



Rolph Road ES Newsletter

September 23, 2022

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Ward 11 Trustee: Rachel Chernos Lin



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Principal: Frances Themeliopoulos

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Curriculum Night: Monday October 3rd

As we wrap up week 3 of an amazing new school year, I am thinking of all the new memories we are making and the energy and excitement in the school about upcoming events. I want to take this opportunity to thank Rolph Road staff for their dedication to creating welcoming spaces and engaging students in day-to-day community building experiences. Surprises for our students such as the messages and sidewalk art along our Terry Fox run/walk/roll route (by Mr. Edmonds' Grade 6 class) will be remembered for years to come.

We value opportunities to partner with parents, guardians, and the Rolph Road community to provide the very best learning opportunities to our students. We are looking forward to welcoming parents/guardians on Monday October 3rd, for in-person Curriculum Night presentations and we understand how special this will be for those of you who have not had an opportunity to visit the school and walk the halls since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Presentation 1 will be from 6:30 to 7:00 pm

Presentation 2 will be from 7:00 to 7:30 pm

Specialist teachers (Music, French, Gym, Special Education) will be available to meet with parents/guardians in the library.

Helping Hands!

The generous offers of time and help from many parents in our community for a number of different school projects has been incredible. Whether its Ashley G., Mac G and Ashley M. helping us purge and organize in our gym storage space or Kristie J. and Arzina T. who are continuing the work on the handmade production of door mechanism covers since last year, to the volunteers who helped us supervise students during today's Terry Fox Run/Walk/Roll...**and the list goes on**...we appreciate you!



Important Upcoming Dates

- September 26, 27 – Rosh Hashanah
- September 28 – Ward 11 [Virtual Community Coffee Event](#) with Trustee Chernos Lin
- September 30 – National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
- October 3 – Curriculum Night (6:30 to 7:30 pm)
- October 4 – Cross-Country Qualifying Race Day at Earl Bales Park
- October 5 – Yom Kippur
- October 7 – Board-wide Professional Development Day (No school for students.)
- October 10 – Thanksgiving
- October 12 – Photo Day
- October 19 – **PIZZA LUNCH**
– School Council AGM (7:00 to 8:00 pm)

Rolph Road Office Hours

The office is open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, however, the response time for phone calls or emails may be different than your past experience. The school no longer has a half-time secretary, and it is not possible for Ms. Ivans to answer the phone or read parent emails if she is supporting a child who has come to the office with an injury, if she is answering the buzzer at Door 1, supporting staff, speaking with Board visitors in the office, etc.,

We encourage you to please phone the Safe Arrival line (416-396-2437, Option 1) to report an absence and please provide the reason for the absence so it can be coded accordingly (e.g., illness, medical appointment). Picking up voicemail messages is the most efficient way for Ms. Ivans to complete Safe Arrival. If you are calling the general school line (416-396-2435) please leave a detailed message and Ms. Ivans will return your call as soon as possible.

We ask that you please always copy Ms. Ivans on emails to teachers about arrangements to pick up your child(ren) early. With our Kindergarten students occupying the front yard throughout the day, pickup for early dismissals will continue at Door #2 (aka North doors). Always schedule your pick-up time before or after recess as we do not have extra staff to send outside to look for your child during the recess period. Ms. Themeliopoulos will be in the main office when Ms. Ivans is on lunch.

Our Rolph Road [School Fact Sheet](#) includes bell times and recess periods for your reference.



Free Online 8 Module Series

“Rolling with ADHD” is a free, online, eight module series that covers practical tools and strategies for caregivers of children with ADHD. More information is available [HERE](#).



The **Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario** ([LDAO](#)) offers resources and services (e.g., workshops for children and parents) designed to help people with Learning Disabilities and ADHD.

Additional resources for parents, students and families dealing with LDs can also be found at the [LDATHOME website](#).



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Integra Learning Disabilities & Mental Health provides family-centred, evidence-informed direct clinical services to children and youth ages 8 to 18 with diagnosed learning disabilities complicated by mental health issues (LDMH) in Toronto. More information is available [HERE](#).



Surrey Place provides services for children and adults with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), developmental disabilities and visual impairment, their families, and caregivers.

More information is available [HERE](#).



The **Geneva Centre for Autism** offers a wide range of age-specific programs designed to support individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

More information is available [HERE](#).

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Rolph Road ES is a cashless school and all payment transactions for school related fees (e.g., field trips) are processed through the School Cash Online system.

New users may visit the TDSB's [School Cash Online website](#), select “Get Started Today” and complete the three registration steps. Once registered, you will receive an email notification when items become available for purchase online.

What to do if you have more questions:

- Read the School Cash Online [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- Visit the [Support section](#) of the School Cash Online website
- Contact the School Cash Online Parent Help Desk at **1-866-961-1803** or parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com

Field Trips/Excursions

The TDSB Excursion Management Application (EMA) is another paperless process and was developed to streamline the generation of excursion forms and approval process for excursions.

More information is available [HERE](#).

Please set up your account as soon as possible. The qualifying Cross-Country meet is coming up on October 4th and many classes/grades have already planned their first field trip of the year!

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](#).

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.

Rolph Road will be recognizing the second National Day of Truth and Reconciliation 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.



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