



Roywood News Online #24

Sunday, March 2nd, 2025

Click on the image to access our Website and Twitter page.



Ramadan Mubarak

May this holy month bring you peace, blessings and joy.

Drop Off & Pick Up at Roywood PS



Please be aware that the school parking lot is for busses and staff only. There is lots of space in the cul-de-sac for families to park when dropping off and picking up children from school.

Roywood PS is home to many students who ride the bus to and from school and we need the parking lot clear for the busses to enter and exit safely. We also have families that need to park in the accessible parking spaces, so please make sure to keep them clear.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

We will now be monitoring the entrance way of the driveway and parent volunteers will be helping out.
Thank you for understanding.

Appreciation



Thank you to the Parent Council Volunteers who have been and will continue to help out in the parking lot with controlling traffic and letting vehicles in and out of the parking lot. Hopefully the snow will melt soon and there will be more space on the street for parking. Please continue to not enter the Roywood parking lot. Please make sure when you park cars that you are not blocking other traffic so that the flow of cars can continue.



Upcoming Events

- Mar. 3 - World Hearing Day
- Mar. 4 - TDESSA Ball Hockey Championships @ Victoria Village P.S.
- Mar. 7 - Roywood Spirit Day - wear your Roywood clothing or Roywood colours
- Mar. 10 - March Break Begins (school closed)
- Mar. 14 - March Break Ends (school closed)
- Mar. 19 - Father Figures Session @ 4:30 p.m. - Library
- Mar. 20 - Wynford Inspirational Speaker Session @ Grenoble PS - Gr. $\frac{4}{5}$ & Gr. $\frac{3}{4}$ classes
- Mar. 20 - Gift of Sight Vision Screening Clinic for Students
- Mar. 21 - World Down Syndrome Day
- Mar. 21 - School Advisory Council Meeting @ 9:15 a.m. - Staffroom
- Apr. 2 - Grade $\frac{3}{4}$ & Grade $\frac{4}{5}$ Classes to Black Creek Pioneer Village
- Apr. 4 - Spring Graduation Photo Day with Edge Imaging

The school bell rings at 8:40am! Please make sure to be at school on time as a lot of literacy and numeracy lessons are taught in the morning! If your child is going to be late or absent from school at any time, please call Mrs. De Silva in the office to let her know or leave a message on the school answering machine.



**Link to LIVE
Roywood Calendar:**

<https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/roywood/School-Calendar>



Roywood Rockstars

WhatsApp group



Are you looking to get connected with the Roywood family community outside of the school?

Roywood families have created a Roywood Rockstars WhatsApp group.

The families would love to have as much of the Roywood community to join the group as possible.

Please note - this group is moderated and monitored by families for families, it is not monitored by the school.



Donate to a School-Specific Nutrition Program

Thank you for supporting nutrition programming at the Toronto Foundation for Student Success!



Scan the QR code to donate to the Roywood Student Nutrition Program!

Your donations count!!

Tax receipts will be issued (and emailed to families) for donations \$20 and over!



Ways to Follow Along with School Information

You can learn about and stay informed with all things Roywood PS in a variety of ways:

1. Visit the school website → <https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/roywood/>
2. Visit the school X account → https://x.com/TDSB_RoywoodPS
3. Weekly Newsletter → sent to registered email address' (if you do not receive the weekly newsletter to your email inbox, please contact the office to update your information!)
4. Communication from classroom teachers



Mindful March 2025

SATURDAY

1 Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness

8 Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture and smell of your food

15 Stop. Breathe. Notice. Repeat regularly

22 Notice something that is going well, even if today feels difficult

29 Choose a different route today and see what you notice

SUNDAY

2 Notice three things you find beautiful in the outside world

9 Take a full breath in and out before you reply to others

16 Get really absorbed with an interesting or creative activity

23 Tune into your feelings, without judging or trying to change them

30 Mentally scan your body and notice what it is feeling

MONDAY

3 Start today by appreciating your body and that you're alive

10 Get outside and notice how the weather feels on your face

17 Look around and spot three things you find unusual or pleasant

24 Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do

31 Discover the joy in the simple things of life

TUESDAY

4 Notice how you speak to yourself and choose to use kind words

11 Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee

18 Have a 'no plans' day and notice how that feels

25 Focus your attention on the good things you take for granted

32 Discover the joy in the simple things of life

WEDNESDAY

5 Bring to mind people you care about and send love to them

12 Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying

19 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today

26 Choose to spend less time looking at screens today

33 Discover the joy in the simple things of life

THURSDAY

6 If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down

13 Pause to watch the sky or clouds for a few minutes today

20 Focus on what makes you and others happy today

27 Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are

34 Discover the joy in the simple things of life

FRIDAY

7 Take three calm breaths at regular intervals during your day

14 Find ways to enjoy any chores or tasks that you do

21 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else

28 Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

Follow along with us this MINDFUL March

Try as many MINDFUL activities as you can with family!

