Grade 2 class for making poppies that will be "planted" at the Millwood Retirement Residence this Remembrance Day. Students and their families are invited to join management of the Millwood Retirement Residence on **Saturday November 11th at 8:00 am** as students' Poppies are planted in the ground. There will also be hot chocolate and some treats.

## *Rolph Winterblast Celebration*

Please save the evening of **Wednesday December 6th** for a fun holiday celebration at Rolph Road, more details to follow in the coming weeks. If you're able to help organize this event, please reach out to Lynsey Connors at [laconnors@hotmail.com](mailto:laconnors@hotmail.com).

Please sign up to volunteer [HERE](#).

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