



Rolph Road ES Newsletter

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Yearbook Cover Art Contest – Win a FAMILY PASS for the Rolph Roadeo Fun Fair!

We are holding a contest to pick our 2024-2025 Yearbook Front Cover and the student with the winning entry will win a FAMILY PASS for their family for our Fun Fair. Thank you to School Council and Home & School for offering this very special prize for the winning entry!

Please create your art on a regular 8.5 by 11 page in “portrait” format. You may create a digital version – OR – you may create your art using pencil crayons, markers, or watercolours on paper.

We have been reminding students about the contest and all entries are due to the office by **Monday April 28th**.

Happy Passover

We would like to wish our community members who are observing Passover (Pesach) a joyous holiday. This year, Passover begins on the evening of April 12th and will end on April 20th.

Chag Pesach Sameach!





- April 15 – STEAM Showcase (5:30 to 6:30 PM)
- April 18 – Good Friday
- April 20 – Easter
- April 21 – Easter Monday
- April 24 – Kick off assembly for JUMP Rope for Heart
- April 24 – **Pizza Lunch #12**
- May 02 – TSO field trip (**AM**) for all students in Grades 4-6. Concert: Experience the evocative culture of Indigenous peoples of Canada in *Adizokan*.
- May 06 – Toronto Public Health Dental/Oral Health Screening (JK, SK, Grade 2)
- May 06 – Choral Music Festival at Timothy Eaton Memorial Church
(**Evening Primary/Junior Choir performance.*)
- May 07 – Cooperation Character Assembly (Presented by Room 9 & Room 23)
- May 08 – Track & Field Conference Qualifiers (Esther Shiner Stadium)
- May 12 – JUMP Rope for Heart Event
- May 13 – Stagecoach “Frozen” Dress Rehearsal - School Performance at 1:00 PM.
- May 13 – Stagecoach “Frozen” Evening Performance Night One at 7:00 PM.
- May 14 – Stagecoach “Frozen” Evening Performance Night Two at 7:00 PM.
- May 14 – Forest of Reading Festival at Harbourfront Centre
- May 15 – **Pizza Lunch #13**
- May 16 – Grade 2 & Grade 3 Field Trip to Harbourfront Centre
- May 19 – Victoria Day Holiday
- May 21-28 – Grade 3 & Grade 6 EQAO assessment period
- May 22 – Rolph Road Community Potluck Meal from 5:30 to 6:30 PM.
- May 27 – Folk Fest at Monarch Park C.I. (**After school.*)
- May 30 – Field Trip to the Toronto Zoo for Rooms 21 & 23
- June 04 – Track & Field Conference Championships (Esther Shiner Stadium)
- June 05 – Rolph Rodeo Fun Fair after school from 5:00 to 8:00 PM.
- June 06 – P.A. Day for Reporting
- June 09 – Tour of Humanity Human Rights Education – lessons in the school.
- June 10 – Track & Field City Championships (Birchmount Stadium)
- June 13 – Leaside Daycare Fun Fair at St. Anselm Catholic School
- **June 18 – Grade 6 Graduation in the Gymnasium and Front Yard**

Coby's Anti-Bully Magic Show – April 4, 2025



Students in all Grades (Kindergarten – Grade 6) loved meeting professional magician, Coby!

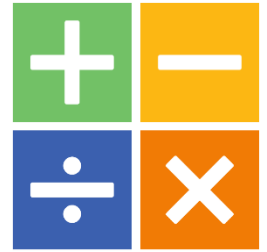
Students in Grades 4-6 learned about identifying signs of bullying (verbal, physical, and online) and took the “Anti-Bully Oath” while our students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 were reminded about the importance of kindness and being “upstanders”. Thank you to our School Council and Home & School for making this important learning possible for all children at our school.



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.

The Department's SLP Google site for parents is linked [HERE](#).

Browse the free resources including [Parent Resources to Support Oral Language at Home](#).

