



## Roywood News Online #5

Sunday, October 1st, 2023

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

# Appreciation

Thank you to all the families that came to the Welcome Back Breakfast last week Tuesday and for showing support to the school! For those of you who couldn't make it out, no problem - there will be many opportunities for you to get involved with the school if you would like to! :)

This Tuesday, October 3rd - we will be hosting the first School Advisory Council meeting at 8:45am to 9:45am. We will be hosting elections at this time to begin the new executive council for the 2023-2024 school year! All are welcome and encouraged to join if you can!




Thank You!



# Upcoming Events

- Oct. 3 - School Advisory Council Meeting @ 8:45 a.m. - Staffroom
- Oct. 4 - Terry Fox Walk/Run/Roll in the afternoon
- Oct. 5 - Terry Fox Walk/Run/Roll - Rain Date - in the afternoon
- **Oct. 6 - P.A. Day - no school for students**
- Oct. 17-19 - X-Other Program for Students with X-Movement
- Oct. 24 - Picture Day
- Nov. 23 - Picture Retake Day

The school bell rings at 8:40am! Please make sure to be at school on time. 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.





# Reporting Student Absences

Thank you for reporting student absences daily. We ask that you **please call the school before the start of the day (before 8:30am)** when you know that your child will be absent from school on any particular day.

This is very helpful for us and stops safe arrival system from calling you multiple times a day. Thank you so much - we appreciate your cooperation!

**Roywood Safe Arrival # 416-395-2830**

# Drop Off & Pick Up at Roywood PS



**Please be aware that the school parking lot is for 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!



# School News

# Allergies and Sensitivities

Please be reminded that schools are nut free facilities.

We have many students with nut allergies and food sensitivities. Lunch items such as peanut butter, nutella or hazelnut spreads, peanuts or other tree nuts are not to be sent to school for lunch or snack.

We want to keep everyone safe at Roywood!

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!



# Food and Celebrations

The Roywood Public School community celebrates the birthdays of students by announcing their birthday over the announcements. We also encourage family to donate a book to the classroom to honour their child's birthday and the teacher will read it to the class, or family can prepare a gift bag (e.g., stickers, pencils, erasers) to be given to each child in the class that can be handed out at the end of the day. **We ask that food items such as birthday cake, pizza and chips not be sent to school as many children have allergies and/or food restrictions. Food that is sent to school with students for this purpose will be returned unopened.** Many children have allergies to particular food products. Some children are severely allergic to peanut products (e.g. peanut butter). Even a small amount of exposure through touch or air can be fatal within minutes. **Nuts, eggs, soy, fish, shellfish, wheat, milk, sesame seeds and sulphites are also known to cause severe reactions for some students and staff.** In addition, many families like to the diet of their children.






# Beginning of the Year Forms & Data Verification Forms

As it is the start of the year, there are many forms to complete to make sure that the school has up-to-date contact information, medical information, and more for the current school year.

The TDSB sends out beginning of the year forms via email that includes medical forms, excursion forms, physical activity forms and more. These forms are very important to complete (especially the medical forms) so that the school has current and accurate information for your child.

**If you have not yet completed the important beginning of the year forms, please do so ASAP. Thank you for your cooperation!**



# 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.

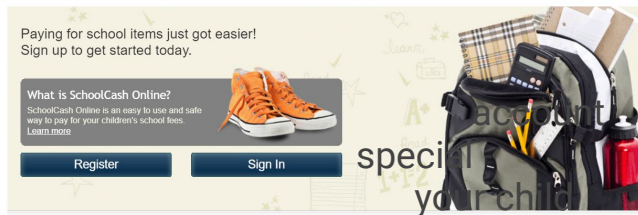
All of the TDSB is moving towards becoming cashless schools so that children do not have to bring money to school (with the chance of it getting lost), schools do not have to hold a lot of money (with a chance of it getting lost) and to keep up with the ever changing times of the world.

Please use the following link to create your account today!

## School Cash Online Links:

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

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



# Terry Fox Run, Walk & Roll - Wednesday, October 4th at 1:30 p.m.

**\* Rain Date: Oct. 5th \***

All students are invited to go outside with their class at 1:30 p.m. with water bottles for some warm up stretches and cheers before the event begins. Students and staff will run, walk or roll around the back soccer field 15 minutes. Mr. Ticmanis will then lead a cool down set of stretches!