School News



Toronto District School Board

@tdsb



☀️ From building friendships to discovering the joy of learning, the adventure begins here! Kindergarten registration is open for the 2025-26 school year.

Enroll today: tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten

**KINDERGARTEN
REGISTRATION
for English Programs
IS NOW OPEN**

The graphic features a grid of icons and photos on the left side, including: a stack of books, a child playing in a gym, a grid of letters A, B, C, D, E, an apple, a pencil, a child writing, a globe, a child in a winter coat, and the Toronto District School Board logo with 'ALT'.

Terra Cotta COOKIE CO.

Cookie Thursday YUM!

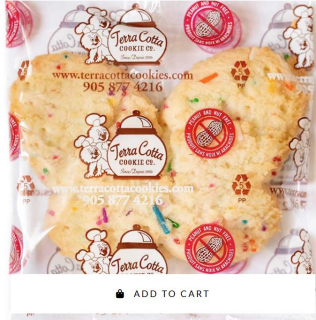
This week we will have our cookie fundraiser on Thursday.

This week's cookies are:

1. Fudge Chip DeLite
2. Funfetti DeLite
3. Vanilla Butterfly



Fudge Chip DeLite*



Vanilla Butterfly (Mar-Mar)



Funfetti DeLite*

Individual cookies will be sold for \$2.00 each!

All proceeds from this cookie sales will go towards purchasing new sports equipment for the physical education program and sports teams.



For cookie ingredients, please use the link below:

<https://terracottacookies.com/school-cookie-program/cookie-ingredients/>



This Week @ Roywood PS



Jacqueline Samuels

@TechTeacherJSam



[#Reading](#) is a foundation skill in children's literacy journey. Our [#kindergarteners](#) love this game of unscrambling words to form a sentence. They understand that the last word in the sentence has a punctuation mark and the first word begins with a capital.

[@TDSB_RoywoodPS](#)





Thanks to Mrs. Daye for creating this kindness wall.

Come on by and take a picture with you as the "I" in the word KIND!

