

# ROYWOOD SCHOOL



## Roywood News Online #23

Sunday, March 23rd, 2025

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# 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.

# Parking & Traffic Control Volunteers Requested


**Volunteers Needed!**

FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING ON WEEKDAYS 8:30-9:00

**TRAFFIC CONTROL**

A safe and efficient school drop-off system needs community collaboration. We invite our Roywood Community Caregivers to help with traffic control. Volunteers can direct vehicles and prioritize access for school buses, staff, and caregivers with disabilities. Working together, we can create a smoother, organized drop-off experience, ensuring students arrive safely and on time.

Please Contact the Parent Council via Whatsapp for more information!



# Appreciation

Thank you to all the families that continue to support fundraising efforts put on by the school and allow students to participate in cookie day, special lunches and so much more! :D We appreciate all of you!

Thank you to families for your cooperation and understanding where it comes to the Roywood parking lot and driveway. We appreciate cars staying out of the Roywood parking lot - it has been very helpful for student bussing and staff morning entry.



# Upcoming Events

- Mar. 25 - Apr. 25 → Seed & Supply Drop Off for Cultural Diversity Garden (more details see slide below)
- Mar. 27 - Cookie Day - \$2.00 per cookie
- Apr. 2 - Grade  $\frac{3}{4}$  & Grade  $\frac{1}{2}$  Classes to Black Creek Pioneer Village
- Apr. 3 - School Advisory Council Meeting @ 9:15 a.m. - Staffroom
- Apr. 4 - Spring Graduation Photo Day with Edge Imaging
- Apr. 7 - Vision Clinic @ Charles Gordon PS - for select students
- Apr. 11 - Community Exchange Event @ 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Cultural Diversity Garden (details below)
- Apr. 18 - Good Friday Holiday (school closed)
- Apr. 19 - Graduation Day Re-Take (**Off Site - Registration Required**)
- Apr. 21 - Easter Monday Holiday (school closed)
- Apr. 22 - Swim to Survive Session #1 - Grade 4 students
- Apr. 25 - Pizza Lunch for Students - see Cash Online to order
- Apr. 25 - Community Exchange Event @ 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Cultural Diversity Garden (details below)
- Apr. 29 - Swim to Survive Session #2 - Grade 4 students
- May 6 - Swim to Survive Session #3 - Grade 4 students
- May 7 - Educational Career Day/Open House @ Wynford Group - Grade  $\frac{1}{2}$  Class
- May 19 - Victoria Day Holiday (school closed)

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.td  
sb.on.ca/roywood/Sc  
hool-Calendar](https://schoolweb.td.sb.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](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

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Follow along with us this MINDFUL March

Try as many MINDFUL activities as you can with family!

# School News

# Graduation Picture Day: April 4th, 2025 - AM

Students are suggested to wear a white collared shirt for under the graduation gown.

If your child will be absent on April 4th or you do not like the original picture, you can register for the retake photo day, which will be off site (**not at Roywood PS**) and take your child for a new picture at the Edge Studio. **Registration is REQUIRED.**

Register using this link:

<https://edgeimaging.ca/en/studio-day-disclaimer-2/>



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## STUDIO DAY DISCLAIMER – TORONTO

I agree to the disclaimer below.

By selecting agree, you acknowledge that Edge Imaging cannot guarantee that the Graduation image(s) photographed during this Studio Day session will be included within the Yearbook or on the Graduation Class Composite.

Submit

**Retake date:  
April 19th, 2025**

## JUNIOR MILESTONE PHOTOS CELEBRATE THIS MOMENT

Visit [photoday.edgeimaging.ca](http://photoday.edgeimaging.ca) to get photo dates and register for reminders



### Showcase Your Best Smile

- A white collared shirt with a tie makes a classic look, but wear whatever makes you feel great!
- Your photographer will take 4 photos, a selection of over 200 backgrounds will be available to view once proofs arrive.  
\*Photos will be taken either with or without a gown, depending on school policies
- Approximately 2 weeks after photo day, your proofs will arrive at school. Please place your order online at [edgeimaging.ca/order](http://edgeimaging.ca/order)



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# SEND IN YOUR BATTERIES AND HELP US WIN!