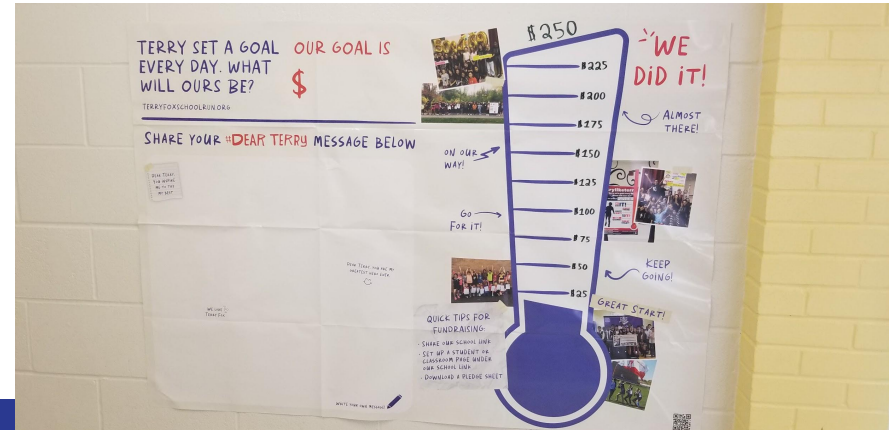
Students are reminded that if they get tired, they can take a break, drink some water to stay hydrated or slow their pace for a few minutes. Students will be decorating Terry Fox sneakers and recording who they are walking, running or rolling for and we will be making a Terry Shoe Train around the school. Students will also receive temporary Terry tattoos the day of the event. Looking forward to another great Terry Fox Run!

Roywood PS is collecting donations for the Terry Fox Foundation and Canadian Cancer Research. Donations can be made using our unique fundraising link at <http://www.terryfox.ca/RoywoodPSNorthYork> or sending a Toonie for Terry to the classroom teacher. We are hoping to fundraise \$250.00! :)

Mr. Ticmanis

Roywood Public School

Health & Physical Education Teacher





This Week @ Roywood PS

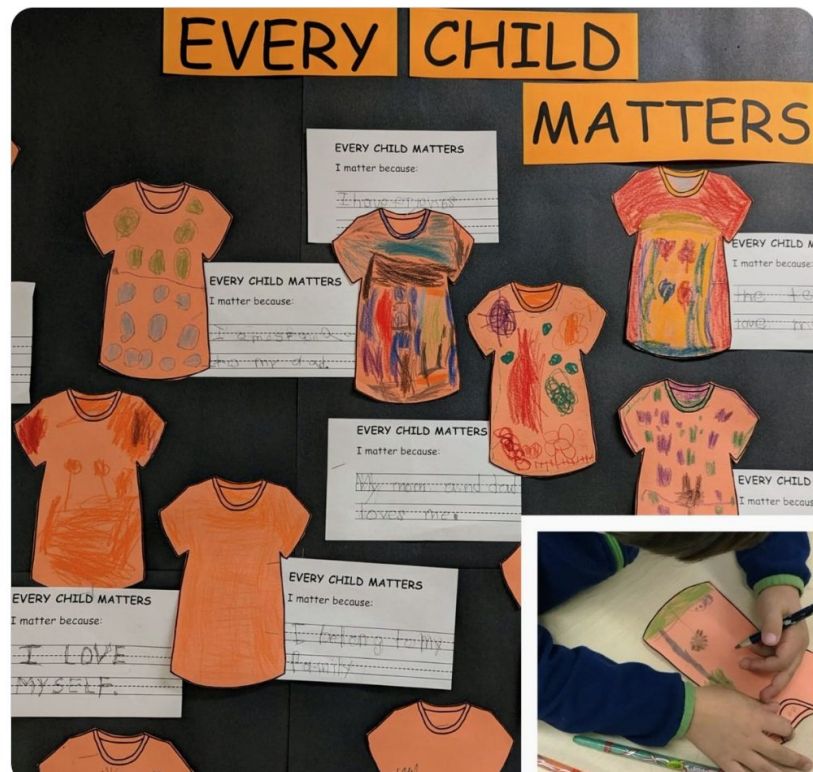


Jacqueline Samuels

@TechTeacherJSam



#OrangeShirtDay gives us an opportunity to have a rich discussion with students about how and why they matter. Let us continue to give our students a safe space to express themselves. #kindergarten #studentvoice @TDSB\_RoywoodPS #TruthAndReconciliation





