



## Roywood News Online #25

Sunday, March 17th, 2024

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

# Appreciation

We would like to take the time to thank Mr. Pink for filling in for Mr. Perera while he was away! We appreciate your commitment to students and your partnership with staff. Thank you for joining the Roywood family for the past couple of months. We would also like to welcome back Mr. Perera who will be returning to the classroom on Monday, March 18th! Yey! Welcome back Mr. Perera!!! We missed you!!!

Thank you to Mr. Mike for taking care of the school while we were all away on March Break. Thank you for keeping the school shiny and clean!!!



# Upcoming Events

- Mar. 17th - St. Patrick's Day
- Mar. 21st - Kindergarten Trip to the Royal Ontario Museum
- Mar. 25th - Gift of Sight Vision Screening Day
- Mar. 29th - Good Friday Holiday
- Apr. 1st - Easter Monday Holiday
- Apr. 2nd - School Advisory Council Meeting
- Apr. 5th - Graduation Photo Day

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.





*Back to school*

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**WELCOME**

We hope that all of the Roywood community had a wonderful March Break!

We can't wait to see you all on Monday morning at 8:40aa.m.!!!

# School News

# Kindergarten Registration Has Opened for 2024/2025!



Welcome to  
**KINDERGARTEN**

Kindergarten registration has opened up for the 2024/2024 school year!

Children who will be four by December 31, 2024, can start Junior Kindergarten in September 2024.

Please click the link to get more information on how to register your child today:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/EarlyYears/KindergartenMonth>





**Please consider  
donating to our  
Nutrition Program!**



**Scan the QR Code  
with your phone  
camera:**



**or go to [tfss.ca/donate/schoolsites-snp](https://tfss.ca/donate/schoolsites-snp)**

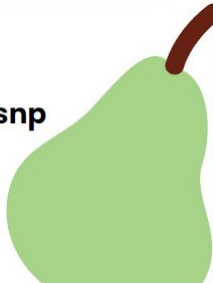
**The Nutrition  
Program helps  
with:**

Student focus and energy.

Student leadership and  
responsibility.

Fruit and vegetable intake.

Community building.



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

Your donations count!!

Tax receipts will be issued  
for donations \$20 and over!



# It is sick season!

Please keep children home if they have any COVID-19 or RSV symptoms. Please use this questionnaire to help determine next steps for yourself or your child.

At Roywood, we are committed to keeping all students as healthy as possible and ask that you do not send your children to school when they are sick.

At school, if we notice any symptoms we will be calling home to discuss with a family member.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.



## Stay Home if You Have Symptoms

Screen yourself/your child for COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses using this questionnaire. If you answer YES to any of the questions, stay home and follow guidance provided.

September 1, 2023

1. Do you have any of these new or worsening symptoms?\* ☐ Yes ☐ No

A) One or more:



Fever  $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$  and/or chills



Cough



Sore throat



Headache



Feeling very tired



Trouble breathing



Decrease or loss of taste/smell



Runny nose/nasal congestion



Muscle aches/joint pain



Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea

B) Two or more:

2. Have you tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 10 days and have symptom(s)? ☐ Yes ☐ No



If "YES" to Q.1 or 2 Stay home (self-isolate)



Follow extra measures

3. Do you have only one symptom from 1(B) OR any of the following new or worsening symptoms?\*

• Abdominal pain • Pink eye • Decreased or no appetite ☐ Yes ☐ No



If "YES" Stay home until your symptom(s) is improving for 24 hours (48 hours for nausea/vomiting/diarrhea) and you do not have any new symptoms

### Stay home (self-isolate) if you are sick:

Stay home until you have no fever and your symptoms are improving for at least 24 hours (or 48 hours if nausea/vomiting/diarrhea).

Anyone who is feeling sick or has any new or worsening symptoms of illness, including those not listed, stay home until symptoms are improving and seek assessment if needed.

### Follow extra measures: For 10 days after the start of symptoms:



Wear a well-fitted mask in all public settings (including schools/child care, unless <2 years of age).



Avoid non-essential activities where you take off your mask (e.g., playing an instrument in music class or during sports or dining out).



Do not visit people or settings (e.g. hospitals, long-term care homes) at higher risk, including where there are seniors or those who are immunocompromised.

This tool is consistent with [provincial self-assessment tool](#).

\*If the symptom is from a known health condition that gives you the symptom, select "No." If the symptom is new, different or getting worse, select "Yes." If there is mild tiredness, sore muscles or joints within 48 hours after a COVID-19 or flu vaccine, select "No."





