



Rolph Road ES Newsletter

February 21, 2025

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Friendly Reminder: TDSB Code of Conduct & A Respectful School Environment

The Toronto District School Board's [Code of Conduct](#) set out standards of behaviour for all members of the school community, including parents. The Code of Conduct provides that all members of the school community must treat one another with dignity and respect at all times, and especially when there is a disagreement. All students, parents and staff have the right to be safe, and feel safe in our school community, and this includes protecting the privacy of all TDSB community members.

Students and their families are expected to be responsible and respectful when interacting with school staff and each other. Any school related concerns are best addressed in a manner that is constructive and respectful to all involved and mindful of our school procedures.

Thank you to our George Brown Student ECE Educators

Congratulations to our ECE educator candidates who completed their placement on Friday February 21st. They will be missed and we wish them the best in their future endeavours.

Mr. Jeffrey Maagma worked in Room 2 with Ms. Stefanoff and Ms. Maureen.

Ms. Wai Ling Poon worked in Room 8 with Mr. Sauve and Ms. Miller

Ms. Jinhee Baek worked in Room 9 with Ms. Morris and Ms. Pollyann.

We are fortunate to host Designated Early Childhood Educator candidates from George Brown College in each of our Kindergarten classrooms on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Their contributions and support is always greatly appreciated. Our next group of ECE candidates will be joining our Rolph Road team on Monday March 3rd and this will be the fourth practicum of the school year.



Annual Rolph Road Giving From the Heart Food Drive FINAL WEEK!!!

Hi parents, staff, and students of Rolph Road,

The Giving From the Heart Food Drive is in its final week! You have until February 28th to please donate! We are really close to reaching our goal of 500 items but let's not let the momentum stop there. Donation bins are outside of the main office of the school. You should try to donate because...



1 in 10 Torontonians rely on food banks.

After paying all their bills, food bank clients only have \$7.78 a day left to pay for daily items. After riding the TTC, twice a day, they only have \$1.08 left.

The amount of people who go to food banks has gone up by 1 million people from 2023 to 2024. That needs to stop.

We will be conducting our final tally next week! Please donate as soon as possible. Nonperishable food please.



ROOM 21'S GIVING FROM THE HEART WEBSITE

the students in Room 21 have been working on a website that shares their learning, newsletter blurbs, facts, and information around food banks. Please find the link below:

<https://sites.google.com/student.tdsb.on.ca/rr-heartfooddrive/newsletter-blurbs>

Let's help stop hunger!



Safety Reminders – Please review with your child(ren)

Thank you to all families who are walking to Door 2 (near the parking lot) on the path next to the iron fence. Our Rolph Road team is counting on parents/guardians/caregivers to reinforce to children that we do not advise walking in the school parking lot. We again ask for your cooperation by ensuring that you **do not enter the school parking lot after 8:00 am, even if you are dropping off to daycare**. School staff, daycare staff, TDSB tradespeople and delivery vehicles must be able to park and enter the school to prepare for the school day, attend meetings, etc.,

As always, the safety of our students is a priority and we urge you to once again, reinforce with your children common street proofing and safety procedures. Two TDSB Safety Tip sheets are linked for you below and this is a good time to review them as the warmer weather is here to stay.

[TDSB Streetproofing Tips – Elementary](#)

[TDSB Traffic Safety Tips](#)

I am re-sharing the information below so that anyone who is at the school after school hours and/or on weekends can please follow up ***if they 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 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 dirtied their clothing.

Pizza Lunch Appreciation



Thank you to Kirstie Joseph, this year's Pizza Lunch Coordinator and her team of parent/guardian volunteers for our two recent super-popular Pizza Lunches on February 6th and February 20th. Students **LOVE** Pizza Lunches and we appreciate the awesome support of parent/guardian volunteers! ***Pizza Lunch #9 of the year is coming on Thursday March 6th***.



- February 25 – Grade 6 Holocaust Education Field Trip to the ROM
- February 28 – Black History Month Sharing Assemblies (PM)

- March 03-07 – Dance Fusion lessons (for all grades) with choreographer Edz Gyamfi
- March 06 – **Pizza Lunch #9**
- March 10-14 – Mid-Winter Break
- March 18 – Magic Live Inc. - Anti Bullying Presentations (*All Grades)
- March 20 – School Support Team Meetings (PM)
- March 25 – In-school field trip for Grade 1 classes – Brick Labs (STEAM)
- March 26 – Schoolwide Lice Check (PM)
- March 26 – Anti Bullying Huddle Up Assembly for Junior Grades

- **April 09** – **Grade 6 Individual Graduation Photos**
- April 10 – School Support Team Meetings (PM)
- April 15 – STEAM Showcase (5:30 to 6:30 PM)

- 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 – Choral Music Festival at Timothy Eaton Memorial Church
(*Evening Primary/Junior Choir performance.)
- May 08 – Track & Field (Conference Qualifiers)
- 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 21-28 – Grade 3 & Grade 6 EQAO assessment period

- **June 18** – **Grade 6 Graduation in the Gymnasium and Front Yard**

February/March 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	Grade 4/5/6 Ukulele Club
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
- Folk Fest Ms. Chea & Ms. Kroboth & Ms. Swan
- Eco Club: Ms. Massos & Mr. Edmonds
- YANA Club: Ms. Massos
- Chess Club: Mr. Miha & Ms. Morris
- Ukulele Club: Ms. Macapagal & Mr. Whitaker



