

# Rolph Road ES Newsletter

June 21, 2024

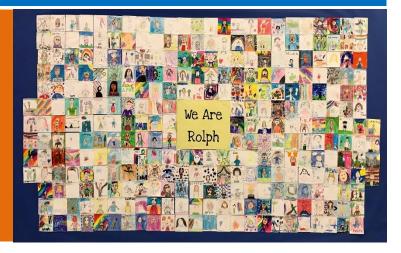
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## Thank you to our Graduation Committees & Volunteers

Thank you to all volunteers for your contributions at our Grade 6 Graduation on June 21<sup>st</sup>. The Grade 5 and Grade 6 parents below generously volunteered their time in various capacities – planning, setup, and cleanup.

Jolanta Majewska was the lead Grade 5 parent organizer and Sonja Ulrich was the lead Grade 6 parent organizer. The decorations in the gym and front schoolyard were beautiful. Thank you to parents (list not available) who provided the refreshments and treats for Grade 6 students and families to enjoy at the reception. It was a lovely send-off for our graduates and their proud families!

Sonja Ulrich Tammi Visano Lynsey Connors

Jolanta Majewska Samantha Graveney Meenakshi Kumar Prabhakar

Heather McKelvey Tara Bowler Darrin Bowler
Alison Haffey Julie Tyas Laura Hearn
Gordon Lau Andria Young Aili Tao

Victoria Sim Arghavan Homayounfar Krisinda Valenciuk Alejandra Carvajal Crystal Joy Hall Louise Fawbert Adriana Perez Shannon Miller Jessica Rojas

Thank you, also to the Grade 5 parents who volunteered to chaperone at the private after-party at Leaside Arena.

Thank you very much to Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Williams, and Ms. Massos for their *incredible support*. Thank you to Mr. Whitaker for coordinating our schoolwide clap out as graduates exited the gym to go enjoy the reception. Thank you to Ms. Anna for creating the Graduation Program. Thank you to our caretakers, Mr. Branker and M



### Thank you for a great year!

As we enter our final week of the school year, I would like to recognize and share appreciation for the incredible support of our Rolph Road parents, guardians, and caregivers. As I stated in my yearbook greeting, our Rolph Road team is always impressed by the level of involvement from our school community. Together, we have created conditions for excellence where learning happens naturally in a caring and engaging environment.

Thank you to our School Council Chairs, Heather McKelvey and Rosie Papic. Thank you to our Home and School Association President, Mac Gamble and Vice President, Deborah Lucas, the executive members, and members at large. I look forward to our continued partnership next year.

We will miss our awesome students over the summer and will come back refreshed and ready for more learning and fun. Stay safe and enjoy your family time and summer adventures to the fullest.



June 25 – Play Day for all grades (K-6).

June25 – Term 2 Reports sent home electronically.

June 28 – Last day of school.

August 26 – Main office reopens for the 2024-2025 school year.

August 27 – Kindie Meet & Greet for new families at Sandy Bruce Park (5:00 – 7:00 pm)

• September 3 — First day of school for students.

September 12 — Welcome Back after-school event (Home & School/School Council)

September 13 – Kindie Coffee in the Park organized by Home & School/School Council.

• September 25 – Curriculum Night

September 27 — Terry Fox Run

October 23-25 – Grade 6 overnight trip to Sheldon Valley

### 2024-2025 Ontario Elementary Calendar & Special Dates

Please see the calendars linked for you below:

Elementary School Year Calendar 2024-25

TDSB Key Dates 2024-25

### Staffing Updates – Farewell and Welcome

As the school year ends, I would like to thank and congratulate our Rolph Road staff members who are looking forward to their next professional experiences and a start at a new school, or central position.

Ms. Zeinab Jajeh is excited about returning to her passion, teaching French Immersion in the French panel. We wish Ms. Jajeh a wonderful start at her new school, École Communautaire Rawlinson Community School. Ms. Janice Hall-Harrs, our Itinerant English Language Learner (ELL) teacher will continue in the same role, however, she will be working with a different family of schools in another part of the city. We also say farewell to Ms. Joanna Morris, our half-day (morning) Special Needs Assistant. Ms. Morris has been a Rolph Road staff member in more than one role for several years, and her children previously attended Rolph Road. She will soon receive confirmation about her new half-day school assignment. A *full day* Special Needs Assistant will be assigned to Rolph Road ES for the 2024-2025 school year.



We also thank Ms. Liz McCluskey, our Long-Term Occasional Teacher who has taught Grade 3 in Room 28 for half of the school year following Ms. Chea's leave of absence. We have enjoyed working with you, Ms. McCluskey!

We welcome, Ms. Aki Miller, an experienced Early Childhood Educator to our staff. Most recently, Ms. Miller has worked as an ECE at Bessborough Elementary and Middle School. She has also worked at the Bessborough Child Care Centre.

We also welcome Ms. Dale Morris, an experienced teacher, who will be teaching Kindergarten (JK/SK) next year. Among her teaching experiences, Ms. Morris has previously taught Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 2, Reading Recovery and Special Education Resource Support. She knows the Leaside community well and graduated from Leaside High School.

We also welcome Ms. Kelly Endert who will be teaching at Rolph Road in the morning (0.5 permanent position) and at École Allenby Junior P.S. in the afternoon (0.5 permanent position). She will be our new English Language Learner (ELL) teacher and will also teach some Music. Among her teaching experiences, Ms. Endert has previously taught Grade 1, Kindergarten, Special Education, Music, and Outdoor Education.

### Thank you for Supporting our School!

We appreciate the kind and generous support of the businesses below. They provided free (Longos Leaside, Serano Bakery) or discounted items (Charmaine Sweets, Kronos Food Service) for school events. Serano Bakery and Kronos Food Service supported our Greek Heritage Month celebration, and Charmaine Sweets and Longos Leaside supported our Volunteer Appreciation Tea.

