



Rolph Road ES Newsletter

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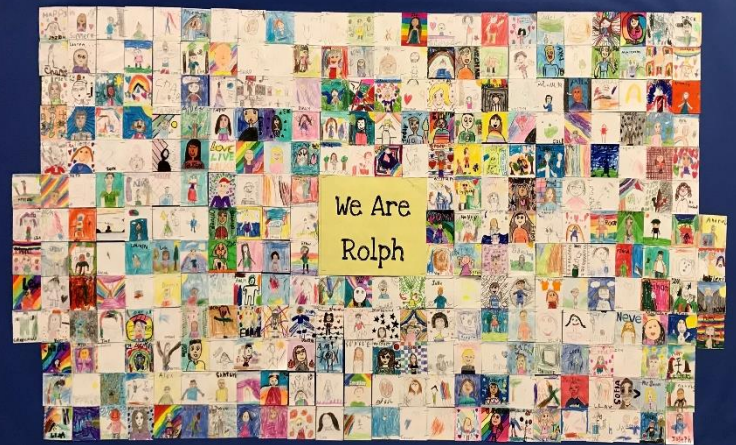
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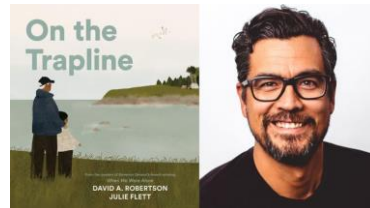
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Student Ambassadors launch 20 Days of Truth

Our Grade 5 and Grade 6 students from Mr. William's class will be Ambassadors of Indigenous learning around Rolph this week. On Monday, they will be presenting a read aloud story, "On the Trapline" by Indigenous author David A. Robertson, and will introduce the other classes to the 20 Days of Truth initiative.

For 20 days in October, Room 29 students will invite all other classes to participate in Indigenous learning. Later, our ambassadors will return to classes as reporters to interview the younger students about their learning. Our student ambassadors will be responsible for sharing the learning on behalf of each class with the rest of the school. It's an exciting leadership opportunity! Thank you very much to Mr. Williams and our student ambassadors for their leadership!



David A. Robertson is the author of the picture book *On the Trapline*, which is illustrated by Julie Flett. (Amber Green, Tundra Books)

Rolph Road Welcomes D. Ahsén:nase Douglas

We are very pleased to be welcoming artist, D. Ahsén:nase Douglas to Rolph Road on Tuesday October 1st and are excited to begin a project we finalized at the end of last year. All grade 4, 5, and 6 students in our four junior grade classes will paint a small personal canvas and will work together to create one large canvas per class. We will proudly hang the canvases in our library. Students will learn traditional oral stories and their paintings will be based on traditional oral stories and six written stories.

"D. Ahsén:nase Douglas proudly identifies as Kanien'keha:ka (Mohawk) with living roots within the Kahnawà:ke Mohawk Territory. His talent and dedication have earned him recognition from esteemed institutions such as the Ontario Arts Council." Read more about D. Ahsén:nase Douglas [HERE](#).

Thank you very much to Home & School for sharing the cost of this project with our school.



- September 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- September 30 – Orange Shirt Day
- October 02 – Cross Country Qualifying Meet (Grades 1-6) at Earl Bales Park
- October 3-4 – Rosh Hashanah
- October 04 – Parent Social – House Crawl organized by Home & School
- **October 5** – **World Teacher's Day**
- October 7 – Girls Bordenball Tournament at Don Valley Middle School
- October 09 – Photo Day with Brightpics
- October 10 – **PIZZA LUNCH #1**
- October 10 – School Support Team Meetings (Afternoon)
- October 10 – World Mental Health Day
- October 11 – ***No school for students.***
Professional Development Day (Elementary Teachers)
- October 12 – Yom Kippur
- October 14 – Thanksgiving
- October 15 – Grade 5 Flag Football Qualifying Tournament at Cassandra P.S.
- October 16 – World Food Day
- October 16 – Junior Boys Soccer Qualifying Tournament (*Rolph Road hosting.)
- October 17 – International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
- October 17 – North Conference Finals (Grades 4-6) at Earl Bales Park
- October 18 – Wenjack Walk
- October 21 – Grade 6 Flag Football Qualifying Tournament at Lawrence Heights M.S.
- October 22 – **PIZZA LUNCH #2**
- October 22 – Grade 3 Field Trip to Evergreen Brick Works (Room 26 & Room 28)
- October 23 – Cross Country City Championships (Grades 4-6) at Centennial Park
- October 23-25 – Grade 6 overnight trip to Sheldon Valley
- October 25 – Annual Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser
- October 29 – Caring Safe Schools Meeting in the Library at 11:35 a.m.
- October 30 – Mr. Edmonds, Ms. Massos, Ms. Themeliopoulos attending the EcoSchools/OISE Kickoff Conference
- October 31 – Rolph Road Spooktacular Dance & Parade (Afternoon)

Primary & Junior Choirs

Choir leaders Ms. Papachristos and Ms. Young are pleased to announce that we have 30 students in our Primary Choir and 19 students in our Junior Choir.

