



# Rolph Road ES Newsletter

September 13, 2024

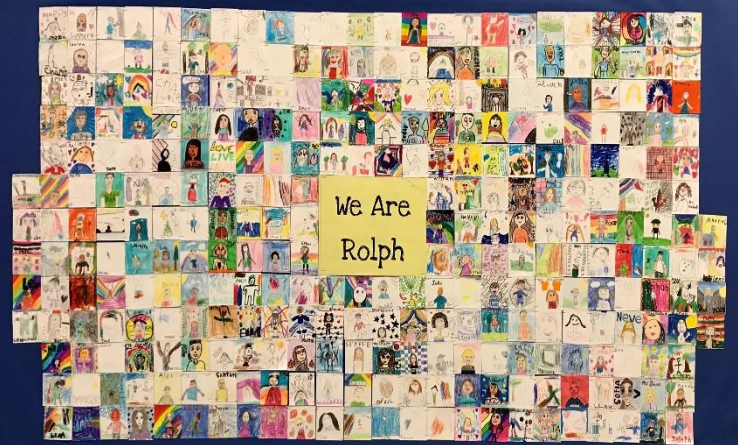
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## Curriculum Night is on Wednesday September 25<sup>th</sup>

We value opportunities to partner with parents, guardians, caregivers and the Rolph Road community to provide the very best learning opportunities to our students. We are looking forward to welcoming you on September 25<sup>th</sup>, for in-person Curriculum Night presentations. Meeting teachers and visiting your child(ren)'s classroom(s) is always a highlight on the school calendar and we are looking forward to sharing the learning in progress and the fantastic student work that is already proudly displayed in our classrooms.

Presentation 1 will be from 5:30 to 6:00 pm

Presentation 2 will be from 6:00 to 6:30 pm

Specialist teachers will be available to meet with parents/guardians/caregivers in the library.

- ❖ Health/Physical Education, Dance, and Kindergarten Outdoor Exploration
- ❖ Special Education, Empower, Coding, STEAM, Library.
- ❖ French, Kindergarten Outdoor Exploration, Dance
- ❖ Special Education, Empower, Integrated Arts including Music
- ❖ ESL/ELL – English Language Learners

Mr. Jonsohn

Ms. Massos

Mr. Miha

Ms. Papachristos

Ms. Endert

## Parent & Caregiver Engagement



Register for the **FREE** Parents & Caregivers as Partners Conference taking place on Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup>. More details including the Workshop Themes and Schedule will be posted [HERE](#).



- September 16 – Hot Lunch Program begins.
- September 16 – After School Fall Programs begin.
- September 25 – Curriculum Night 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- September 25 – Annual School Council AGM at 7:00 pm following Curriculum Night.
- September 26 – Terry Fox Run
- September 27 – **No school for students.**  
Professional Development Day (Elementary Teachers)
- September 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- October 02 – Cross Country Qualifying Meet (Grades 1-6) at Earl Bales Park
- October 3-4 – Rosh Hashanah
- October 04 – Parent Social – House Crawl organized by Home & School
- October 5 – World Teacher’s Day
- October 09 – Photo Day with Brightpics
- October 17 – North Conference Finals (Grades 4-6) at Earl Bales Park
- October 18 – Wenjack Walk
- October 23 – Cross Country City Championships (Grades 4-6) at Centennial Park
- October 23-25 – Grade 6 overnight trip to Sheldon Valley
- October 25 – Annual Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser

## Primary Choir & Junior Choir

Choir leaders Ms. Papachristos and Ms. Young are excited about the return of Primary Choir and the start of Junior Choir!

Students will be invited to attend a meeting next week to express their interest in Primary (Grades 1-3) or Junior Choir (Grades 4-6). Following that meeting, the fall schedule from September to December will be shared with families.

Our choirs will perform at school events such as our Winter Concert on December 10<sup>th</sup>. We are also pleased to share that Rolph Road will participate in a **Spring 2025 Choral Festival**. More information about the festival will be shared in a future newsletter. We are very happy to participate, have a chance to hear choirs from participating schools perform, and celebrate the beautiful singing that is being done on our schools.

## Respecting our School and Surrounding Spaces

Incidents of vandalism on school property have been reported to TDSB Security Services this week. Items have apparently been thrown at school windows after hours and have also been thrown onto one of the storage containers in the yard. A window cover was damaged and has since been repaired.

Thank you to our caretakers who have been cleaning up garbage and various items including bottles of alcohol that have been thrown around in the school yard.

### ***How can you help after school hours and/or on weekends if you witness unsafe or possible criminal activity on school property?***

- In the event of an emergency, call 9-1-1 to report possible criminal activity.
- Contact the Toronto Police non-emergency number 416-808-2222 to report concerns about activities on school property after hours or on the weekend.
- Contact the TDSB Emergency Call Centre at 416-395-4620 to report concerns about activities on school property after hours or on the weekend.
- Encourage visitors to always discard litter in the appropriate recycling or garbage bins.
- Please also remember that there are no pets permitted in the schoolyard and especially on the field that is used daily for various sports tryouts, team practises and gym classes. Unfortunately, we have had instances when children have stepped or slipped on dog waste and soiled their clothing.

## More support from TDSB Facility Services at Rolph Road

Our Facility Team Leader continues to provide ongoing support with various updates and improvements at our school. As mentioned above, I reported damage to a window cover that occurred after school hours and it has since quickly been repaired.

The Groundskeeping crew returned this week. Both the south and the north climber areas were topped up with fiber weave mulch. The very popular sandbox in our Kindergarten Yard was filled which was very exciting for students. Fiber weave mulch was also added in our Kindergarten Yard which helps to minimize the dust and dirt blowing around on dry days.

We are thankful to Facility Services for their support.