Charmaine Sweets is located at 115 Vanderhoof Avenue. Longos Leaside is located at 93 Laird Drive. Serano Bakery is located at 830 Pape Avenue. Kronos Food Service – information available <u>HERE</u>.









# Thank you, Rolph Road Staff for your Leadership!

Co-Curricular Clubs, Intramurals,	Staff Member
and Leadership	
Terry Fox Walk	Mr. Jonsohn, Ms. Swan, Ms. Nulla
We Are Rolph Virtual Assembly & Portrait Mosaic	Mr. Whitaker
Trick or Treat for UNICEF Canada	Ms. Massos
Rolph Road Spooktacular Parade & Dance Party	Mr. Whitaker
Art Club	Ms. Fitzpatrick
Jump Rope for Heart	Ms. Papachristos, Mr. Jonsohn
National AccessAbility Week awareness campaign	Ms. Oliver
20 Days of Truth	Mr. Williams
Walk for Wenjack	Ms. Oliver
YANA Club (You Are Not Alone)	Ms. Massos
Indigo Love of Reading Caring Project	Ms. Massos
Primary Choir	Ms. Papachristos, Ms. Young
Drama Club	Ms. Stefanoff, Ms. Papachristos
Cheer Club	Ms. Massos, Ms. Papachristos
Eco Literacy Club	Mr. Edmonds, Ms. Massos
Rubik's Cube Club	Mr. Whitaker
Chess Club	Mr. Miha
Primary Book Club	Ms. Young, Ms. Oliver
Junior Book Club	Ms. Massos, Ms. Oliver
Library Helpers	Ms. Massos
Student Equity Club	Ms. Stefanoff, Ms. Massos, Mr. Sauve, Mr.
	Williams, Ms. Young
Junior Student Announcers	Ms. Macapagal, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Williams
Winter Sports Intramurals in the Gym	Mr. Jonsohn, Mr. Miha, Mr. Sauve, Ms. Oliver



# Thank you, Coaches for supporting our Student Athletes!

TDESSA Sports & Teams	Staff Member
Cross Country (Grades 1-6)	Mr. Jonsohn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Nulla, Ms. Oliver
Track & Field (Grades 1-6)	Mr. Jonsohn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Stefanoff, Ms. Papachristos, Mr. Miha, Ms. Oliver
Girls Basketball (Grades 4-6)	Mr. Jonsohn, Mr. Miha, Ms. Oliver
Boys Basketball (Grades 5-6)	Mr. Jonsohn, Mr. Miha
Ultimate Frisbee (Grades 5-6)	Mr. Jonsohn, Mr. Miha
Girls Slo-Pitch (Grades 5-6)	Ms. Stefanoff, Ms. Massos, Mr. Jonsohn
Boys Slo-Pitch (Grades 5-6)	Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Whitaker
Girls Volleyball (Grades 5-6)	Mr. Edmonds, Ms. Massos, Mr. Whitaker
Boys Volleyball (Grades 5-6)	Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Whitaker
Co-Ed Volleyball (Grades 5-6)	Mr. Edmonds, Ms. Massos, Mr. Whitaker
Girls Soccer (Grades 5-6)	Mr. Miha, Ms. Oliver
Boys Soccer (Grades 4-6)	Mr. Miha
Co-Ed Flag Football (Grades 5-6)	Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Whitaker
Girls Borden Ball (Grades 5-6)	Ms. Massos, Ms. Papachristos, Mr. Jonsohn
Co-Ed Badminton (Grades 5-6)	Mr. Williams, Mr. Sauve, Mr. Edmonds



### **Rolph Road Coaches Corner Update**

Last week, the Road Runners had an incredible showing at the TDSB Track and Field City Championships held at Birchmount Stadium. What does it take to get to the City Championships? Each Rolph athlete qualified top 16 in Toronto and represented Rolph Road as 1 of over 400 schools at the meet. A big thank you goes out to the parents, guardians, and families for their unwavering encouragement and support throughout the season. All of us at Rolph Road are immensely proud of our athletes and want to extend our heartfelt congratulations to each member of the team!

#### **Rolph Road Medal Finalists:**

Boys 800 Meter Dash Grade 5 First Place: Madden S.
Boys 60 Meter Hurdles Grade 6 Second Place: Bryant M.
Boys 1500 Meter Dash Grade 5 Third Place: Madden S.
Boys Standing LJ Grade 6 Third Place: Lucas M.

#### **Rolph Road Top 16 City Finalists:**

Girls 400 Meter Dash Grade 6 Sixth Place: Kennedy R.

Girls 4x100 Meter Relay Grade 6 - 6th Rolph Road - Road Runners 1) Kennedy R. 2) Chloe W.

3) Tessa B. 4) Gemma F.

Girls 200 Meter Dash Grade 4 Eighth Place: Everly M.
Girls 400 Meter Dash Grade 5 Ninth Place: Grace T.
Boys Shot Put Grade 6 Tenth Place: Vlad C.
Girls 60 Meter Hurdles Grade 6 Eleventh Place: Chloe W.

Boys 4x100 Meter Relay Grade 6 – 12th Rolph Road - Road Runners 1) Lucas M. 2) Bryant M.

3) Liam C. 4) Vlad C.

Girls 80 Meter Dash Grade 4 Fourteenth Place: Everly M. Boys Long Jump Running Grade 6 Fifteenth Place: Vlad C.

Go Rolph Go!

Sincerely your very proud coaches,

Coach Jonsohn, Coach Stefanoff, Coach Williams, Coach Oliver, Coach Papachristos, and Coach Miha





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