Cookie Thursday  
YUM!

**This week we will NOT be offering cookies.**

**Cookie sales will return next week → Thursday, March 28th**

For cookie ingredients, please use the link below:

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



# School CashOnline - ACTION ITEM

Roywood PS is going CASHLESS. Please take some time to create an account in School CashOnline to be able to pay for field trips, lunches, spirit wear and any other school items while you are at Roywood PS.

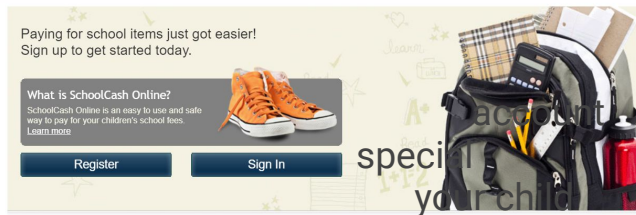
All of the TDSB is moving towards becoming cashless schools so that children do not have to bring money to school (with the chance of it getting lost), schools do not have to hold a lot of money (with a chance of it getting lost) and to keep up with the ever changing times of the world.

Please use the following link to create your account today!

## School Cash Online Links:

<https://tdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>

[School Cash Online - Sign Up Instructions](#)



# Mindful March 2024

MONDAY



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

TUESDAY



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

WEDNESDAY



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

THURSDAY



7 Take three calm breaths at regular intervals during your day

FRIDAY

1 Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness

SATURDAY

2 Notice three things you find beautiful in the outside world

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

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

15 Stop. Breathe. Notice. Repeat regularly

16 Get really absorbed with an interesting or creative activity

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

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

19 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today

20 Focus on what makes you and others happy today  
[dayofhappiness.net](http://dayofhappiness.net)

21 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else

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

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

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

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

26 Choose to spend less time looking at screens today

27 Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are

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

29 Choose a different route today and see what you notice

30 Mentally scan your body and notice what it is feeling

31 Discover the joy in the simple things of life

Follow along with us this Mindful March month.

Try as many MINDFUL activities as you can with family!

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

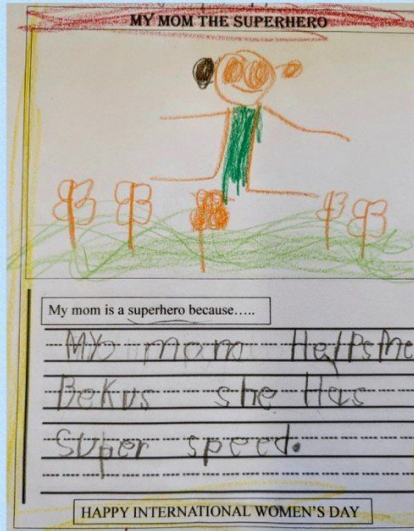
Happier · Kinder · Together



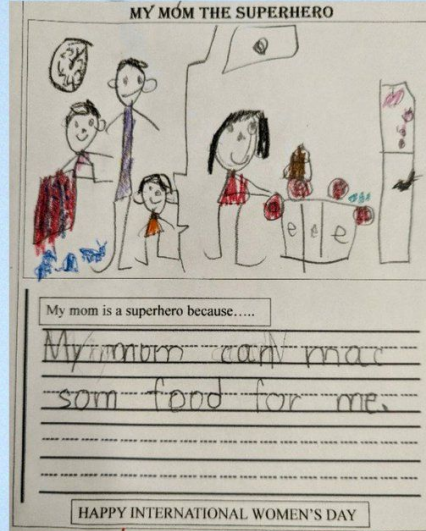


This Week @ Roywood PS

# International Women's Day



"My Mom helps me because she has super speed "



"My Mom can make some food for me."



Jacqueline Samuels  
@TechTeacherJSam

For [#InternationalWomensDay2024](#) we read the book "My Mom is a Superhero." Students wrote about their mom. Happy [#International\\_Womens\\_Day](#) to all the hardworking women in our school family. [@TDSB\\_RoywoodPS](#)



♥ GIVE ♥  
♥ YOURSELF ♥  
PERMISSION  
♥ TO REST ♥





# 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



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# NEWSLETTER

## Community Support Worker Update



### UPCOMING WEBINARS

- ▶ **Income Tax Basics – What You Need to Know**  
Learn about income taxes, credits and benefits, small business and more  
Tuesday, March 5, 2024 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm – [Register here](#)
- ▶ **Building Mathematical Minds (Part 2)**  
Supporting your child in acquiring math skills for success  
Wednesday, March 6, 2024 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm – [Register here](#)
- ▶ **TDsb Special Education and Inclusion Session 2**  
I.E.P.'s, Transitions, Partnerships and Resources for families  
Wednesday, March 6, 2024 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm – [Join here](#)



