



# Rolph Road ES Newsletter

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## Virtual Presentation: Raising Anti-Racist Children

Thank you to Principal Bambrick at Bessborough for inviting our Rolph Road families to attend a virtual presentation with Michelle Munroe on **Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, beginning at 6:30 PM.**

Michelle Munroe is an award-winning central coordinator for parent and community engagement with the TDSB. She has been in the work of Caregiver Engagement, Anti Oppression, and Anti-Black Racism training with school boards, school councils and parent/caregivers for over 15 years. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents, guardians, and caregivers to come together to learn about how to talk with your children about race and racism. This discussion mirrors the ongoing learning in progress at Rolph Road and is a wonderful opportunity to continue to connect our home and school learning together.

Hope to see you there! A Zoom link will be sent out to families on Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Thank you to all Parent/Guardian/Caregiver Volunteers!

Thank you very much to Kelly Polci and Heather McKelvey for coordinating last Monday's school-wide lice check.

Thank you to Pizza Lunch Coordinators Tammi Visano and Sonja Ulrich for all of their ongoing work organizing the Pizza Lunch program and recruiting volunteers. Students enjoyed their first Pizza Lunch on Thursday and we are all grateful to the team of parent/guardian/caregiver volunteers for their support!





- April 2 – World Autism Awareness Day (United Nations)
- April 3 – Virtual Parent Presentation: Raising Anti Racist Children
- April 5 – Grade 6 Graduation Photos from 9:00 to 11:30 AM.
- April 6 – Passover
- April 7 – Good Friday
- April 10 – Easter Monday
- April 14 – Solar New Year (Hinduism)
- April 14 – Sinhalese & Tamil New Year
- April 14 – Orthodox Holy Friday
- April 17 – Orthodox Easter Monday
- April 12 – Division 2 – Grade 6 Volleyball Tournament at Bessborough EMS
- April 13 – Division 1 – Grade 6 Volleyball Tournament at St. Andrews MS
- April 18 – Kindergarten Field Trip to Young Peoples Theatre
- April 20 – School Support Team Meetings all morning.
- April 22 – Earth Day (United Nations)
- April 26 – Rolph Road Blue Jays Day (vs. Chicago White Sox)
- May 2 & 3 – Toronto Public Health Dental Screening (JK/SK and Grade 2)
- May 4 – Rolph Road Literacy Night

## Mental Health and Well-Being

The TDSB Professional Support Services team offers weekly virtual drop-in times where you can connect directly with a staff member to help answer questions and provide support to help you and your child.

More information is available [HERE](#).



## April is Sikh Heritage Month at the TDSB

Sikh Heritage Month has proudly been recognized at the TDSB during the month of April since 2016. The TDSB became the first school board in Canada to designate April of each year as Sikh Heritage Month. This designation matches the recognition by the Province of Ontario that proclaimed the Sikh Heritage Month Act in December 2013, and the recognition proclaimed by the Government of Canada on April 30, 2019. Sikh Heritage Month is recognized nationally across Canada.

Sikh Canadians have lived in Ontario since the turn of the twentieth century. They have made significant contributions to the growth and prosperity of Ontario and their traditions and culture continue to be a vibrant part of every aspect of life of Canadians today.

This year our theme is Kes. Kes is one of five Kakaars, indicators that Sikh individuals must acknowledge as part of their faith. The five Kakaars are five sacred articles of faith prescribed by Guru Gobind Singh Ji. They are also known as the 'Five Ks' because each one starts with letter K representing Kakka in the Punjabi language. Follow [@TDSB\\_SHM](#)

The five K's are:

i) Kes; ii) Kirpan; iii) Karra; iv) Kangha; v) Kacchera.

## April is Latin-America History Month at the TDSB

Latin-America History Month is proudly recognized at the TDSB during the month of April because of a motion passed through our Board of Trustees in 2016. This year the theme to mark Latin-America History Month is (Decolonizing) Latin-America History Month & Beyond: Honouring & Uplifting the Real Hxstroies and Multiplicities of our Identities.

The "x" in HXSTORIES was chosen to decentre patriarchal HlStories and tell our multiples stories- historical, lived, and living. "The X is intended to reflect the many distinct identities struggles, an intersectionalities as an inclusive and progressive term. The X is a way of recognizing our untold histories and pushing forward collectively to recover what has been stolen from us."

Since its creation of the Latin-America History Month Volunteer planning committee in 2016, the membership, comprised of educators, community organizers, parents and TDSB staff and alumni continue to work to ensure that they are reflective of all intersectional differences within our communities of Latin-America/Abya Yala / Pachamana and its disspora.

Several activities are being planned for students, staff, and community members.

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