



Rolph Road ES Newsletter

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Giving From the Heart Food Drive for the Daily Bread Food Bank

We are all incredibly proud of our Grade 4 student leaders, and our Grade 1-6 ESL student leaders for their work on our Giving From the Heart Food Drive! Our student leaders are responsible for mobilizing the incredible Rolph Road community response.

After 4 weeks of our campaign our community was able to smash the original goal of 500 items and we gathered 820 items! A big thank you to Mashal Khan, our Rolph Road Daycare Supervisor who promoted our food drive with all daycare families.

We appreciate every contribution, and want to again recognize Ms. Massos, Ms. Endert, and Mr. Whitaker for their leadership. Go Rolph Go!

Welcome to our OISE/UT Pre-Service Teacher Candidates and our George Brown ECE Educator Candidates

We recently welcomed two OISE U/T pre-service teacher candidates and two George Brown ECE educators who are working with some of our educators and students. We are thankful to our Student ECE Educators and our OISE/UT Pre-service Teacher Candidates for their contributions at Rolph Road. Thank you for helping to inspire our young learners!

Ms. Sze Wai Leung's ECE placement is in Room 2 with Ms. Stefanoff and Ms. Maureen.
Mr. Andrew Winarta's ECE placement is in Room 9 with Ms. Morris and Ms. Pollyann.

Ms. Natasha Outow's Kindergarten teaching placement is in Room 8 with Mr. Sauve.
Ms. Mehwish Alfridan's Grade 4 teaching placement is in Room 21 with Mr. Whitaker.



- March 10-14 – Mid-Winter Break
- March 18 – Magic Live Inc. - Anti Bullying Presentations (*All Grades)
- March 20 – **Pizza Lunch #10**
- 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 03 – **Pizza Lunch #11**
- **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
- May 30 – Field Trip to the Toronto Zoo for Rooms 21 & 23

- **June 05** – **Rolph Road Fun Fair after school.**
- **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



Mental Health and Well-Being



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

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



Healthy
Minds
Learning

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](#).



The **Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario** ([LDAO](#)) offers resources and services (e.g., workshops for children and parents) designed to help people with Learning Disabilities and ADHD.

Additional resources for parents, students and families dealing with LDs can also be found at the [LDATHOME website](#).



POWERED BY CHILD DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

Integra Learning Disabilities & Mental Health provides family-centred, evidence-informed direct clinical services to children and youth ages 8 to 18 with diagnosed learning disabilities complicated by mental health issues (LDMH) in Toronto. More information is available [HERE](#).



Surrey Place provides services for children and adults with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), developmental disabilities and visual impairment, their families, and caregivers.

More information is available [HERE](#).



The **Geneva Centre for Autism** offers a wide range of age-specific programs designed to support individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

More information is available [HERE](#).



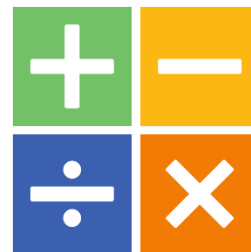
TDSB OT/PT site for Caregivers: Pre-recorded webinars on a variety of topics.

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

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.

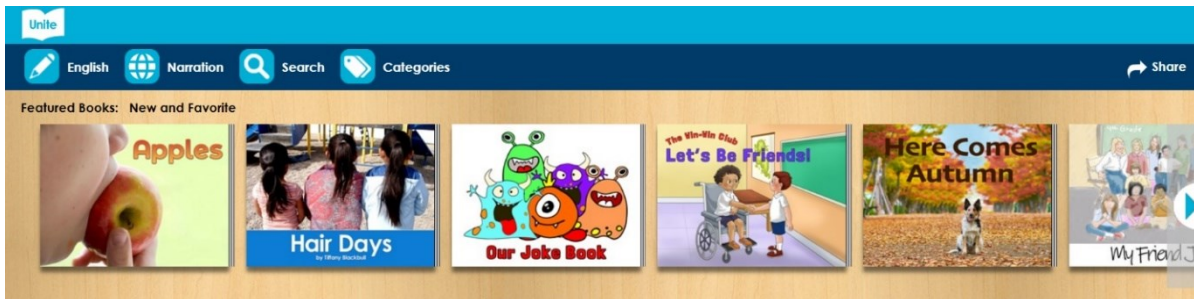
For example, here is a [video](#) (with a closed captioning option) that provides 5 tips for when you don't understand your child's speech.

Their SLP Google site for parents is linked [HERE](#).

Their Twitter Account with free resources such as visuals related to snowy weather is linked [HERE](#).

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](#).



Rolph Road School Council and Home & School Association

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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