



# Rolph Road ES Newsletter

December 9, 2022

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## Rolph Road Family + School Family = Winterfest Success & Togetherness

Thank you to Event Chair, Sarah Flint, and her team for all of their work organizing Rolph Road's wonderful Winterfest 2022 edition. Thank you to all the super-talented, super-awesome, and super-generous parent volunteers for all of their contributions. From the craft rooms to the Charlie Brown Room shopping experience, to the Brightpics photo booth, to the hot chocolate station, to the movie room, the yummy food at the food truck...and more...wow! Everyone also enjoyed photo ops with the beautiful hand drawn posters and murals, and the hand made props.

We appreciate that the busy families in our community put together such a fun evening for everyone! Parent volunteers were at school late into the evening helping to tear down and clean up. Thank you also to caretakers Mr. Branker, Mr. Garcia and visiting caretaker Mr. Lewis for the extra help. Thank you to Rolph Road staff for their support preparing school spaces for the event and to all who were able to attend and enjoy the fun.





- December 15 – School Support Team Meetings all morning.
- December 19-23 – Rolph Road spreading holiday cheer at Millwood Retirement Residence.
- December 18 – 26 – Hanukkah
- December 21 – Yule/Winter Solstice
- December 19-23 – Rolph Road **GIVING LIGHT** Spirit Week
- December 25 – Christmas Day
- Dec. 26 – Jan. 1 – Kwanzaa
- Dec. 26 – Jan. 6 – **Winter Break**
- January 13 – Elementary PA Day
- January 19 – School Support Team Meetings all morning.
- January 19 – Caring and Safe Schools Committee Meeting at 3:20 pm
- January 19 – School Council Meeting at 6:00 pm

## Brightpics Studio Notice for Families who Need School Photos

Brightpics has offered an option for families who may have missed both the Photo Day and Retake Day due to illness or travel.

**brightpics.ca**  
SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY

# OFFICE STUDIO SESSIONS

**STUDIO SESSIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!**

**IF YOU HAVE MISSED OUT ON PHOTO DAY  
BRIGHTPICS IS HERE TO HELP!**

WE HAVE IMPLEMENTED COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS TO ENSURE  
OUR STUDIO IS SECURE, CLEAN, AND ABOVE ALL SAFE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW YOU CAN BOOK  
AN APPOINTMENT PLEASE CONTACT US AT:

**EMAIL: [STUDIO@BRIGHTPICS.CA](mailto:STUDIO@BRIGHTPICS.CA)**  
**PHONE: 416.674.1271**

\*\*PLEASE NOTE WE CANNOT ACCEPT WALK-IN CLIENTS, APPOINTMENTS MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE\*\*

## Join our Rolph Road ES Caring & Safe Schools Committee

Our Caring & Safe Schools Committee includes student, staff, and parent/guardian/caregiver representatives. The meetings will be after school from 3:20 to 4:20 pm on the dates below.

January 19<sup>th</sup>

February 23<sup>rd</sup>

March 30<sup>th</sup>

May 4<sup>th</sup>

Please send an email to [frances.themeliopoulos@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:frances.themeliopoulos@tdsb.on.ca) if you are interested in representing our parent/guardian/caregiver community on this committee.



## News from our RR Equity Committee – Volunteers Needed

The Rolph Road Equity Committee is looking to expand by creating Equity Committees with students and also with parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver(s). Ms. Stefanoff and Ms. Themeliopoulos invite you to join and partner with us.

We will be making announcements for students to join just before the break. **Please discuss equity with your child and if they are interested, encourage them to join.** We plan to schedule our first Student Equity Committee Meeting in the New Year.

We are also hoping some families will be interested in joining our parent/guardian/caregiver Equity Committee. Please email **Ms. Stefanoff** ([alexandra.stefanoff@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:alexandra.stefanoff@tdsb.on.ca)) **by Tuesday, December 20 letting her know of your interest.** We plan to schedule our first Parent/Guardian/Caregiver Equity Committee meeting in January.

We are excited to expand our Equity Committee and work together with our students and families to continue making Rolph Road a welcoming, caring, and safe place for all.

