



# Rolph Road ES Newsletter

May 10, 2024

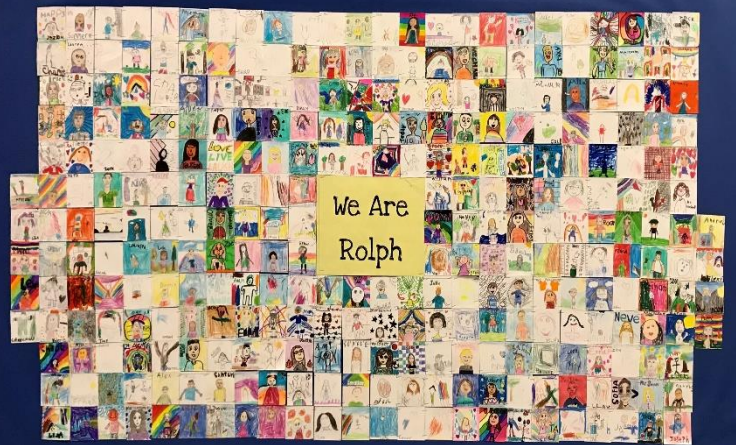
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## Thank you for your attention to Road Safety at Rolph Road

Thank you to all families who are walking to school or arriving earlier which helps to alleviate the congestion and traffic concerns in front of the school.

As an update for all families, we currently have four different bus routes scheduled in our bus loading zone every morning and afternoon. Each morning, three different school buses pick up children in the catchment to transport them to special programs at other schools. We also have one school bus dropping off students who attend at Rolph Road.

Families may continue to report any traffic concerns to Toronto Police Service [HERE](#).

You may read more about how our Rolph Road Eco Ranger student leaders will be promoting safety during Canada Road Safety Week (May 13-17) on page 8 of the newsletter.

## Happy Mother's Day



Happy Mother's Day  
to all who have given  
a Mother's Love.  
Thank You

## Toronto Public Library: Summer Wonder



The Toronto Public Library is offering summer programs from June 24 to September 2.

More information is available [HERE](#).



### Toronto Public Library Dial-a-Story Program

The **Toronto Public Library** offers a free “Dial-a-Story” program at **416-395-5400**. Children and their families can listen to stories over the phone at any time of the day in 16 different languages.

There are stories for younger children (7 and under) and for older children (up to 12). You can encourage your child to listen to the storyteller’s oral fluency and expression, and to tell you all about the story (plot, setting, and characters).

### Digital Puzzles on the Toronto Public Library’s Site



Did you know that Toronto Public Library created digital puzzles featuring bits of Ontario history?

Try solving some puzzles linked [HERE](#).

## TDSB Family and Caregiver Early Literacy Website

The Early Literacy Family and Caregiver website is now available. It provides information for families about the vision of early reading in the TDSB and how to continue to explore early literacy at home.

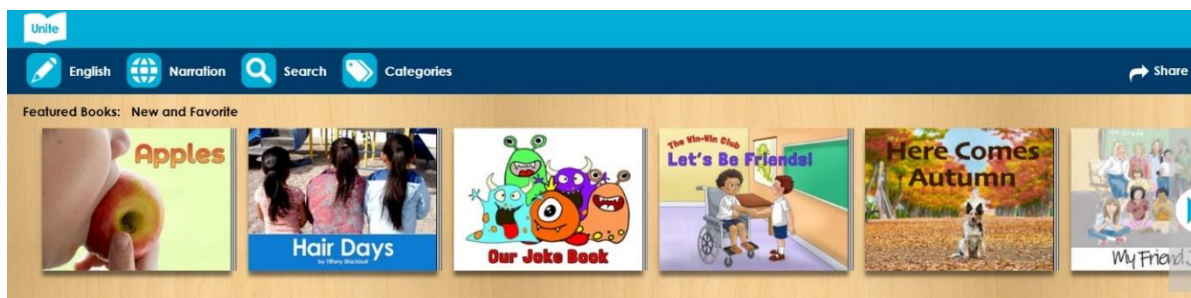
Click on the links below for the Guide and translations.

[Family and Caregiver Early Literacy Guide – English](#)

Click [HERE](#) to select translations that are available in Arabic, Bengali, Dari, Farsi, French, Greek, Gujarati, Hindi, Hungarian, Korean, Pashto, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian, Simplified Chinese, Turkish, Urdu, and Vietnamese.

## Unite for Literacy Website: Stories Narrated in Several Languages

[Unite for Literacy](#) offers free digital access to stories narrated in many languages. Their vision is of a world “where all children have access to an abundance of books that celebrate their languages and cultures and cultivate a lifelong love of reading” and you can view the available “Narration Languages” by clicking on Narration on the top tab.