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We are super excited that Roywood will be participating in the **Earth Rangers Battery Blitz Contest** this March, sponsored by [Recycle Your Batteries, Canada!](https://www.recycleyourbatteries.ca/)

The School Mission is to recycle as many used batteries as you can by encouraging students, parents, staff, and community members to bring them into your school and deposit them in the **Recycle Your Batteries, Canada!** collection boxes in each homeroom class.

The contest begins on **March 3, 2025** and participating schools will have 6 weeks to collect used batteries. The contest ends on **April 11, 2025** and all batteries must be shipped by April 18<sup>th</sup>.

The top 7 schools in your province that collect the most batteries (by weight) will win cash prizes.

For more information on the contest including rules and regulations please visit: <https://www.earthrangers.com/batteryblitzschoolcontest/>

Please help us to collect as many old batteries as possible and help Roywood win a **CASH PRIZE!**







# Sowing the Seeds of Diversity and Heritage!



Dear Parents, Staff, and Community Members - We're excited to launch a Heritage Seeds and Plants Drive to create a vibrant Cultural and Diversity Garden at our school! This garden will be a symbol of our community's diversity and heritage, showcasing a variety of plants and flowers that reflect our different cultures and traditions. Sensory garden and heritage pathway will be a highlight of our garden.

## How You Can Help:

- Donate heritage seeds or plants that hold cultural significance to you and your family.
- Share stories and traditions behind the plants you donate.
- Donate unused old garden supplies such as planters, pots, trellis, fertilizer, etc to our school garden
- Donate your children's old boots, used wading pool, sensory table, raised water stations to add character to our recycled school garden.
- Volunteer to help us plant and maintain the garden.

## Why It Matters:

- Preserves cultural heritage and traditions.
- Promotes diversity, inclusivity, and cross-cultural understanding.
- Provides a unique learning and fun experience for our students.

**Drop-off Location:** Cardboard box placed opposite to the Principal's office. From March 24th till April 25th.

**Contact for more details:** Priya Rajendiran (Whatsapp Preferred)

Let's come together to create a beautiful and meaningful garden that celebrates our diversity and heritage!

Thank you for your support!

Best regards,

Parent Council.





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☀️ 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](https://tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten)



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

The graphic features a grid of colorful icons and photos on the left side, including: a stack of books, a young boy in a blue shirt, a girl with a pencil, a globe, and the Toronto District School Board logo with 'ALT' (Alternative Learning Techniques) text. The background is a solid blue color.



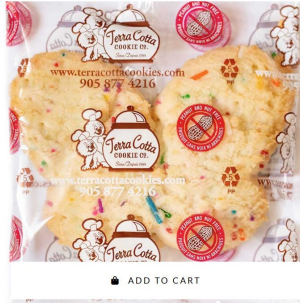
# Terra Cotta COOKIE CO.

## 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-Mav)

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

# Nowruz



**Jacqueline Samuels**

@TechTeacherJSam



It's the 1st day of [#Spring](#). It is also the Persian New Year and some friends in our school are celebrating Nowruz.

[#Nowruz](#) 🌱 means "New Day." It marks new beginnings and hope ahead. Our class painted a [#Sabzeh](#) which symbolizes rebirth and growth.

[#Kindergarten](#) @TDSB\_RoywoodPS



**Steve Salfarlie** 🇧🇯 @SteveSalfarlie · Mar 19



My most favourite thing. 🙏 #fatherfigures @TDSB\_RoywoodPS @Equity48  
@frajwani @MoePerera @PrincipalPegg @CSWBCLION19 @TDSB\_CSW  
@TDSB\_MHWP





**Jacqueline Samuels** @TechTeacherJSam · Mar 17

It is [#StPatricksDay](#) and we are talking about the things we are lucky to have. Happy St. Patrick's Day to the families in our school celebrating this special day.

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The students had a great time learning about and celebrating St. Patrick's day and creating posters for their classrooms, families and friends!



# 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





# 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

Visit the EarlyON program Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to play with your children and make new friends. From 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. is the time to connect individually with the parent worker regarding any interests or concerns you may have.

**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

## Office Administrator

Patricia-Anne De Silva

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