



Rolph Road ES Newsletter

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3rd Annual Giving from the Heart Food Drive at Rolph Road ES

Starting on February 3rd, 2025, Mr. Whitaker and Ms. Massos will be working together with our Grade 4 students in Room 21 to run our “Giving from the Heart Food Drive” which will take place during the month of February.

This food drive will bring awareness around food insecurity, the growing percentage of Torontonians who depend on Food Banks and will support our neighbours in times of need. We will be partnering with the Daily Bread Food Bank to collect non-perishable food items, baby items, or hygiene products. More information will be coming soon!!! More information about the Daily Bread Food Bank is available [HERE](#).



Mental Health and Well Being

Families are invited to access resources via the TDSB website [HERE](#) and learn about the supports provided by TDSB Mental Health and Well Being Professional Support Staff (PSS).

Virtual Drop-In Hours will be quarterly on dates provided for all Parents, Guardians & Caregivers with students at TDSB, including students with Special Education/Complex Needs are welcome, for this 2024-2025 school year.

Please see the remaining dates below and read more about the topics to be discussed [HERE](#).

March 19, 2025

May 21, 2025

Virtual Drop-In Hours: Pathways To Care For Mental Health

Join our Virtual Drop-ins
on Teams Meet

Quarterly on Wednesdays*

7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

www.tdsb.on.ca/virtuallsupport

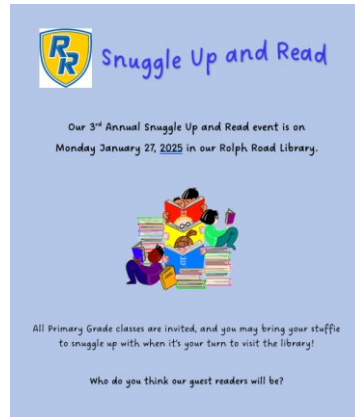
*Check website for specific dates offered

Connect with Professional Support Staff to explore ideas related to your child's mental health & wellbeing, including students with Special Education & Complex Needs



Family Literacy Day is on Monday January 27th

Thank you very much to Ms. Stefanoff, Mr. Sauve, and Ms. Papachristos for organizing our 3rd Annual Snuggle Up and Read event on Monday January 27th. Thank you also to Heather McKelvey and all parent representatives for helping to promote our event and encourage parents/guardians/caregivers who can attend the read alouds in our library. Thank you to our staff and parent guest readers too!



Please visit [Family Literacy Day](#) to learn more about this important day and access relevant resources. You may also visit our [TDSB Virtual Library](#) for resources.

Additionally, please note programs being offered in Toronto Public Library locations across the city at [Family literacy day: Toronto Public Library](#).

African Heritage (Black History) Month at the TDSB

During the month of February, the Toronto District School Board proudly recognizes African Heritage (Black History) Month. The chosen theme for 2024-2025 is **Lift Every Voice**. This theme is taken from the first line of the Black National Anthem. **Lift Every Voice** encourages collective strength and unity among the African/Black diaspora. A celebration of vibrant and diverse cultures, experiences, perspectives, contemporary realities, contributions, and achievements.

To kick off African Heritage (Black History) Month in February at the Toronto District School Board, we are excited to extend an invitation to all students, staff and the TDSB community to join us in marking this significant month with performances by Black artists and creators, and noteworthy speakers.

The TDSB invites you to attend the virtual launch celebration on February 4, 2025.

African Heritage Month Virtual Launch Celebration

Date: Tuesday, February 4th, 2025

Time: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Live Stream Link: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/stream/LiveWebcast-African-Heritage-Month.html>



- January 29 – Lunar New Year (*Year of the Snake)
- February 06 – Junior Boys Basketball Tournament at David Lewis Public School
- February 07 – Grade 4/5 field trip to Queen’s Park (Room 23)
- February 11 – Toronto Symphony Orchestra field trip (PM) for all Kindergarten and Grade 3 students. Concert: “Hot! Hot! Hot! Calypso, Cumbia & More”
- February 13 – TSO field trip (AM) for all Grade 1 & Grade 2 students. Concert: “Hot! Hot! Hot! Calypso, Cumbia & More”
- February 13 – School Support Team Meetings (PM)
- February 14 – Professional Activity Day (Elementary & Secondary)
- February 17 – Family Day Holiday
- March 03-07 – Dance Fusion lessons (for all grades) with choreographer Edz Gyamfi
- March 10-14 – Mid-Winter Break
- March 18 – Magic Live Inc. - Anti Bullying Presentations (*All Grades)
- March 20 – School Support Team Meetings (PM)
- March 26 – Anti Bullying Huddle Up Assembly for Junior Grades
***MLSE guest athlete speaker TBD**
- 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.)*
- June 18 – **Grade 6 Graduation in the Gymnasium and Front Yard**



Rolph Road School Council and Home & School Association

Reminder to order Pizza Lunch for Term Two!

Thank you to the Rolph Road Home & School Association and Parent Volunteer/Pizza Lunch Coordinators Kirstie Joseph and Dave Ahier for organizing the return of Pizza Lunch.



Please be sure to place your Pizza Lunch order by February 1st [HERE](#).

Volunteers are needed. Please sign up [HERE](#) to support.



Pizza lunch is an equal opportunity program that we want all students to have the option to participate in.

If Pizza Lunch is not currently within your family's means, please contact our principal privately at Frances.Themeliopoulos@tdsb.on.ca

Dad's Social: February 27th at The Leaside Pub



Come one and all! Whether you are a grandfather, stepdad, guardian or manny you are all invited for a fun night of poker, darts, drinks, and apps at The Leaside Pub (located at 190 Laird Drive) on February 27th.

Tickets can be purchased via the link below.

[Dad's Social at The Leaside Pub on February 27, 2025](#)



Funfair Committee: Volunteers Needed!

Sarah Flint is chairing Rolph Road Fun Fair 2025 and is kicking off the Fun Fair Committee soon! In addition, we do need a co-chair that can succeed Sarah for 2026. We are asking those interested in volunteering for the committee or to consider a co-chair role to please email rolphroadhomeandschool@gmail.com to be added to the kickoff meeting to learn about volunteer roles for this year's event.

Next School Council Meeting: February 19th

The next school community meeting has been moved and will take place, virtually, on February 19th 7-8pm. Link and more details to follow.

Coming Soon: Rolph Road's Readathon!



In partnership with Camp Ponacka, Rolph Road is excited to bring to Read-a-Thon to the school and students.

It's a school-wide event that challenges participants to ask the community to pledge for their reading efforts and to read as many pages as possible in the given time frame.

More details to come.



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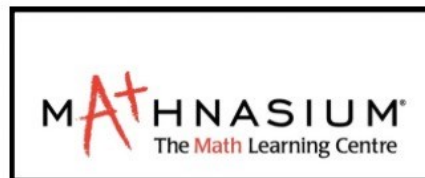
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