## 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](#).



- May 13 – School Support Team Meetings (Afternoon)
- May 13 - 23 – Grade 3 & Grade 6 EQAO Assessment (including makeup days)
- May 14 – Forest of Reading Festival at Harbourfront – Jr. Book Club Field Trip
- May 15 – Ms. Oliver: Grade 1 Walking Excursion to local Fire Station 321
- May 16 – **PIZZA LUNCH**
- May 16 – Track & Field (Conference Qualifiers)
- May 20 – Victoria Day Holiday
- May 23 – Grade 3 Field Trip to Black Creek Pioneer Village
- May 27 – Harbourfront Centre field trip (Ms. Kroboth & Ms. Nulla)
- **May 27** – National AccessAbility Awareness outdoor assembly. (Ms. Oliver)
- **May 27** – Red Shirt Day™
- May 27 – Co-Ed Ultimate Frisbee North Conference Division 2 Tournament
- May 28 – Girls Slo-Pitch North Conference Tournament (Rolph Road hosting.)
- May 30 – **PIZZA LUNCH**
- May 30 – Harbourfront Arts field trip for Kindergarten Division
- May 31 – Boys Slo-Pitch North Conference Tournament (Rolph Road hosting.)
- June 4 – Track & Field (Conference Championships)
- June 4 – Kindergarten Build a Birdhouse workshop in Rm. 9 (Ms. Jajeh/Ms. Pollyann)
- June 5 – Welcome to Kindergarten in Room 2 from 4:30 to 5:30 pm.
- June 5 – School Council Meeting at 6:00 pm.
- June 6 – School-wide JUMP Rope for Heart Event Day
- June 7 – Elementary P.A. Day – Term 2 Reporting
- June 10 – TDESSA North Conference Slo-Pitch Finals (Rolph Road hosting.)
- June 11 – Track & Field (City Championships)
- June 13 – RolphaPalooza – Annual Fun Fair
- June 13 – Grade 6 students' orientation at Bessborough EMS
- June 13 – **PIZZA LUNCH**
- June 17 – 20 – Eid al-Adha
- June 21 – Grade 6 Graduation
- June 25 – Term 2 Reports sent home electronically.
- **TBD** – Play Day



## HELP ROLPH ROAD FUNDRAISE FOR JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

We are excited to announce that Rolph will be participating in the Heart and Stroke Foundation's Jump Rope for Heart! Here's what you need to know...

### What:

- Online fundraising for the Heart and Stroke Foundation
- Promoting an active and healthy lifestyle!

### When:

- Fundraising has started and will continue until June 6.
- June 6 is our **schoolwide** JUMP ROPE FOR HEART EVENT 😊

### How:

- Students can fundraise by accessing this [LINK](#).
- Your child(ren) will need a parent/guardian's help to join.
- Once on the webpage, you can donate to the school – OR – your child(ren) can create their own participant page and try to earn gift card incentive prizes for their fundraising efforts.
  - Students can earn gift cards for their fundraising efforts this year, which will be sent via email directly from the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

We hope that you take part in this healthy school initiative, whether it be fundraising or getting outside and skipping!

**Our school fundraising goal is \$2024.00**

Happy skipping,

Mrs. Papachristos & Mr. Jonsohn



# National AccessAbility Week & Red Shirt Day of Action

We are excited to announce that Rolph Road will be participating in National AccessAbility Week and [Red Shirt Day of Action](#) for AccessAbility and Inclusion this year.

National AccessAbility Week is an annual event that celebrates the valuable contributions and leadership of Canadians with disabilities, and highlights the ongoing work being done to create a more accessible and inclusive society. Red Shirt Day is a day of action within National AccessAbility Week, when people across Canada come together to wear red and show their support for people with disabilities.

We believe that it is important to teach our students about accessibility and inclusion, and to encourage them to be advocates for people of all abilities. By participating in National AccessAbility Week and Red Shirt Day, Rolph Road is joining a larger movement to create a more inclusive and accessible society, and we hope that you and your child will join us in this effort.

## Highlights

- Students may participate in Red Shirt Day™ by [wearing red on Monday May 27<sup>th</sup>](#).
- Students and staff will attend an outdoor assembly on Monday May 27<sup>th</sup> and will have an opportunity to meet this year's ambassador from Easter Seals Ontario.
- Students will read sample pledges with their teachers that were composed to promote accessibility and inclusion for people with disabilities.
- Students will have an opportunity to develop their own pledge to promote accessibility and inclusion in schools and communities, and to make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities.