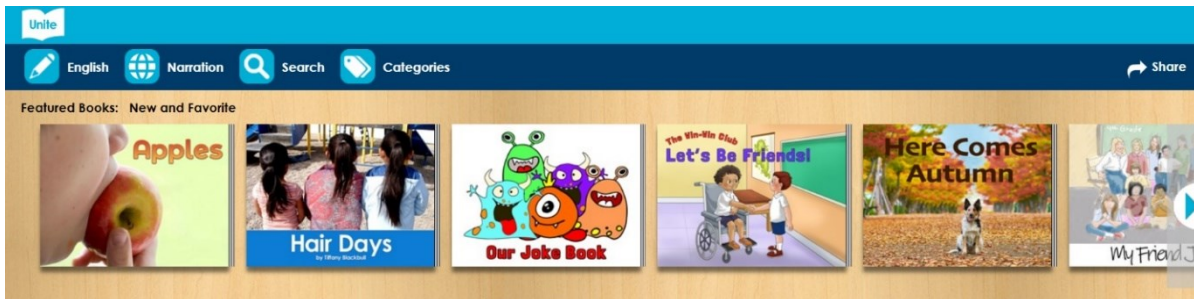


TDSB OT/PT site for Caregivers: Pre-recorded webinars on a variety of topics.

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

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](#).

April Calendar for Choir & Clubs

TIME	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:50 to 8:40 am					
11:50 to 12:25	Primary/ Junior Choir in Rm. 3	Junior Book Club in the Library		Eco Club in the Library	
11:50 to 12:25		Folk Fest in Portable 3/Gym	Chess Club in the Gym (Gr. 3-6)	Folk Fest in Portable 3/Gym	
1:50 to 2:05 PM	YANA Club in the Library (Gr. 3-6)				
3:15 to 4:30 PM					

Thank you to our Rolph Road staff members leading Choir and this season's Clubs.

Primary/Junior Choir: Ms. Papachristos & Ms. Young
 YANA Club: Ms. Massos
 Junior Book Club: Ms. Massos
 Folk Fest: Ms. Chea & Ms. Kroboth & Ms. Swan
 Chess Club: Mr. Miha & Ms. Morris
 Eco Club: Ms. Massos & Mr. Edmonds

Mental Health and Well-Being

Information about available resources for families can be accessed [HERE](#).



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](#).



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Silent Auction Items and Sponsors Needed!

Rolph Rodeo is fast approaching! We have many returning sponsors and Silent Auction donors, but we are always looking for new partnerships and fun items to add to our auction! If you know an organization interested in sponsoring Fun Fair or have access to tickets/events/products/gift cards/etc. please send Fun Fair Chair, Sarah Flint, an email at sarahbethflint@gmail.com. Yeehaw!

Parent and Caregiver Book Club

We're excited to host our first Parent/Caregiver book club at the school on Wednesday April 23rd from 7:30 to 9pm. We'll be discussing *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt, a book that explores the impact of smartphones, social media and overprotective parenting on childhood. While it would be great if you could read the book in advance, you can also visit the Home and School website to find podcasts/videos that will bring you up to speed on the topic before our discussion.

Join our [Rolph Road Book Club What's App group](#) if you'd like to participate in this or future sessions.

Read-A-Thon Wrap Up

Read-A-Thon is officially over and we're so excited to share that our readers collectively read over 100,000 pages and raised over \$14,000 for the school during the month of March. A huge thank you to Camp Ponacka for sponsoring the event and helping draw the winning ballots for our squishy, stuffy prizes! Thanks also to all our participants, pledgers and school staff for their support.

Athletic Jersey Ordering

Rolph Road athletic gear is returning just in time for the May 8th Track and Field meet!

Shirts are custom ordered with the Rolph Road insignia, as well as your child's first name printed on the back of the shirt so that parents and fans can cheer them on! The cost is \$30 each, delivered to the school. Payment can be made by sending an e-transfer to rolphroadtreasury@gmail.com.

For anyone interested in ordering an athletic shirt for your children, please fill out the form below:

[Rolph Road Athletic Shirt Order Form](#)

Deadline for ordering as part of bulk order to the school is April 17th at noon.



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