## Mark your Calendars for our WEEK OF GIVING LIGHT

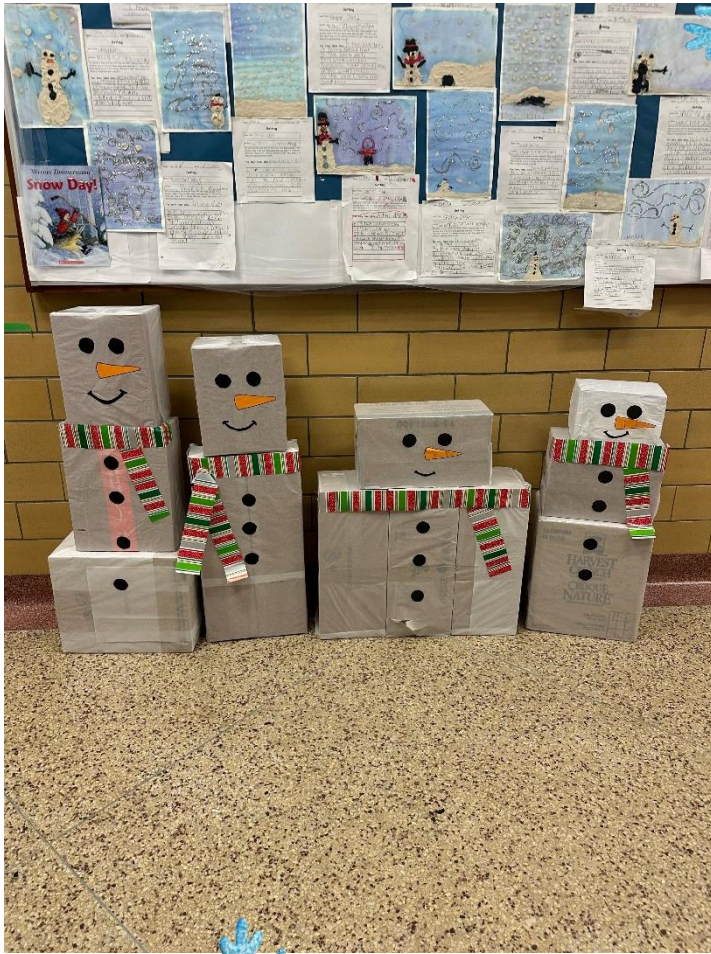
Light is a common, and an important aspect of many celebrations and traditions. For example, Diwali is the festival of lights, Christmas has Christmas lights, Hanukkah celebrations include lighting a candle each night on the hanukkah/menorah and Eid is celebrated with lanterns, just to name a few. Light can also mean joy, bringing joy and light to others. We are looking forward to opportunities to give and receive light and joy during our Spirit Week!

Monday, December 19	<b>STEAM Challenge:</b> Every class will decorate their classroom door with a variety of materials to represent the theme of light. When classes are ready to 'present' there will be an opportunity for classes to walk around the school to see every door and enjoy the creations!
Tuesday, December 20	<b>Family Fun Day</b> Stay tuned for details from your child's classroom teacher! Breakfast parties, afternoon crafts and yummy treats... <i><b>so many fun plans are in the works!</b></i>
Wednesday, December 21	<b>Favourite Sweater Day</b> The title says it all - wear your favourite sweater! We welcome the coziest, comfiest, brightest, funniest, and so on sweaters!
Thursday, December 22	<b>Rolph Road Giving Day</b> Each class will be paired up with another class to give a gift to each other. The possibilities are endless - but giving is a very special thing that can feel really good! Sharing a story, teaching a buddy a new skill, sharing a craft... <i><b>we can't wait to hear about the gifting!</b></i>
Friday, December 23	<b>PJ Day, Dance Party and Movie</b> Wear your pajamas, dance outside and then watch a movie or have fun with your class! A fun day before the winter break!