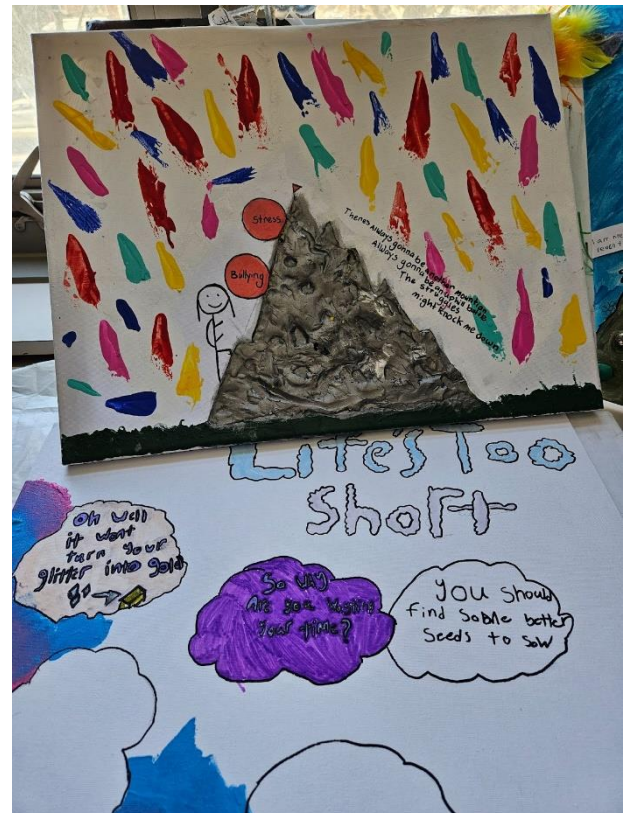
News from our Rolph Road Library Learning Commons

Our Rolph Road Library Learning Commons (LLC) continues to be a busy hub of learning, achieving, engagement and belonging. We are all very excited about the start of our library renovation/revitalization project which is expected to begin as early as April 2025!

YANA Club (You Are Not Alone), continues to have a good number of students coming every Monday during afternoon recess. It is offering a safe space for our Grades 3-6 students to engage in friendship and social-emotional learning sessions. The YANA Club provides invaluable support and resources in mental health and belonging through games, activities, and sharing sessions.

In our Innovation Lab with Ms. Massos, the Grade 2 and 3's were able to program/create their own digital thermometers for a STEAM inquiry! The students used coding language and a program called MakeCode to code the micro:bits to be able to sense the temperature inside versus outside the learning classroom. Micro:bits are small computers that you can code and they can do some really cool things! The students really enjoy learning and using the micro:bits.

Once again, the Grade 4/5 students in Room 23 partnered with Ms. Massos to collaborate on a mixed media arts piece connected to mental health and well-being. Ms. Macapagal had students listen to songs from different places and decades around the world, all had themes of mental health and wellness. The students then worked in partnership in the LLC to create art pieces, using mixed media, to express how the song resonated with them.





Reminder: Dad's Social is on March 20th

Reminder: Dad's Social Tickets are on sale. No matter your role in your student's life, all are welcome.

See link for tickets: [Dad's Social at The Leaside Pub](#)

School Trustee Election: March 3, 2025

In November 2024, former School Trustee Rachel Chernos Lin was elected to Toronto City Council leaving the Trustee seat for our Ward vacant. Shelley Laskin has been filling in during the vacancy. On Monday March 3, 2025 the [Ward 11 By-Election will be held](#).

Visit the [Rolph Road Home and School website](#) to learn more about Trustee roles and responsibilities, candidate information and upcoming information sessions.

Fun Fair Committee Kick off Meeting on February 25th

The bouncy castles are booked, and we're dreaming of warm weather—join us to plan our year-end celebration Fun Fair to be held Thursday June 5!

As the largest fundraiser and community event of the school year, we need parent/caregiver volunteers for our sub-committees including Decorations, Games, Silent Auction, Food, Communications, Candy, and more.

If project management is your passion, consider becoming a Co-Chair to succeed Sarah Flint in 2026. Our Planning Kick-off Meeting will be held on Tues Feb 25th at 7:30 PM at Sarah's house (258 Airdrie Rd). For more information or to volunteer, contact us at rolphroadhomeandschool@gmail.com.

Read-A-Thon coming to Rolph Road



Mark your calendars! Rolph Road students will be participating in a school wide Read-a-thon. The campaign will kick off March 1st and continue through March Break until March 31st. More details to come, look out for a take-home package that will come home with your student in late February. A big thank you to Camp Ponacka for being this event's sponsor.



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Parent and Caregiver Book Club – Connect, Share & Learn!

We're excited to host our first Parent/Caregiver book club! Explore insightful books on parenting and education and share ideas and experiences in a relaxed setting. Our first book is **The Anxious Generation** by Jonathan Haidt. If you don't have the book, you can try borrowing it on Libby (Toronto Public Library App) or if you have the book and are willing to loan it to others to read, please let us know. The first meeting will be held the week of April 21st. Email Heather McKelvey at hmckelvey1@gmail.com to get more details and updates.



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