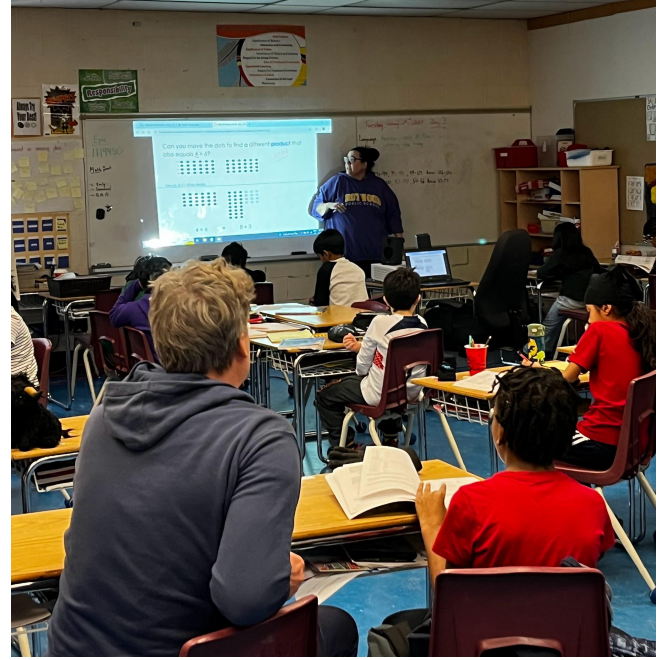
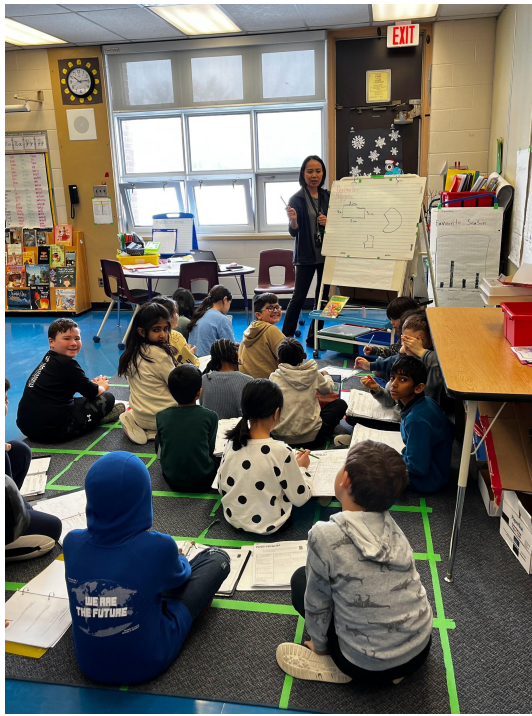
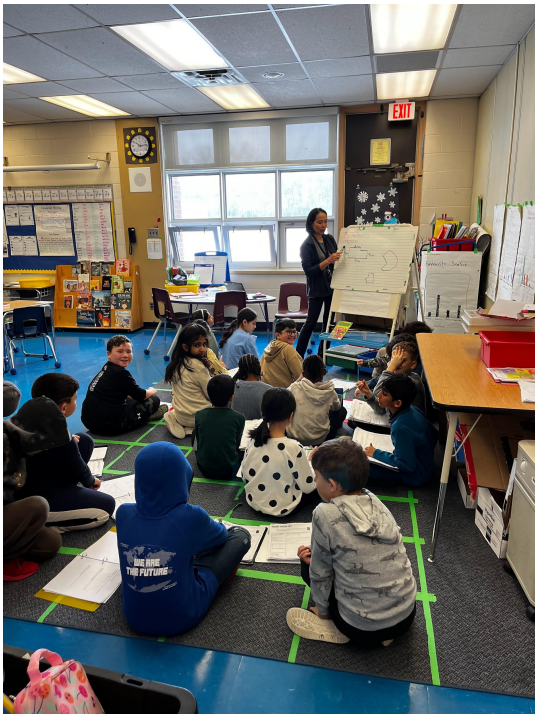
We love kindness at Roywood ❤️



A huge thank you to the volunteers at Wynford Group who planned and supported a Winter Pop Up for the students this past week!

Volunteers brought hot chocolate, dancing music, fun picture backdrops and a new pair of gloves for every student at Roywood. What a fun afternoon!!

We so appreciate the Wynford Group / Roywood partnership!!!



Math matters at Roywood PS! As a Math Priority School (as outlined by the ministry of education), we are fortunate to work with a Math Learning Partner and have access to professional learning for staff in the area of math!



Continued Learning for All

Students, Families & Staff

School Improvement Planning @ Roywood PS

Literacy Goal:

Through a structured literacy approach in Kindergarten to Grade 1 and a deeper application of the comprehensive literacy program in Grades 2-5, the students of Roywood will develop their confidence in decoding and comprehending texts at or above their expected grade level. We will focus on the most underserved students. Teachers will learn how to use phonological and phonemic screeners to develop instruction based on early reading needs. We will monitor three times a year using DRA and ongoing running records.

Math Goal:

By implementing evidence based numeracy strategies (high-impact instructional practices), we will improve student engagement, learning, and attitudes towards math. To accomplish this, we will support teachers to make instructional choices that help to eliminate disproportionate outcomes and to interrupt oppressive practices (e.g. provide explicit needs-based professional learning opportunities such as "Building Foundational Math Skills in the Early Years" and "Building Thinking Classrooms in Mathematics Through an Anti-Oppressive Lens", work with Math Learning Partner, etc.)



Community News

Joy as Resistance with Trey Anthony – Please share with school community

The Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement in collaboration with TDSB Mental Health and Wellbeing Professional Support Services, and Teachers Learning and Leading, will be hosting a session during Black Mental Health Week 2025 with award-winning playwright of 'Da Kink in My Hair', actor and wellness expert Trey Anthony.

Honouring the theme for this year, “Joy as Resistance”, we invite parents, caregivers, students (Gr. 7-12) and community members to join Trey virtually as she talks about the importance of cultivating joy and resilience in combating the systemic and personal impacts of anti-Black racism. Drawing from her personal journey and work, Trey will discuss how Black communities can reclaim power and triumph through joy in the face of adversity. She will delve into what mental health is and why it is important, and look at tools that individuals and communities can utilize to cultivate joy and resistance as we rise, heal, maintain, and thrive together.