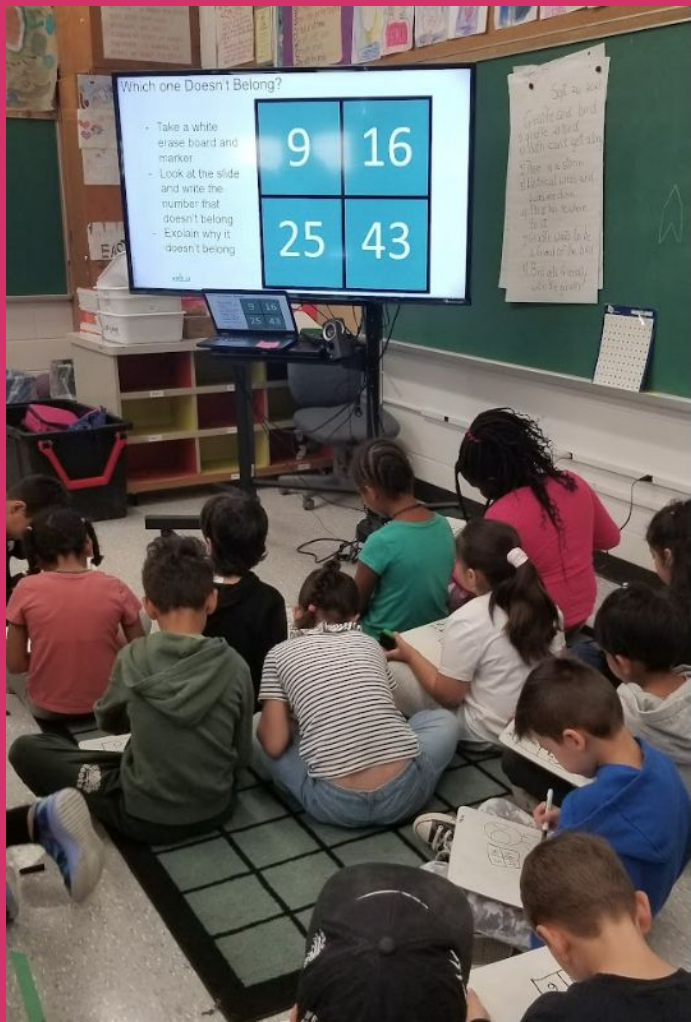
**Roywood P.S.**

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We love dots! Check out the spotty creations from the kindergarten students in Room 104! [#msliu2](#) [#roywoodrocks](#)





Students in Grade 2/3 have been building their math thinking by identifying and justifying "What doesn't belong?" Can you challenge your child at home to explain what doesn't belong in a group of items that you choose for them? [#buildingthinkingclassrooms](#) [#mathmatters](#)  
[@MoePerera](#)