Information about Choir practises will be shared this coming week. We are excited to have our Choirs perform at our Winter Showcase on December 10th.

Parent & Caregiver Engagement

Save the date for the **FREE** Parents & Caregivers as Partners Conference taking place on Saturday November 16th.



This year's conference theme is, Journey to Joy, Wellness, and Wholeness. Registration information is coming soon and will be posted [HERE](#).

Pizza Lunch Returns: October to December Sign-up

Thank you to the Rolph Road Home & School Association and Parent Volunteer/Pizza Lunch Coordinator Kirstie Joseph for organizing the return of Pizza Lunch.

Please be sure to place your Pizza Lunch order by October 6th [HERE](#).

Volunteers are needed. Please sign up [HERE](#) to support Pizza Lunch.

Pizza lunch is an equal opportunity program that we want all students to have the option to participate in.

If pizza lunch is not currently within your family's means, please contact our principal privately at Frances.Themeliopoulos@tdsb.on.ca.

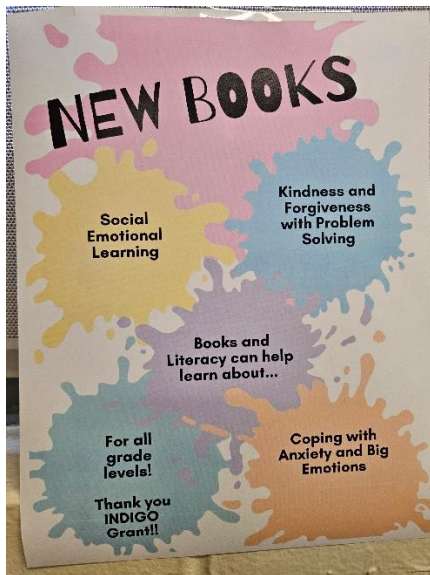


News from our Library Learning Commons (LLC)

Another year of learning, exploring, and building our love for reading in the Rolph Road LLC is underway! Book Exchange for students began during the week of September 16, 2024.

We would like to share a huge **THANK YOU** to the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation for giving us a \$500.00 grant to support our Social Emotional Learning section of the library. So many new and wonderful books have been arriving over the month and Ms. Massos has been busy cataloging and putting up the books on display for students and staff to enjoy.

Please note that students may check out 2 books at a time – with a 2 week return due date. We thank you for your continued support in our library revitalization journey and we are looking forward to the construction process happening very soon.



Indigenous Education and Sovereignty

Indigenous Education is one of the pillars of the School Improvement Plan (SIP) at every TDSB school. We are committed to continuing our year-round learning and furthering our efforts in the pursuit of reconciliation.

Rolph Road is officially a Legacy School. The Legacy Schools program is a free national initiative to engage, empower and connect students and educators to further reconciliation through awareness, education, and action (reconciliACTION). Ms. Oliver has again coordinated our school-wide participation in a Walk for Wenjack on **Friday October 18th**.

The [Downie & Wenjack Fund \(DWF\)](#) was created out of two families coming together to make change, uphold Chanie Wenjack and Gord Downie's legacies, and create a pathway on the journey toward reconciliation. While many of us may know the famous Gord Downie, the story of Chanie Wenjack is just as important. Wenjack was an Anishinaabe boy who was forced to attend Cecilia Jeffrey Residential School in Kenora, Ontario. Three years later, determined to return to his family and culture, Wenjack escaped and attempted to walk over 600 kilometres to his home. Wenjack could not survive the harsh October temperatures in Northern Ontario.

Rolph Road wants to help Wenjack complete the rest of his walk back home. If you would like to watch a movie about Chanie Wenjack's life, you may view it [HERE](#).

Our Rolph Road Fundraising Goal is \$3.00 per child towards the DWF. We will only be accepting donations through the DWF website. Thank you for your support!

Below is a QR code that will send you to the [DWF Fundraising Page](#).