The logo for SchoolCashOnline, featuring the text "Pay School Fees Online with SchoolCashOnline" in a blue and grey font, enclosed in a thin grey border.

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## School Cash Online

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**

## Excursions/Field Trips

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 2<sup>nd</sup> and many classes/grades have already planned their first field trip of the year!

## 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](#).



[Children's Mental Health Ontario](#)

Trusted resources to help parents and caregivers support their child's mental health and well-being.



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School Mental Health Ontario video series for parents and caregivers: <https://smho-smso.ca/online-resources/by-your-side-video-series/>



Healthy  
Minds  
Learning

## 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.

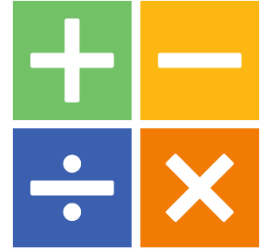
More information is available [HERE](#).



TDSB OT/PT site for Caregivers: Pre-recorded webinars on a variety of topics.

<https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/ot-pt/parentcaregiver-sessions>

## Mathematics for Families & Caregivers Website



**TDSB Mathematics for Families & Caregivers** is a website that provides links to both digital tools to support learning at home and resources to encourage the development of positive identities around mathematics.

Families may view and explore the resources [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.

## Resources from the Department of Speech-Language Pathology

The TDSB's department of Speech-Language Pathology offers wonderful resources for families and educators that support language development.

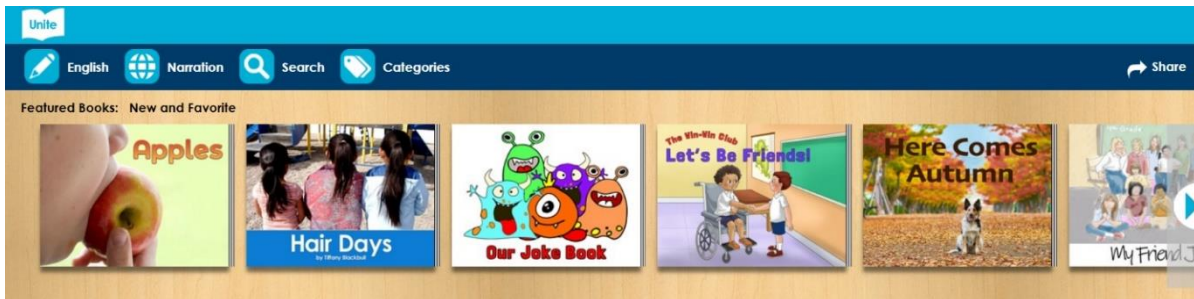
For example, here is a [video](#) (with a closed captioning option) that provides 5 tips for when you don't understand your child's speech.

Their SLP Google site for parents is linked [HERE](#).

Their Twitter Account with free resources such as visuals related to snowy weather is linked [HERE](#).

## 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.



### 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](#).



## Athletics Calendar & Reminders

TIME	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11:45 to 12:25	Girls 5-6 Soccer (On the field.)	Boys 5-6 Soccer (On the field.)	Girls 5-6 Soccer (On the field.)		Boys 5-6 Soccer (On the field.)
12:00 to 12:25		Grades 1-6 Cross-Country (Sports Court)	Grades 1-6 Cross-Country (Sports Court)	Grades 1-6 Cross-Country (Sports Court)	
3:15 to 4:30 PM		Coed Gr. 5-6 Flag Football (On the field.)		Coed Gr. 5-6 Flag Football (On the field.)	

### Grade 1-6 Cross Country Team

Coaches: Mr. Jonsohn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Oliver, and Ms. Nulla

### Co-ed Grade 5/Grade 6 Flag Football

Coaches: Mr. Edmonds and Mr. Whitaker

Grade 4 students are invited to tryouts.

Please note: Tryouts are on September 17 and September 19. Practices will continue after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays once the team has been selected.

### Grade 5/Grade 6 Girls Soccer

Coaches: Mr. Miha and Ms. Morris

Grade 4 students are invited to tryouts.

Please note: Tryouts are on September 16, September 18, and September 23. Practices will continue on Mondays and Wednesdays at lunch when the team has been selected.

### Grade 5/Grade 6 Boys Soccer

Coach: Mr. Miha

Grade 4 students are invited to tryouts.

Please note: Tryouts are on September 17, September 20, and September 24. Practices will continue on Tuesdays and Fridays at lunch when the team has been selected.

# Rolph Road ES supports the Terry Fox Foundation

Rolph Road is getting ready for the 2024 Terry Fox School Run! We're super excited to take part in this annual tradition that supports cancer research while building school spirit.

Please support our Rolph Road fundraising efforts and donate online to our school page if you are able: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/68081>

We appreciate your support!

*Thank you to our RR Terry Fox Committee members, Adam Jonsohn, Rahima Nulla, Alex Stefanoff, and Cori Swan for their leadership.*





## Reminders for all Families

**Hot Lunch** begins on Monday September 16<sup>th</sup>.

The flyer with information about how to sign up is also linked [HERE](#).

**After School Programs** begins on Monday September 16<sup>th</sup>.

The flyers are linked for you below:

[2024-25 After School Programs Gr. 4-6 - Canadian Contemporary School of Art](#)

[2024-25 After School Programs \(K-Gr. 6\) - ExtraEd Flyer](#)

Home and School would like to communicate with you directly throughout the school year to share information about parent socials, school events, and more.

Ms. Themeliopoulos sent an email to all families about how to join the Home & School email distribution list on Friday September 6, 2024.

Please search your email for the subject: **PLEASE REVIEW: Home & School Sign Up**

## Rolph Road Home & School is on Insta



Instagram

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# Rolph Road School Council and Home & School Association



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