



Rolph Road ES Newsletter

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Welcome Back Pizza Night Community Event

What a great turnout on Thursday evening! Thank you to our Rolph Road Home and School/SAC for organizing yesterday's terrific Welcome Back Pizza Night. Students loved their pizza and freezies! Thank you also to all volunteers who signed up to help and to our caretakers for their support. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to reconnect in person and mingle with friends and school staff.



Welcome New and Returning Rolph Road Staff

Ms. Janice Hall-Harris

Ms. Pollyann Iacucci

Ms. Maureen Skuja

Ms. Kathleen Thompson

Ms. Jennifer Behar

Mr. Trevor Williams

Itinerant ESL Teacher

Early Childhood Educator

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Educational Assistant (Mornings)

Special Education Resource & Music Teacher

Homeroom 5/6 Teacher

Curriculum Night at Rolph Road on October 3rd

Please save the date. We will be welcoming families (adults only) for in-person curriculum presentations from 6:30 to 7:30 pm on Monday October 3rd. **More information will follow in next week's newsletter.**

Important Upcoming Dates

- September 23 – Terry Fox Run/Walk Day
- September 26, 27 – Rosh Hashanah
- September 30 – National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
- October 3 – Curriculum Night (6:30 to 7:30 pm)
- October 5 – Yom Kippur
- October 12 – Photo Day
- October 19 – **PIZZA LUNCH**
– School Council AGM (7:00 to 8:00 pm)

Welcome our Student ECEs from George Brown College

We are fortunate to be hosting ECE candidates from George Brown College in each of our Kindergarten classrooms on Wednesdays and Fridays from September 7 to October 21st.

Thank you to the ECE candidates for joining our Rolph Road team for this first placement.

Ms. Mirhashemi in Room 2 with Ms. Stefanoff and Ms. Maureen.

Ms. Vythilingum in Room 8 with Ms. Young and Ms. Pollyann.

Ms. Chu in Room 9 with Mr. Sauve and Ms. Botelho.

Parent & Caregiver Engagement



Register for the **FREE** Parents as Partners Hybrid Conference taking place on October 22 and 23. More details including the Workshop Themes and Schedule are available [HERE](#).



Pedalheads, the Learn-to-Ride Bike Camp hosted 210 campers at Rolph Road ES this past summer. Thank you to our caretakers, Mr. Branker and Mr. Melgar-Garcia for their hard work getting our school ready for students and staff during this extra busy summer. Stay safe bikers!

20 Days of Truth at Rolph Road

Students in Room 29 (Mr. Williams' Grade 5/6 class) will be introducing an initiative promoting truth and reconciliation starting on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (which is also known as Orange Shirt Day) on September 30th.

Beginning with visits to each of our junior, primary, and kindergarten classes, the Grade 6 students in Mr. Edmonds' class and the Grade 5/6 students in Mr. Williams' class will start by sharing a book about a residential school survivor's experience. Our ambassadors of truth and reconciliation will then be inviting classes to take part in two Acts that learn about and celebrate Indigenous peoples, past and present.

For 20 days into October, the learning completed in each class will be broadcasted around the school so all the Rolph Road students will benefit from each class's unique learning experiences. It will be a month of important and powerful learning we're all looking forward to.

We will be recognizing the second National Day of Truth and Reconciliation at our school on September 30th. For more information, visit the Urban Indigenous Centre site [HERE](#).

Additional information about the important learning that is happening in our classrooms will be shared in the weeks ahead.





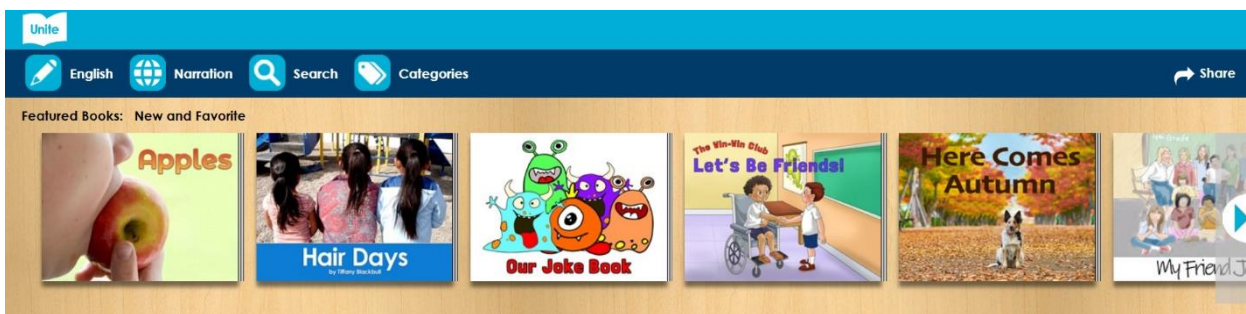
Toronto Public Library Dial-a-Story Program

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).

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.



TDSB Mental Health and Well-Being Resources for Families



Student mental health and well-being is an important part of student success and a priority at the TDSB.

Information about resources and support is available [HERE](#).

Cross Country Running is Back!

All families received an email about the return of Cross-Country yesterday, on Thursday September 15th. ***Please be sure to complete the TDSB Start of Year forms, which include the permission form for intramural sports – such as Cross-Country.***

A formal permission form will be sent to families electronically once race dates for Cross-Country are communicated to coaches by the Toronto District Elementary School Athletic Association (TDESAA).

The first practise is on Monday September 19th from 12:00 to 12:30 pm.

Thank you to Coach Jonsohn & Coach Williams for organizing Cross-Country at Rolph Road this year!

Grade 5/6 all gender Flag Football with Coach Edmonds

Thank you to all students who attended this afternoon's meeting in Room 27 and thank you to Coach Edmonds. Please ask your child(ren) to let you know if they attended and will be trying out!

A formal permission form will be sent to families electronically once information about scheduled games is available.

Soccer Tryouts with Coach Miha

Coach Miha has organized soccer tryouts during lunch (from 12:00 to 12:30 pm) on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Students in Grades 4, 5, and 6 are invited to try out.

A formal permission form will be sent to families electronically once information about scheduled games is available.

Grade 6 Overnight Trip to Sheldon Valley

We have booked an overnight trip to Sheldon Valley for all Grade 6 students from Monday November 14th to Thursday November 17th. Please note this is a 3-night excursion as opposed to the traditional 2-night stay, as Friday is a PA Day and Sheldon is not able to accommodate two bookings that week.

More details will follow in the coming weeks. **Thank you** to Mr. Edmonds, Ms. Massos and Mr. Williams who will be travelling to Sheldon Valley with our forty-five Grade 6 students and will be giving up some of their own family time to supervise during this excursion.

Introducing Rolph Road's brand-new Production Studio

Our school is about to open the doors to an innovative new learning space, where our K-6 students will get hands-on experience using professional production equipment to create their own digital content!

Rolph Road's new Production Studio has all the technology students will need to start creating their own productions, including podcasting microphones, cameras, video lighting, a green screen, and even a teleprompter. Our teachers are already planning exciting classroom projects that put this new equipment in the hands of our students and provide them with engaging new ways to communicate their learning. We are also planning for students to use our new studio to produce a weekly news broadcast, so that you can hear about all of the exciting things happening at our school directly from the voices of our learners. Stay tuned for future updates!

Thank you to Mr. Cushman for leading this school initiative, our Home & School association for sponsoring the project, and (Rolph parent) Dave Krikst and Sam Gliserman at MuchMusic for their continued support and guidance throughout the process.



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