



Rolph Road ES Newsletter

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Progress Reports will be sent Electronically on November 12th

All Progress Reports will be sent home electronically on Tuesday November 12th. Families will receive an email from School Messenger sometime on Tuesday afternoon with a link to your child(ren)'s report card(s). The Progress Report is intended to provide you with an early indication of how your child is progressing at this point in the school year.

A large focus for the Progress Report for Grades 1-8 is the Learning Skills: Responsibility, Organization, Collaboration, Initiative, Independent Work and Self-Regulation. The development of these learning skills is an integral part of a student's learning. The Kindergarten Communication of Learning Report provides initial observations and information about your child's strengths and growth. Suggestions for the next steps your child is ready to take in their learning are also included.

Teachers have already been reaching out to families to schedule parent-teacher conferences. In-person meetings, virtual meetings, or phone calls will be scheduled during the week of November 11-15. This meeting is an opportunity to hear more about the day-to-day rich learning experiences in our classrooms, and the goals students are working to achieve. Learn about report cards for students from Grades 1 to 12 and understand how teachers assess and evaluate student learning via the Ministry of Education site [HERE](#).

Remembrance Day Assembly on November 11th



Parents who are available to join us are welcome to attend our Remembrance Day assembly in the gym. Please sign in by 10:20 am as our assembly will begin promptly at 10:30 am. Weather permitting, classes will go outside after the assembly to watch the nearby Sunnybrook Veterans Centre fly past that is organized by the Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association. Thank you to Ms. Papachristos, Ms. Fitzpatrick, and Ms. Massos for organizing our assembly. Thank you also to student contributors and supporting staff members.

Welcome to our Office Administrator

We have welcomed Ms. Soniela Furxhi back to our school in a new role as our Office Administrator and it has been a smooth and seamless transition in our very busy office. Welcome, Ms. Soniela and thank you for your dedication and care for our students, families, staff, and the wider Rolph Road community!

As a reminder, office hours are from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm if you wish to connect with our Office Administrator. If needed, you may email Ms. Soniela (as she is known to our kids) at

Soniela.Furxhi@tdsb.on.ca



- November 11 – Remembrance Day – Assembly at 10:30 am.
(Assembly organized by Ms. Fitzpatrick, Ms. Papachristos, and Ms. Massos.)*
- November 12 – Progress Reports sent home electronically.
- November 15 – PA Day for parent-teacher conferences.
***No school for students.**
- November 21 – School Support Team Meetings (Afternoon)
- November 21 – **PIZZA LUNCH #4**
- November 29 – Professional Development Day – Elementary & Secondary
***No school for students.**
- December 05 – Raptors 905 field trip for Grades 4, 5, 6.
- December 05 – **PIZZA LUNCH #5**
- December 10 – Winter Showcase
- December 16-20 – Rolph Road Week of **Giving Light** Spirit Week!
- December 16 – School Support Team Meetings (Afternoon)
- December 19 – **PIZZA LUNCH #6**

Free TDSB Parent/Guardian/Caregiver Sessions: Supporting Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

Our TDSB Special Education and Inclusion Department is offering free sessions for families on the morning of Wednesday November 27th or the evening of Thursday November 28th.

Please register via the links below.

Date: November 27 Day (AM)
Time: 10:00am - 11:30am
Register via this [LINK](#).

Date: November 28 Evening (PM)
Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm
Register via this [LINK](#).

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: Pathways To Care For Mental Health

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](#).

January 15, 2025

March 19, 2025

May 21, 2025

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

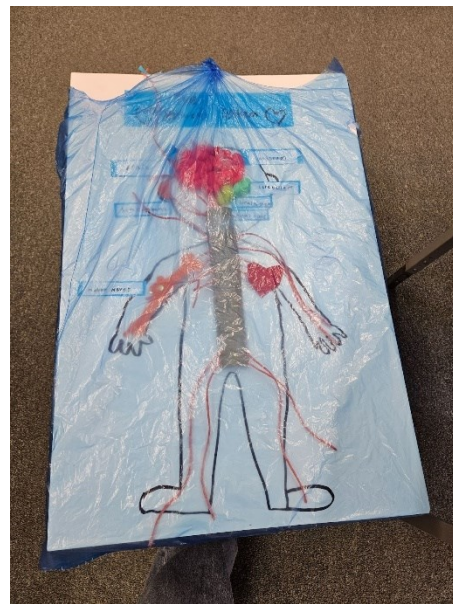
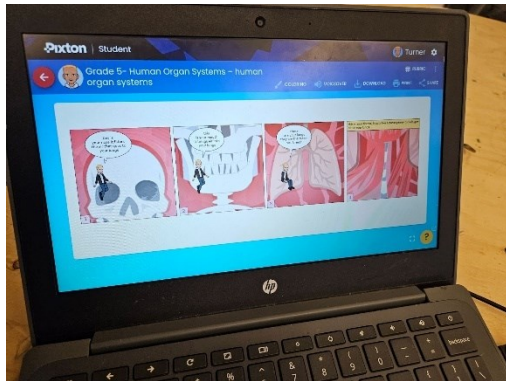
Join our Virtual Drop-ins on Teams Meet
Quarterly on Wednesdays*
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
www.tdsb.on.ca/virtualsupport
*Check website for specific dates offered

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

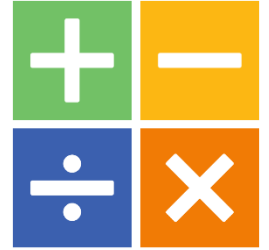
tdsb Professional Support Services
tdsb Mental Health & Well-Being

News from our Library Learning Commons (LLC)

Our Library Learning Commons is a bustling and fun place. Grade 5 Students from Room 23 are partnering with Ms. Massos in the Innovation Lab to create 3D working models for their Human Organ systems unit. The students were challenged to use recyclable materials to build and construct their 3D models. Using the STEAM Engineering Design Process, students planned, built, and tested their 3D models. The grade 5's researched their organ systems and created a Pixton comic to explain their research in an engaging and friendly manner. We are still working on the final products and hoping to have them up for display in the LLC in the coming weeks.