Date: March 6, 2025 Time: 6 – 7:30 p.m. Location: Zoom (virtual)

Registration link: <https://bit.ly/3F9M6IJ>





We are pleased to inform you that there will be in-person and virtual spring sessions of the **ASD Afterschool Leisure Program which will run from March 25, 2025 – June 12, 2025**. The program is **available to students in Grades 4-10 who have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder**. This program provides an opportunity for students to develop, build and enhance their social -communication skills through either weekly in-person or weekly virtual sessions.

Please forward the attached letter which includes the link for registration to the parents of Grades 4 – 10 students with ASD in your schools. The registration period will remain open until Friday, March 7, 2025.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance. Any questions contact Special Education at SpecialEd@tdsb.on.ca.

Registration Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdDTAcooCOuWGt_G9bpC6ZXKJAm0052c9VpgUn6lr4Ecosdtg/viewform

February 2025

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Welcome to an exciting opportunity to participate in an After-School Leisure program for students with autism. This program is open to TDSB students in Grades 4 -10 with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

This program provides an opportunity for students to develop, build and enhance their social -communication skills through either weekly in-person or weekly virtual sessions. While participating in various leisure activities, students will engage in a variety of cooperative activities that will focus on developing and improving skills in the areas of turn-taking, communicating thoughts and feelings, engaging with others, building empathy for others as well as learning how to identify their personal feelings and apply appropriate strategies to regulate their feelings and behaviours.

An important goal of the program is for students to learn a variety of leisure/recreation type activities that they will feel confident doing at home, at school or in the community. Parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to take part in our scheduled meetings and to practice the various leisure activities together. Activities will be led by qualified teachers who will reinforce Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) Instructional Methods throughout the sessions.

The program is being offered both in-person and virtual settings. Students are required to choose their preferred setting and stay with their choice for the duration of the program.

The Virtual Program

This program will run **every Tuesday** from March 25, 2025 to June 10, 2025 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Please note that to participate in this program, students will need access to a device as well as internet connection.

If you are interested in the Virtual Program for your child, please complete [this registration form](#) (click to access) by Friday, March 7, 2025.

The In-Person Program:

The in-person sessions will run **every Thursday** from March 27, 2025 to June 12, 2025. Sessions will run from 6:00 -7:30 p.m. at the following locations:

- 1 CR Marchant MS - 1 Ralph St, York
- 2 Charlottetown Public School, 85 Charlottetown Blvd. Scarborough
- 3 Duke of Connaught PS - 70 Woodfield Rd, Toronto
4. James S. Bell JM Sports and Wellness Academy - 90 Thirty First St., Etobicoke
5. Shaughnessy Public School – 30 Shaughnessy Blvd., North York

If you are interested in the In-Person Program for your child, please complete [this registration form](#) (click to access) by Friday, March 7, 2025.

Please see the flyer for Sunflower Developmental Services March Break Camp.

Contact information is included on the flyer!



REGISTER TODAY !!!

SPRING BREAK

MARCH 10- 14, 2025

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE

**LEARN SKILLS YOU NEED TO
"ENHANCE YOUR QUALITY OF LIFE"**

INTERACTIVE SOCIAL GROUPS

HOURS: MONDAY- FRIDAY 9AM- 3PM
EXTENDED HOURS AVAILABLE

ALL AGES (3 & UP)
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
OAP FUNDING APPROVED
LIFE & SOCIAL SKILLS-
PROGRAMMING AVAILABLE

- STRUCTURE/
ROUTINES
- TASK ORIENTED
- GOAL SPECIFIC
- MODIFIED
ACTIVITIES

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TRANSITIONS SUPPORTS

A resource guide for parents/guardians/caregivers

Welcome to the TDSB Transitions Supports Site!

This site is designed to support you, as a parent, guardian or caregiver, in navigating your child's transitions.

Staff are committed to partnering with you to ensure your child's success during these important times of change.

Click here to access the Transitions Supports website:

<https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/transition-support-public-supp/transition-support-home>

Dear Families

*Bring your little ones to the EarlyON program to play together
while experiencing snow and sand. They love this special sensory
activity.*

Everyone Is Welcome !



*Roywood EarlyON Contact Info:
Center Coordinator: Maria Rusu
Phone: 416-395-2830
Mon. to Fri. 8:30a.m. - 12:30p.m.*

**Early
ON**
Child and Family Centre

Connecting with the School

Office Hours 8:00am - 4:00pm

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