



# Rolph Road ES Newsletter

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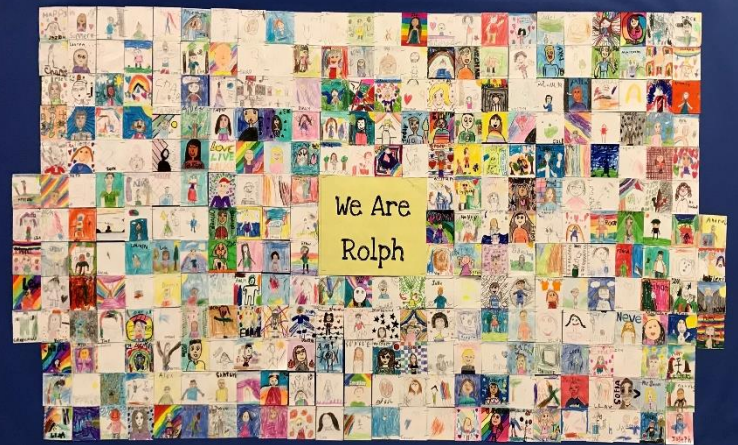
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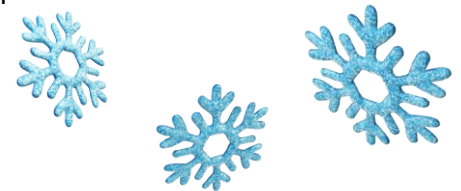
## Winter Showcase in the Gym on December 10

Thank you all for saving the date and marking **Tuesday December 10<sup>th</sup>** in your calendars. Please note that the timelines outlined below are very important to a smooth experience for our student performers and guests – especially for our families with infants, babies, toddlers, and kindergarten students. ***Our Program includes an Intermission to allow families who do not have a child in Grades 1-6 to leave early.***

Thank you to Brightpics for providing a FREE self-serve style **Winter Showcase “Selfie Station”** where families can take selfies. *\*More details to follow.*

**All students should be dropped off to teachers in classrooms at 6:10 PM:** Please do not arrive before 6:10 pm as some of our classrooms are shared spaces and are not available before 6:00 pm.

**Winter Showcase begins:** 6:30 pm  
**Intermission:** 6:45 pm – 6:55 pm  
**Winter Showcase resumes:** 6:55 pm – 7:35 pm



Are you singing along to the melodies in “*Do You Want to Build a Snowman*” and the holiday songs students have been rehearsing? We know families are enjoying the preview performances at home, just as we are enjoying them at school! Thank you to Ms. Papachristos for creating a wonderful program that will begin with our Primary-Junior Choir, followed by each of our three Kindergarten classes, an intermission, and all remaining classroom performances. *To comply with the Fire Code gym occupancy limit, only parents/guardians are invited to attend our Winter Showcase.*



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- November 25 – Schoolyard Revitalization Update Meeting
- November 26 & 27 – Final sessions with artist D. Ahsén:nase Douglas
- November 28 – **Wear any jersey in your closet SPIRIT DAY!**
- 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 12 – School Support Team Meetings (Afternoon)
- December 16-20 – Rolph Road Week of **Giving Light** Spirit Week!
- December 19 – **PIZZA LUNCH #6**
- December 20 – Last day of school before Winter Break
- January 06 – First day of school following Winter Break

## **NEEDED:** Cardboard for our Winter Showcase Decorations

If you have any cardboard boxes for recycling (large ones) please donate them for our Winter Showcase. Cardboard can be dropped off at the main office and Ms. Massos will store them in our library back office.

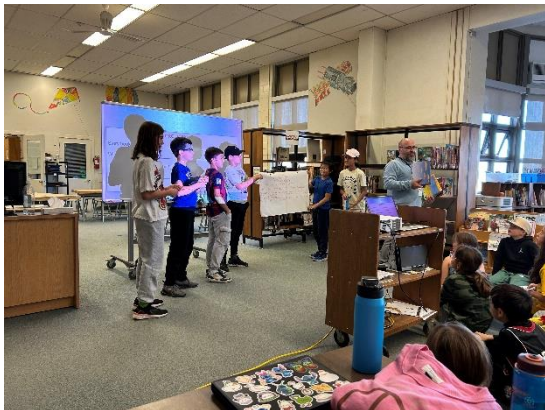




# Kindness Campaign & Recent Learning with Peter Lehuis

Families will soon be seeing some posts and hearing about our **Kindness Campaign** at Rolph Road, as part of our ongoing work to ensure that all children enjoy the best possible day-to-day learning and play experiences in all spaces at Rolph Road. Teachers regularly teach pro-social skills and promote kindness and positive choices. Helping children develop age-appropriate play and social skills is key to maintaining a caring, welcoming school community where students will experience a sense of joy and belonging. We thank you for reinforcing the importance of kindness and the skills needed for being a good friend.