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.

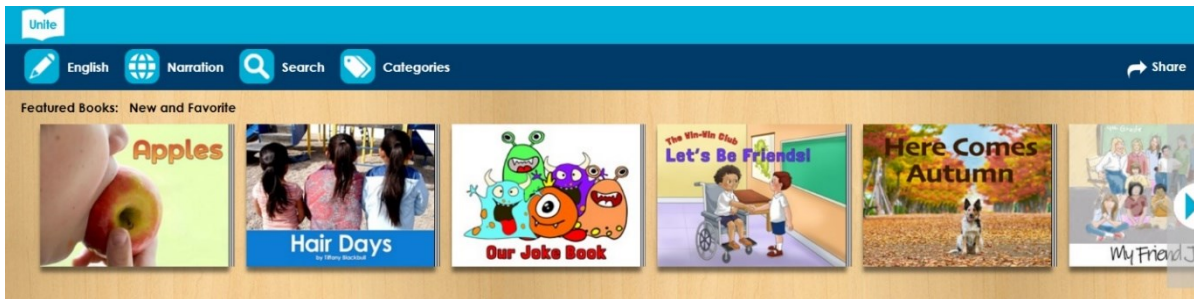
For example, here is a [video](#) (with a closed captioning option) that provides 5 tips for when you don't understand your child's speech.

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](#).

Congratulations to our Flag Football Team!

Please check out the awesome photos of our Junior Co-Ed Flag Football team via our school X/Twitter account [HERE](#).

Thank you to coaches Edmonds and Whitaker, and to substitute coach Jonsohn for a great Flag Football season!

Congratulations to our Junior Soccer Teams!

Our Junior Girls Soccer and Junior Boys Soccer teams took advantage of some beautiful sunny weather to enjoy a fun day of soccer competition at Zion Heights on Tuesday November 5th. Our Jr. Girls Soccer team came up short in the final round but we commend them for their perseverance and all-out effort through this season. We will be back stronger next year!

Our Jr. Boys team played some beautiful selfless soccer through a gruelling schedule of tough opponents including the Quarter final game against Pleasant PS followed by the Semi-final game against Faywood where we won in extra time with a golden goal. Finally, we competed in the much-anticipated rematch with Bennington Heights and our win in the very final whistle in penalties.

Our Junior Boys Soccer team takes home the North Conference Championship for 2024! Rolph's coaches, teachers, teammates, and parents are so very proud of the positive disposition, strength of character and competitive spirit exhibited by our team through this soccer season. Go Rolph Go!



Calendar for Fall Choir, Clubs & Sports/Teams

TIME	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:50 to 8:40 am			Junior Girls Basketball in the Gym	Junior Girls Basketball in the Gym	
11:50 to 12:25	Primary/Junior Choir in Rm. 27 OR Portable 3			Eco Club in the Library	Grade 4/5/6 Ukulele Club
11:50 to 12:25	Junior Girls Basketball in the Gym				
3:15 to 4:30 PM		Junior Boys Volleyball in the Gym		Junior Boys Volleyball in the Gym	

Thank you to our Rolph Road staff members leading Choir and our Fall Clubs, and Sports/Teams

Primary/Junior Choir: Ms. Papachristos & Ms. Young

Eco Club: Ms. Massos & Mr. Edmonds

Ukulele Club: Ms. Macapagal & Mr. Whitaker

Jr. Girls Basketball Ms. Oliver

Jr. Boys Volleyball Mr. Edmonds





Rolph Road School Council and Home & School Association

New VP of Home and School

The Home and School Association is happy to announce that Derrick Khoo, dad of Logan in grade 1 and Ethan in JK has been appointed as the new Vice President of Rolph Road's Home and School Association. Please join me in a warm welcome to the new member of the executive team. ~ Deborah Lucas

Mabel's Labels

Make sure anything that ends up in the school lost and found makes it home to you. Buy Mabel's Labels and support our school fundraising efforts! Just search Rolph Road in the search bar and Rolph Road Home and School Association will receive a portion of the proceeds from any purchases you make!

Thank you for a Successful Pumpkin Patch

A big thank you to the Rolph Road community for coming out to this year's Pumpkin Patch, brought to us by Longo's, Heaps Estrin and Charmaine Sweets. Not only was the event super fun for all, but it raised \$2,000 for the Home and School Association.



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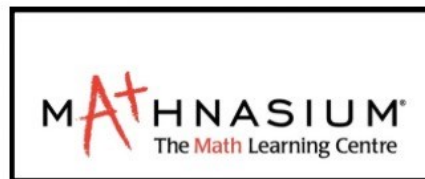
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