



# Rolph Road ES Newsletter

June 23, 2023

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## Retirement Announcements and Farewells

We are very happy for Mrs. Kemp and Ms. Smith who have announced their plans to retire at the end of the school year. Mrs. Kemp has taught at the Toronto District School Board for 21 years – all of which have been at Rolph Road. Ms. Smith has taught for a total of 35 years – 6 of which have been at Rolph Road. The entire Rolph Road team extends warm wishes and thanks for the years of care and dedication that Mrs. Kemp and Ms. Smith have provided to the Rolph Road community.

Mr. Cushman, who has taught at Rolph for 5 years is transferring to Market Lane Jr. and Sr. Public School, a relatively new school in the St. Lawrence community. Mr. Cushman is looking forward to new teaching and learning experiences at his new school. Ms. Lee, who was half-time permanent at Diefenbaker in the mornings and joined Rolph in a Long-Term-Occasional position in the afternoons in mid-October, has recently accepted a full-time permanent position at Market Lane JPS. We wish Mr. Cushman the best and congratulate Ms. Lee on her new permanent full-time teaching position.

Natalie Carlson who has worked regularly as an occasional lunchroom supervisor for a year and a half is also saying farewell to Rolph Road. The lunchroom supervisor role is a very important position as lunchroom supervisors are among the caring adults who support your children at school every day.

We thank all departing staff members for their contributions to the Rolph Road community and look forward to keeping in touch and hearing about their experiences beyond Rolph Road.

## Electronic Distribution of Term 2 Report Cards

On Tuesday June 27<sup>th</sup>, Report Cards for all students will be sent via School Messenger to the first two parent/guardian/caregiver emails on file. All families should receive an email for each child between 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. *Please be sure to check your Bulk and Junk mail folders for the email from School Messenger.* All students in Grades 4 to 6 will receive a copy of their report card to their TDSB student email account. Teachers have provided detailed feedback about Learning Skills, progress to date, and next steps for further learning.



- June 27 – Term 2 Report Cards sent home electronically.
- June 27 – Kindergarten Celebration of Learning at 2:00 PM.
- June 28 – Farewell Assembly for students and staff at 2:00 PM.
- June 29 – Mr. Williams & Mr. Edmonds Trip to Trace Manes at 11:30 AM.
- June 30 – **Last day of school.**
- August 28 – Office reopens for the 2023-2024 school year.
- August 30 – Kindergarten Meet & Greet (Fun & Freezies) at 6:00 PM.
- September 1 – Class placements shared with all families via email.
- September 5 – First day of school.

## Pizza Lunch Program

Thank you to Pizza Lunch Coordinators Tammi Visano and Sonja Ulrich for all their work organizing this year's Pizza Lunch program and recruiting the team of parent/guardian/caregiver volunteers who supported on Pizza Lunch days.

We are grateful to all volunteers, and also thank Rolph Road's Home and School Association and the Rolph Road community for ensuring that all children enjoy Pizza Lunch. Our final Pizza Lunch on Thursday June 22<sup>nd</sup> was awesome as always!



## TDSB Summer 2023 Well-Being Resources

The [TDSB Summer Well-Being Guide](#) is a wonderful resource to connect with community supports, program ideas and mental health and well-being resources.

Translations of the guide are available [HERE](#) in Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, Dari, French, Greek, Gujarati, Hindi, Korean, Persian, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian, Somali, Spanish, Tagalog, Tamil, Urdu, and Vietnamese.



## Student Leaders Fundraising for the Canadian Cancer Society



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Cancer  
Society

Dear Rolph Road community,

Thank you for stopping by our booth at the Fun Fair on Monday June 19<sup>th</sup> and supporting our fundraising for the Canadian Cancer Society. Our sale of loom bracelets raised \$297.00 Canadian and \$3.00 US. We also had a raffle and gave away two special bracelets with a daffodil on them.

We created a business called, Grmailk and started making and selling loom bracelets with the proceeds going to charity. First, we started selling bracelets to our friends at school. Then, our friends started requesting customized orders, which we tracked in a notebook. We decided to donate most of our proceeds to charity and the rest of the money is used to buy more supplies to make more bracelets. We agreed to donate to cancer research because we would like to see a cure one day for cancer.

Even though researchers have found a cure for some cancers, there are many other forms of cancer that still do not have a cure. We think about people who lose their hair due to the treatment for their cancer and we would like to help by giving money for a cure so that nobody will lose their hair and feel insecure about it. Cancer is a very hard thing to go through for many people.

We hope to continue donating money through our business. Thank you for supporting this cause!

Sincerely

Lauren & Hana from Mr. Williams' Grade 5/6 Class

## Appreciation for our Graduation Committee Parent Volunteers!

Community support and teamwork among parent volunteers was once again highlighted this past Wednesday at Grade 6 Graduation. Thank you to all parent volunteers for helping us plan an extra special day to celebrate our graduates!

### Grade 5 Graduation Committee (School Reception & Graduation Décor)

Sonja Ulrich, Tammi Visano, Samantha Graveney, Alejandra Carvajal, Kate Smith, Eleanor Feetham, Blerina Krasnica, Erilda Kapllani, Shannon Partridge, Alim Esmail, Angie Huang, Oksana Matviyiv, Anita Chakraborty, Julie Tyas, Vivian Yuen, Kelly Polci, Alison Haffey, Tricia Williams, Kathyleen Manaois, Malar Karmagen, Tricia Williams, Lynsey Connors, Phil Tyas

Special thanks to Charmaine Kuruc from Charmaine Sweets for the delicious sandwiches she donated for the reception.

