



Rolph Road ES Newsletter

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Sharing Assemblies: African Heritage Month & Black History Month

Thank you to parents, guardians, and caregivers who were able to attend our sharing assemblies on Friday February 28th and thank you to all students and staff members for showcasing examples of classroom learning during African Heritage Month and Black History Month.

Our learning connected to promoting equity and inclusion is integrated into teaching and learning year-round, and we are committed to highlighting positive identity affirming experiences for all students in our community. See our X post [HERE](#).

Please also see the [Periodic Table of Black Canadian History](#) which inspired Mr. Williams's Grade 5/6 class to create their own timeline of rich contributions and significant achievements by Black Canadians and Black Americans.





- April 02 – World Autism Day
- April 03 – **Pizza Lunch #11**
- April 04 – Magic Live Inc. - Anti Bullying Presentations (*All Grades)
- April 09 – International Day of Pink
- **April 09** – **Grade 6 Individual Graduation Photos**
- April 10 – School Support Team Meetings (PM)
- April 10 – Eco Schools Student Leadership Conference (Grades 6-8)
- 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
- May 22 – Rolph Road Community Meal from 5:30 to 6:30 PM.
- May 30 – Field Trip to the Toronto Zoo for Rooms 21 & 23
- June 05 – Rolph Road Fun Fair after school from 5:00 to 8:00 PM.
- **June 18** – **Grade 6 Graduation in the Gymnasium and Front Yard**

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 will continue to remind students about the contest and all entries are due to the office by **Monday April 28th**.

MLSE Huddle Up Anti-Bullying Assembly on March 28th

We thank MLSE, Argonaut Wynton McManis, and Education Program Specialist Jason Colero for visiting our school on Wednesday March 26th and engaging our junior students in important learning. The Huddle Up program is another opportunity this year for our students to learn about kindness, about being upstanders, and about the importance of speaking up against any harmful and bullying behaviour. Thank you to Mr. Jonsohn for coordinating and booking our assembly and a huge thank you to Amytis, Delara, Grace, and Sofia from Mr. William's class for welcoming our guests!

You can read more about the Huddle Up program [HERE](#).



Rolph is Hosting a Friendly Chess Tournament on April 29th

Our Rolph Road Chess Club welcomes more than 30 students from Grade 3-6, every Wednesday in the gym. Chess Club members watch [ChessKid.com](https://www.chesskid.com) videos, learn strategy through solving online puzzles and sometimes watch Mr. Miha play international opponents. Chess Club players find partners and challenge teammates to climb the ladder of the top 15 chess players. Players have to defeat an opponent 2 times to take their place. Some players play online on ChessKids, some players play for fun and some compete for our Chess Team.

Thank you to Mr. Miha and Ms. Morris for running Chess Club and for organizing a Friendly Chess Tournament. Rolph Road will host a friendly tournament in our Gym on Tuesday, April 29th. We will be welcoming Bennington, Northlea, and Maurice Cody. Stay tuned for more details. Thank you also to our Home & School Association and community for your support!

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](#).



[Children's Mental Health Ontario](#)

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



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



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](#).



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Last Weekend of Read-A-Thon!

We're in the home stretch of Read-A-Thon! Thank you to all our readers and supporters who have made our inaugural event such a success. It's not too late to join if you haven't yet - keep on reading and earning raffle tickets until March 31st. Read-A-Thon sponsor, Camp Ponacka, will join us at the school on Wednesday April 2nd to give out prizes!

Fun Fair Committee Members Needed

We have a great group of committee members lined up and planning is well underway for another memorable Fun Fair, but we could use a few more volunteers. If you're able to help out, please contact Chair, Sarah Flint, at sarahbethflint@gmail.com. Our next virtual meeting will be held on Tuesday April 1st, at 7:30pm.

Home & School/School Council Meeting 3 on April 2nd

Save the Date for our third Home and School/School Council Meeting on Wednesday April 2nd. We'll be having an in-depth discussion on EQAO results and chatting upcoming events.

Parent and Caregiver Book Club – The Anxious Generation

We're excited to host our first Parent/Caregiver book club. In April 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. Fill out [this Google Form](#) if you're interested in joining. It is not mandatory to have read the book! We'll share some key ideas to facilitate discussion.

Dad's Night Out

Thanks to all the dads who came out to Leaside Pub last Thursday for a night of fun. Extra special thank you to Peter Moazzani for organizing.



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