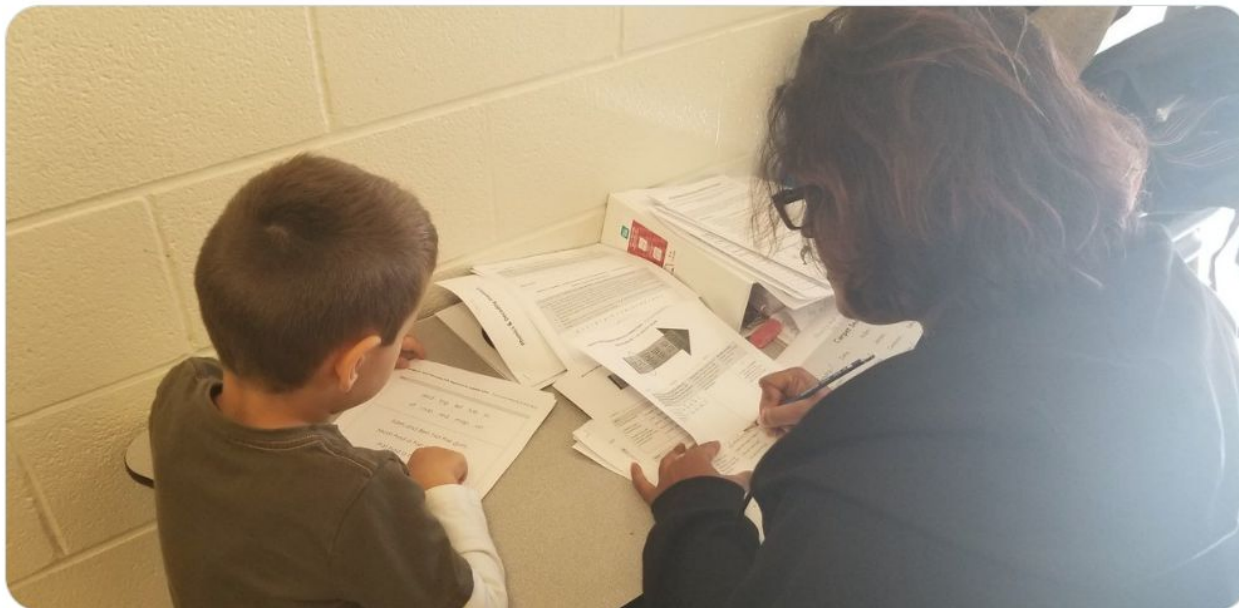


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Reading everyday with students is very important at Roywood.  
Conducting Running Records helps educators to know which reading skills students are mastering and which skills need some extra practice!  
[#roywoodrocks](#) [#roywoodcommunity](#) [#readingrewards](#)





Students and staff recognized and honoured National Truth and Reconciliation day on September 29th through classroom conversations, read-alouds, awareness activities and wearing orange.  
[#roywoodrocks](#) [#NationalDayforTruthandReconciliation](#) [#wearorange](#)





# Continued Learning for All

Students, Families & Staff

# School Improvement Planning @ Roywood PS

We are focusing on including more student voice into classroom programming and throughout the school. Some of the ways that we are doing this is through:

- Offering student choice in presentation formats
- Virtual announcements each day with students included
- Sharing resources and books that are representative of the Roywood school community
- Listening to using student opinion on intramural ideas, graduation ideas, classroom setup, etc.
- And more...

We are also focusing on classroom environment to help us use the walls in our classrooms as a third teacher. Some of the ways that we are doing this is through:

- Learning goals and success criteria posted on walls for students to know and understand
- Creating print rich environments for students to learn from
- Including many faces and images of people from many different cultural backgrounds
- And more...



# Community News

## **ONLINE Tutoring (Students Grades 1-12)**

8-week Schedule: September 26 – November 16

Tuesdays and/or Thursday 4:00pm-5:30pm

No cost to TDSB students - \$40 for non-TDSB students

## **ONSITE Tutoring**

8-week Schedule: September 30 – November 25

Saturdays 10am – 1pm

No cost to TDSB students - \$50 for non-TDSB students

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## **STEM**

8-week Schedule: September 30-November 25

Saturdays 1:30-2:30pm (Students in Grades 4-8)

Fee: \$80 per child

## **CODING**

8-week Schedule: September 30-November 25

Saturdays 3:00-4:00pm (Students in Grades 4-8)

Fee: \$80 per child

## **The Reading Partnership (TRP)**


**Fall Program, September 30 to December 2**

For students 4-6 ages

Use this link <https://tropicanacommunity.org/rpp/>

For question and registration please email  
[registration@tropicanacommunity.org](mailto:registration@tropicanacommunity.org) and  
[mharesh@tropicanacommunity.org](mailto:mharesh@tropicanacommunity.org)



 Mark your calendars! Our annual Parents & Caregivers as Partners Conference returns on October 21 and 22. Join us virtually or in-person to discover new strategies to support your child throughout the school year. More info: [parentsaspartners.ca](https://parentsaspartners.ca) #TDSBParentConf



# **PARENTS & CAREGIVERS** **as PARTNERS**

*Joy in the Journey of Learning*

**In-Person and Virtual Conference 2023**



**ALT**



# Raise a Reader

Part 1

Wednesday, October 11  
6:30-8:00 PM (on Zoom)

Learn strategies to  
make reading fun,  
while building  
fluency, confidence  
and joy as a reader

*Inviting all K-Grade 8  
TDSB families  
(including French  
Immersion K-2)*



Presenters:

Gail Bedeau-Hopkinson,  
Holly Bruyea,  
Laurel Eisenberg,  
Laurel Mouland,  
Lorraine Valentine,  
Mubarak Baker,  
Onika Brown, Sharon Mittal,  
Soyini Chaderton-Downes,  
Troy Langevine,  
Uloma Onyido, Tisha Ray,  
Stephanie Wong

[Click here to register](#)

Scan to Register



*If you have any questions,  
please call Donna Cardoza -  
Community Support Worker, LC3  
(647) 403-5821  
donna.cardoza@tdsbon.ca*







Parent/  
Caregiver  
Workshop

# Digital Media Literacy Skills in the Age of AI



It can be challenging to sort fact from fiction online, and an increase in hate speech, alongside ChatGPT and other artificial intelligence tools, have made it even harder.



This virtual workshop is designed to help parents and caregivers learn simple skills for spotting misinformation in the context of social media platforms and AI.