### Grade 6 Graduation Committee (Student Swag Bags & Private After-Party)

Christine Munro, Valerie Benchetrit, Chien Huang, Jen Fry, Erin Trescases, Liz Whittington, Ijaz Jamal, Gillian Knightley

Appreciation also goes out to all staff members and students who helped with setup in the Gym, including the tech setup for the ceremony and the Grade 6 gallery. Another special shout out to Mr. Whitaker and the students who worked on the awesome “Class of 2023” Rubik’s Cube display.





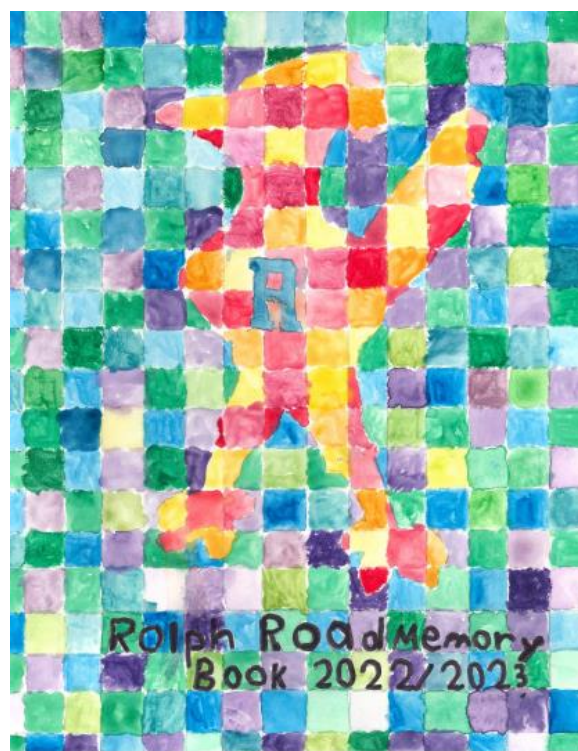
# Grade 6 Memory Book Cover Contest



Thank you to all students who submitted their artwork to the Grade 6 Memory Book Cover Contest: Tyler B., Emily D., Sydney F., Molly H., Hanna M., Anthea P., Alexandra P., and Katie W.

Congratulations to Katie whose artwork is on the front cover and Tyler, whose artwork is on the back cover!

Front cover by Katie W.



Back cover by Tyler B.



## Road Runner Athletics Updates

The Rolph Road Road Runners recently competed in the Ultimate Frisbee Championships and achieved an impressive second-place finish and yet another banner for our school.

Throughout the game, the Road Runners displayed exceptional skill, strategy, and teamwork. They worked tirelessly to perfect their throws, catches, and defensive maneuvers. The team's communication and coordination were instrumental in their success, as they seamlessly executed plays and made quick decisions on the field.

The Road Runners faced tough opponents, but their determination and resilience never wavered. They demonstrated a remarkable ability to adapt to different game situations. Placing second in the Ultimate Frisbee Championship is a remarkable achievement for our Road Road Runners.

Your coaches, Mr. Miha and Mr. Jonsohn, are extremely proud of the team's hard work, commitment, and commendable sportsmanship!

### **Rolph Road Track & Field City Championship**

Our remarkable Rolph Road Road Runners had an incredible showing at the TDSB Track and Field City Championships and emerged as true champions!

Each athlete qualified top 16 in Toronto and represented Rolph Road as 1 of 400 schools at the meet. With their unwavering dedication and talent, our Road Runners surpassed all expectations, showcasing their skills in various events. Their hard work paid off as they secured medals and set new personal bests. We are immensely proud of our athletes and want to extend our heartfelt congratulations to each member of the team. Your commitment, teamwork, and resilience have made us all proud.

A big thank you goes out to the parents, guardians, and families for their unwavering encouragement and support.

Madden "The Rocket" Smith: 1500 Meter / 800 Meter  
Bryant "The Hurricane" McBride: 60 Meter Hurdles  
Kennedy "Blaze" Ross: 400 Meter/ 4x100 Meter Relay  
Gemma "The Jet" Feetham: 60 Meter Hurdles/ 4x100 Meter Relay  
Chloe "Whirlwind" Wickett: 4x100 Meter Relay  
Audrey "Dash" Visano: 4x100 Meter Relay

Let's celebrate this incredible achievement as a community and continue to cheer on our Road Runners for their outstanding performances! Go Rolph Go!

Sincerely your very proud coaches,  
Coach Jonsohn, Coach Stefanoff, Coach Williams & Coach Miha











**Congratulations to our Boys Slo-Pitch Team – *Conference Finalists!* Thank you to coaches Edmonds and Whitaker for a great season!**



**Congratulations to our Girls Slo-Pitch Team – *Conference Champions!* Thank you to coaches Botelho, Massos and Stefanoff for a great season!**





## Rolph Road School Council and Home & School Association



***Thank you once again to the Fun Fair Committee and all volunteers. What a great day for our Rolph Road community this past Monday!*** We couldn't pull this off without a dedicated group of volunteers. We are so lucky to have 26 incredible parents on our committee. Read the list of names below and next time you see them, thank them for all the time and effort they put into our unforgettable end of year party!

Aimee Paget	Ale Carvajal	Ashley Grant	Ashlie Mubarak
Cristina Nastasescu	Denise MacMillan	Erin Trescases	Heather McKelvey
Jennifer Lalonde	Jenny Chow	Kirstie Joseph	Lynsey Connors
Mac Gamble	Nick Cunliffe	Patricia Betts	Ramy Mikhail
Rebecca Hardstaff	Sara Wainberg	Sarah Flint	Sheila Thomas
Sonja Ulrich	Tammi Visano	Tavia McLachlan	Thushara Corea
Tim Nakai	Val Benchetrit		

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