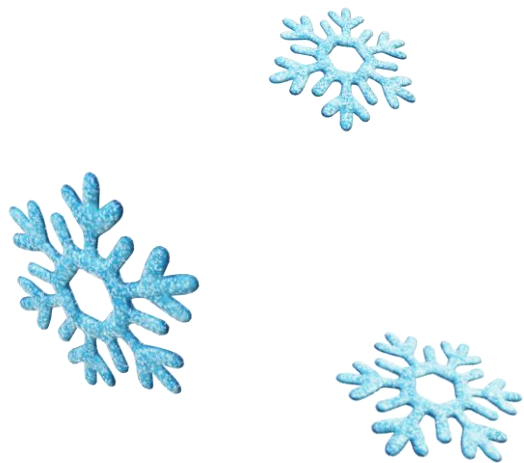
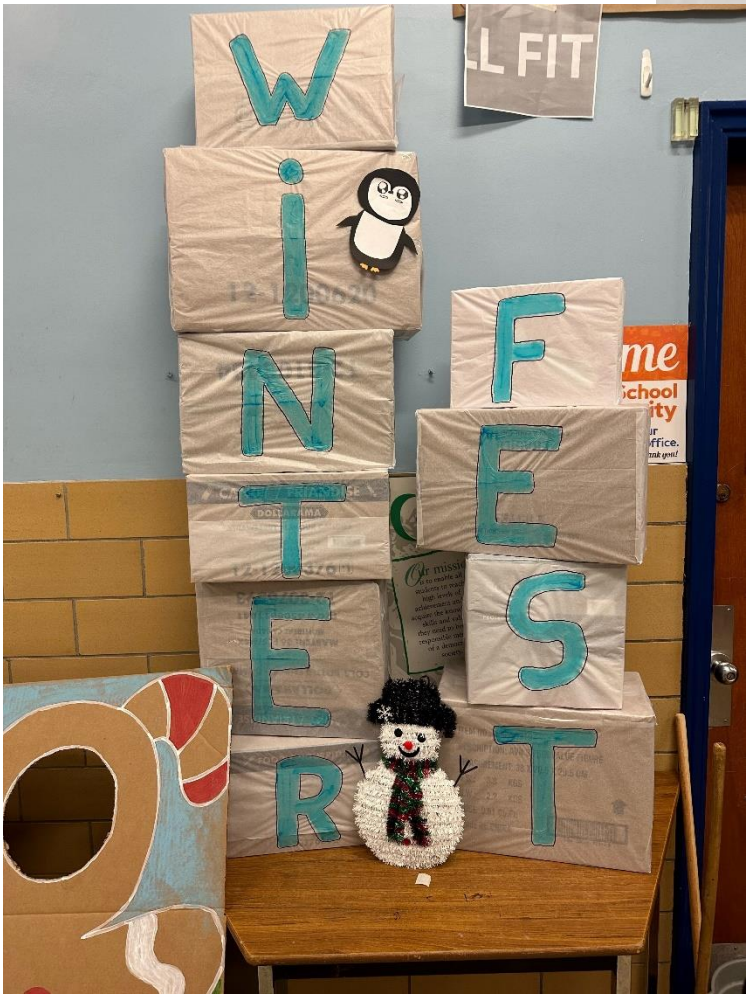
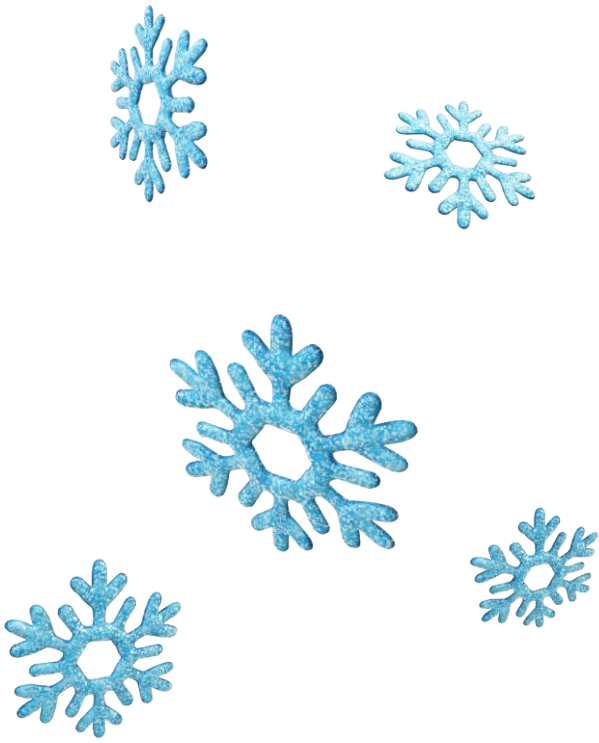
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## Rolph Road School Council and Home & School Association

We had an incredible turnout from our community for Winterfest 2022 with over 300 students participating with their families.

We would like to extend our gratitude to Sarah Flint, Event Chair and the 17 Committee Members from our Home & School Association for the enormous effort that went into planning and preparing the activities and ensuring that the evening ran smoothly.

Thank you to the 75 parents, alumni and friends who volunteered during the event and our entire community for your support and all you do to make the Rolph Road community strong, vibrant, and inclusive.

Special thank you to our Platinum Sponsors: Sarah & Monica Stanway, Camp Onondaga, Lexus on the Park and Gyro Mazda as well Heaps Estrin for the Hot Chocolate and Home Depot, Loblaws, Xplore Games and Once Upon a Child for supplies and raffle prizes. Please continue to show your support for these local businesses.



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