Chanie "Charlie" Wenjack

Athletics Calendar & Reminders

TIME	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11:45 to 12:25	Girls 5-6 Soccer (On the field.)	Boys 5-6 Soccer (On the field.)	Girls 5-6 Soccer (On the field.)		Boys 5-6 Soccer (On the field.)
11:30 to 12:25	Grade 5-6 Girls Bordenball		Grade 5-6 Girls Bordenball		Grade 5-6 Girls Bordenball
12:00 to 12:25		Grades 1-6 Cross-Country (Sports Court)	Grades 1-6 Cross-Country (Sports Court)	Grades 1-6 Cross-Country (Sports Court)	
3:15 to 4:30 PM		Coed Gr. 5-6 Flag Football (On the field.)		Coed Gr. 5-6 Flag Football (On the field.)	



©Group Greeting

Grade 1-6 Cross Country Team

Coaches: Mr. Jonsohn, Mr. Williams, Ms. Oliver, and Ms. Nulla

Junior Girls Bordenball

Ms. Stefanoff and Ms. Massos

Co-ed Grade 5/Grade 6 Flag Football

Coaches: Mr. Edmonds and Mr. Whitaker

Grade 5/Grade 6 Girls Soccer

Coaches: Mr. Miha and Ms. Morris

Grade 5/Grade 6 Boys Soccer

Coach: Mr. Miha

Rolph Road ES supports the Terry Fox Foundation

Thank you to all parents, guardians, and caregivers who were able to attend our outdoor assembly on Thursday afternoon, help to supervise, and also cheer on our school as we ran and walked in support of the Terry Fox Foundation!

Terry Fox Day is a special day on our school calendar and students always enjoy learning about Terry's life and how he became a Canadian hero.

Our fundraising efforts continue. Please donate online to our school page if you are able:
<https://schools.terryfox.ca/68081>

We appreciate your support!

Thank you to our RR Terry Fox Committee members, Adam Jonsohn, Rahima Nulla, Alex Stefanoff, and Cori Swan for their leadership.





Home & School Needs a VP

Home and School has an awesome line up of events and initiatives planned this year that will enrich the school experience for our students and their families. However, without a VP of Home and School we cannot form an Executive and will not be able to operate. We have event leads in place and an incredible line up of volunteers willing to help do the work.

Please reach out to rolphroadhomeandschool@gmail.com if you are willing to take on this position and make a difference to our school community.

Bike Bus – Working towards Platinum EcoSchools Status

Our Bike Bus was so popular in the Spring we are bringing it back for Fall! Every Friday in October - except for the October X PA Day - we will be running a Bike Bus that meets at Trace Manes, rides down Hanna and arrives at school in time for a pre-school dance party and refreshments. The Eco Club is hoping this will encourage active and/or low-carbon transportation options such as walking, cycling, busing, and carpooling to school.

Sign up [HERE](#).

By participating you'll be helping Rolph Road work towards our EcoSchools **Platinum** Certification and building great habits for children's health and wellbeing! No bike? No problem? Join us on any wheels you have or your own two feet! For more information and to sign up, fill out the Google Form. We need parent volunteers to ride with us each morning to ensure a smooth, safe ride, so sign up to help if you can. Please reach out to lyndsay.hatlelid@gmail.com if you have any questions! Thanks to Lyndsay Hatlelid and Barnaby Chan for coordinating!

Reminder: Don't Miss the Parent Social on October 4th

Reminder to buy your tickets for the Rolph Road Parent Social happening at the Leadsid Pub Friday October 4th at 8:00pm.

Click on [LINK](#) to purchase tickets that include some refreshments.



Rolph Road School Council and Home & School Association

Road Safety Week at Rolph Road: October 7th- 10th

From October 7th to 10th, the Rolph Road Eco Rangers will once again be running their no-idling campaign and the community is supporting with additional road safety measures. Watch for volunteers enforcing the "No Stopping Between 8am and 5pm" regulation on the east side of Rolph at drop off and pick up, as well as issuing Eco Club tickets to idlers.

If you're available to sign up for a 15-minute shift of moving traffic along and keeping our kids safe. Please sign-up [HERE](#).

Rolph Road's Pumpkin Patch is Back!

Our third annual Rolph Road Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser is scheduled for Friday, October 25th after school at 3:15 pm. Come get a pumpkin and support your school! Purchasing your pumpkins has never been easier, it will be by donation.

Please bring CASH as this is the easiest, however we will have machines available to pay with credit card if needed!

We welcome all to stop by the Tennis court after school on Friday October 25th from 3:15 while pumpkins last to find your own perfect pumpkin. There will be some fun fall games to play with your children, sweets, and refreshments!

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