We recently welcomed Peter Lehuis, TDSB Child and Youth Counsellor at Rolph Road for two sessions with each of our Junior Grade 4-6 classes. Peter provided engaging lessons that included learning about the science behind why kindness is so contagious. Students took a kindness quiz and discussed how kindness impacts communities. Students also learned about the positives associated with conflict as they relate to group dynamics, and the skills needed for resolving conflicts. Classes watched a video and learned about the dangers of othering. We will continue to encourage all students to be *upstanders* by interrupting harmful behaviour.



# 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 27<sup>th</sup> or the evening of Thursday November 28<sup>th</sup>.

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](http://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

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## News from our Library Learning Commons (LLC)

Exciting things continue to unfold in our Rolph Road Library Learning Commons! This week, we launched the YANA Club (You Are Not Alone), offering a safe space for our Grades 3-6 students to engage in friendship and social-emotional learning sessions. The YANA Club provides invaluable support and resources in mental health and belonging through games, activities, and sharing sessions.

We are also thrilled to partner with our Grade 5 students on their Human Organ System Science Fair presentations. These students are showcasing their incredible understanding and creativity while sharing their knowledge with their younger learning buddies.

Additionally, our Grade 4 students are collaborating with Ms. Massos to produce WeVideo projects for their Amazing Animals research unit. Their videos are full of fascinating facts and vivid storytelling. We are immensely proud of our students' hard work and enthusiasm across these projects!



## 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				
1:50 to 2:05 pm	Grade 3-6 You are Not Alone (YANA) Club in Library				
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

YANA Club Ms. Massos





## **Rolph Road School Council and Home & School Association**

### **Hot Lunches Still Available Mondays at Rolph Road**

The Hot Lunch Program, in partnership with Kids Catering, is ongoing every Monday at Rolph Road. Since Mondays are already so hectic, having a lunch delivered straight to the classroom can be a big help. Hot lunches run every Monday including the last Monday of school before the winter break.

Here is the link to order or sign up your child(ren): [Hot Lunch Mondays at Rolph Road ES](#)

### **Hot Dog/Hamburger Combo Days**

We're excited to introduce hot dog/hamburger combo days! [Kids Catering](#) is ready for your orders - order a hot dog/hamburger combo delivered right to your kid's classroom. What's exciting about the combo days is that they fundraise for Rolph Road!

\$2 from each lunch goes back to the RR Home and School Association. The first combo date is Wednesday, December 13th—don't miss out! Sign up via the Kids Catering link.

[Place your bonus combo day orders](#) today and help us make a difference!

### **Clear the List- Rolph Road Direct Donation Campaign**

Our Direct Donation campaign is under way - help us Clear the List of items requested for our Kindergarten, Primary and Junior divisions! See your dollars transform our classrooms as the funds are put to use in a timely manner and directly benefit all our students. Any amount is greatly appreciated. Donations over \$25 are eligible for a tax receipt.

### **Volunteer Needed**

We are looking for someone to take on coordinating the much-appreciated Holiday Potluck lunch for staff on Thursday December 19th. Responsibilities include creating a sign-up sheet, drafting communications, and helping with set up/clean up the day of. This is approximately 5-6 hours of time (2-3 hours in advance, 2-3 hours the day of the event) please email [rolphroadhomeandschool@gmail.com](mailto:rolphroadhomeandschool@gmail.com) if you're able to help.



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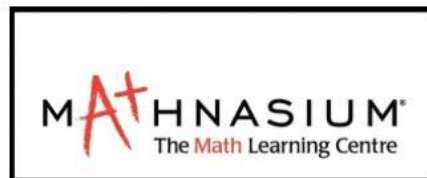
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