Two available date options:

- Thursday, October 12th from 6:30 – 7:30PM
- Wednesday, October 18th from 6:30 – 7:30PM

To register, visit: <https://CTRL-F-TDSB.eventbrite.ca>

Please note: registration is free and will be limited to 300 spots

## PRESENTERS



**Kim Davidson** is a teacher-librarian and digital media literacy specialist who has been with TDSB for 22 years. She is also a member of CIVIX's Board of Directors.



**Ken Boyd** is Director of Education at CIVIX, a charity dedicated to building the habits and skills of active and informed citizenship among youth.

Parents/Caregivers,

We invite you to a free online session to learn about digital media literacy skills so you can understand and better support your child to use technology for learning, identify misinformation and help stop the spread of online hate.

The TDSB is partnering with Civix to offer this valuable learning opportunity to TDSB families via Zoom.

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Wednesday, October 18th from 6:30 - 7:30PM

Registration is required at:

<https://CTRL-F-TDSB.eventbrite.ca>

Please note that registration is free and will be limited to 300 participants on a first come, first served basis, so please register early.

This virtual workshop is designed to help parents/caregivers learn simple skills for verifying online information, in this era of social media and artificial intelligence such as ChatGPT.



**TDSB Social Workers**  
**present**



# Virtual Community Fair

For Parents/Caregivers of Children, Youth and Young Adults with Special or Complex Needs



JOIN ON YOUR COMPUTER, MOBILE APP

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE MEETING](#)

MEETING ID: 255 846 447 429

PASSCODE: 3BWFVF

[DOWNLOAD TEAMS](#) | [JOIN ON THE WEB](#)

**Meet with TDSB Professional Support Services and Special Needs and Inclusion Consultants who provide services for your child/youth/young adult with Special /Complex needs.**

- Occupational Therapist & Physiotherapist
- Speech and Language Pathologist
- Special Needs and Inclusion
- Social Worker
- Psychologist

For Any Questions Call :

Larena Case:  
416-570-3314

Maria Antonio Aymerich:  
416-524-1930

Email: [virtualfairinfo@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:virtualfairinfo@tdsb.on.ca)

## TDSB Social Workers Virtual Community Fair

Please click on the flyer to join the meeting!



## Red Cross Babysitting Course

(with first aid & CPR)

Offered by Stayin Alive with First Aid, CPR & AED

COURSE NOW OFFERED IN PERSON

October 6th, PA Day (8:30am to 3:30pm)

For youth in grades 5, 6, 7 and 8

Caregiver and first aid skills for youth in grades 5 to 8.

Participants learn how to manage difficult behaviour, recognize and prevent unsafe situations, how to care for babies and children, and leadership skills. Babysitting promises to deepen and enhance the responsibility that older youth feel when caring for younger children. The curriculum includes new science for giving appropriate care in an emergency.

Babysitting course Toronto PA day October 6th, 2023

Located at: Essex Jr & Sr PS, 50 Essex St., Toronto

8:30am to 3:30pm

**Instructor:** Stayin Alive Certified Red Cross Youth Instructor

**Cost:** \$65 + \$5 (for the book) per participant + HST = **\$79.10**

### Course content:

- Check, Call, Care (including phoning 911)
- Conscious choking (adult/child/baby/alone)
- Introduction to CPR (baby/child)
- Asthma (includes use of inhaler and spacer)
- Anaphylaxis (includes use of EpiPen), poisoning and insect stings
- Wound care (minor cuts and scrapes, splinters, nosebleeds, bumps and bruises, life-threatening bleeding, and burns)
- Broken bones, head, neck and back injuries, seizures

Course materials delivered (address required during registration):  
Red Cross Babysitter's Manual and Materials  
Red Cross Babysitter Certificate



**Registration is limited to  
26 students per course**

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

**Questions?**

[info@StayinAliveWithFirstAid.ca](mailto:info@StayinAliveWithFirstAid.ca)

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October 2023

*Dear Families*

*Join the EarlyON program to have fun outside with your little ones from 11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. weather permitting. Children love exploring the outdoors.*

*Everyone Is Welcome !*

**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

## **Office Administrator**

Patricia-Anne De Silva

## **E-Mail**

[Patricia-Anne.DeSilva@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Patricia-Anne.DeSilva@tdsb.on.ca)

## **Telephone**

416-395-2830

## **General E-Mail**

[RoywoodPS@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:RoywoodPS@tdsb.on.ca)

## **Website**

<https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/roywood/>

## **Twitter**

[https://twitter.com/TDSB\\_RoywoodPS](https://twitter.com/TDSB_RoywoodPS)