***Thank you for your support in creating a more inclusive and accessible world.***

*Ms. Oliver*



## Congratulations to our 101 Dalmatians cast!



Congratulations to our performers and thank you to our audiences for cheering them on at their three performances on May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to our Rolph Road Home & School Association and School Council for making this experience possible. Thank you to all parent volunteers who chaperoned at rehearsals. Thank you to Josh and Cadence from Stagecoach, and their student volunteers, including former Rolph students/past cast members.



Ms. Fitzpatrick's streak of special contributions to school productions continues! Thank you, Ms. Fitzpatrick for engaging and involving our talented young artists in Room 7 and Room 5. Yes, that is correct. The incredible backdrops for the production were created by Grade 1 and Grade 2 students! Thank you to Ms. Papachristos for involving our Primary Choir and sharing their rendition of Cruella de Vil.





### **Road Safety Week - May 13<sup>th</sup> to May 17<sup>th</sup>**

Next week the Rolph Road Eco Rangers are running their no-idling campaign and the community is supporting with additional road safety measures. Watch for volunteers enforcing the "No Stopping Between 8am and 5pm" regulation on the east side of Rolph at drop off and pick up, as well as issuing Eco Club tickets to idlers. If you're available to volunteer for a 15 minute shift of moving traffic along, [please sign up here](#).

### **Extra Ed - May 13<sup>th</sup> to May 17<sup>th</sup>**

Rolph Road Elementary and Extra Ed have partnered together for one last after the bell school session to provide after school clubs, for all grades, every Monday and Wednesday.

The session begins next week and registration closes Sunday May 12th, for details and to register visit [Extra Ed](#) and search for our school.

### **Pizza Lunch - Thursday May 16<sup>th</sup>**

Pizza lunch is happening this week! Thanks to everyone sending in plates with their kids - it's great to see the participation. We're looking for a volunteer to help serve pizza in Ms. Nulla's class for the next three pizza lunches. If you can help, please [sign up here](#).

### **Bike to School Week – May 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>**

Rolph Road is embracing active school travel and encouraging kids to participate in Bike to School Week at the end of this month. If you can't bike to school, no problem! Consider scooting or walking. A community "bike train" is also in the works, so keep your eye on your inbox for more details soon.





## Rolph Road School Council and Home & School Association

### **Thank You!**

*Mom Social:* Last week we had a great time at Mom's Night Out at CCSA, where we channeled our creativity and painted cherry blossom masterpieces, while socializing and snacking. Thanks to Tara Bowler and Daniela Romao for organizing and to Charmaine Sweets for helping to provide delicious treats.

*101 Dalmatians:* We're so proud of our performers for putting on a wonderful show with Stagecoach. All that practice paid off and we loved our back-to-back nights of performances. A huge thanks to Rebecca Bushnell and Jennifer Yip, our patient and dedicated parent supervisors.

### **Rolph Road Home & School is on Insta**



Instagram

[@rolphroadhs](https://www.instagram.com/rolphroadhs)



## Mark your calendar for RolphaPalooza!

Thursday June 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 8:00 pm at Rolph Road!



Featuring:

- BBQ
- Bouncy Castles
- DJ Dance Party
- Soak the Grade 6's at Beat the Bucket
- Ice Cream Truck brought to you by Centura Tile\*
- Bingo with Sarah and Monica Stanway\*
- The New Bosley Real Estate\* - Sports Combine on the Tennis Court
- Connect Four with Mathnasium\*
- Autograph Scavenger Hunt with Leaside Orthodontic Centre\*
- Car Display with Lexus on the Park\*
- Face Painting, Tattoos, and Crazy Hair
- Bracelet & Button Making
- Bake Sale
- Class Raffle Baskets
- Online Silent Auction
- Teacher Experiences to bid on including everyone's favourite, "Sports Heaven."
- Surprise Guests

Special thanks to our Platinum Sponsors who have contributed \$1000+ each.

We also need **your help** to ensure the success of our largest fundraising event of the year!

Keep your eyes peeled for Volunteer and Bake Sale sign-ups, the Online Silent Auction Link, and information about Online Ticket Ordering coming soon.

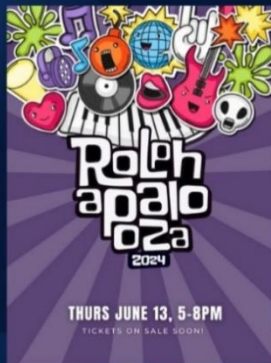
Thank you to all RolphaPalooza Silent Auction Sponsors!





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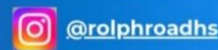
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