### FRIENDLY REMINDERS

**Mid-Winter Break**  
– March 11 to 15, 2024

**Good Friday**  
– March 29, 2024



[www.tdsbHUB.ca](http://www.tdsbHUB.ca)

### MARCH BREAK PROGRAMS

Monday, March 11 to Friday, March 15 is March Break for elementary and high school students in Toronto. The City of Toronto offers many free and affordable activities for students and their families that week. Click [here](#) for more information.



March 2024

### THE GLOBE AND MAIL\*

## PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN SCHOOL HELPS CHILDREN REACH THEIR PERSONAL BEST

"Getting to know our students and their families is also an important aspect of the community connections that we integrate within our junior kindergarten to Grade 12 environments. It reinforces the idea that educators, parents and students all play an important role in student development," **Carol Steven**

Click [here](#) to read the article.

### TEACHER FEATURE

Hello, my name is Julie Patterson, and I am a kindergarten teacher at John McCrae Public School. From the very first day of school, we work to actively foster partnerships with parents. We welcome parents to volunteer in our classroom and offer them opportunities to share from their unique lived experiences. This collaborative approach helps to cultivate a vibrant atmosphere, a synergy between home and school, and a cohesive support system for our students. Additionally, our weekly Monday Memo serves as a valuable tool for keeping parents informed about the amazing learning activities in our classroom. View the Monday Memo [here](#).



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# Brainfuse



## Description

Online homework help for students in grades K-12 offered daily from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Also includes practice tests, support for adult learners, writing assistance, skills building and more.

Live Tutoring	Writing Lab	Skill Surfer	Send Questions	Language Lab
Live online help from experts	Expert online writing assistance	A library of lessons, videos, tests and more	Send a question and receive an expert reply	Live help for language learners

**Featured Service: Chess Tutoring!**

More resources @ [tpl.ca/kids](http://tpl.ca/kids)

# Learning Express



- Math skills
- Reading & comprehension
- Writing & Grammar
- Social Studies
- Vocabulary & Spelling
- High School Entrance Exams



## Grades 4–8 Educator Resources

Skill-building lessons and practice for guiding young learners.



## High School Students

Skill-building resources for classroom and homework success.

*More Resource @ [tpl.ca/kids](http://tpl.ca/kids)*

# Mango Languages



- Improve your English
- Learn a new language
- Over 70 language courses
- Online tutorials & interactive lessons
- Tracks your progress



### Learn with Conversations

Learn with practical conversation-based methodology. Culture and grammar notes provide context and insights.



### Practice Pronunciation and Speaking

Practice speaking the answers to our strategically placed quiz slides. Interact with a word or line to access pronunciation tools.



### Compare Your Voice

Record your voice and then align it to compare it to the native speaker.



### Recognize Patterns

Semantic color mapping reveals the relationship between languages.

*Find more resources @ [tpl.ca](http://tpl.ca)*



## Community Fridges Toronto

Click the link for more information:

<https://communityfridgesto.org/>

**FOOD IS A RIGHT.  
EVERYONE DESERVES  
ACCESS TO SAFE, HEALTHY  
FOOD.**

Community Fridges TO is a Toronto-based mutual aid initiative created to nourish our communities and our neighbours. We firmly believe access to food is a right, not a privilege.

These refrigerators provide neighbours the opportunity to donate food as well as take what they need, ensuring accessible food 24/7.

DON'T LEAVE IT ~ IF YOU WOULDN'T EAT IT, DON'T LEAVE IT ~ IF YOU WOULDN'T EAT IT, DON'T LE

COMMUNITY FRIDGES TORONTO

Events About Get Involved Partners Resources

MAKE A DONATION

**TAKE WHAT YOU NEED,  
LEAVE WHAT YOU CAN**



*Dear Families,*

*The EarlyON drop-in program is closed during March Break,  
March 11, 2024 to March 15, 2024. The centre will re-open its doors on  
Monday, March 18, 2024.  
Everyone Is Welcome To Join!*



**Roywood EarlyON Contact Info:**  
**Phone: 416-395-2830**  
**Mon. to Fri. 8:30am - 12:00pm**

**Early  
ON**  
Child and Family Centre

# Connecting with the School

Office Hours 8:00am - 4:00pm

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Patricia-Anne De Silva

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