



Roywood News Online #6

Sunday, October 8th, 2023

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Website and Twitter page.

Appreciation

Thank you to all the families that came to our first School Advisory Council Meeting of the school year. We successfully held elections for voting members and executive members. All families are invited and encouraged to attend council meetings to share input and ideas and hear about happenings at the school.

2023-2024 School Advisory Council Executive Members

Co-Chair - Dawn Marquois

Co-Chair - Jocelle Biteng Stewart

Secretary - Adrianna McCook

Treasurer - Laila Allalwala-Ebrahim




Thank You!



Upcoming Events

- Oct. 9 - Thanksgiving Holiday (no school)
- Oct. 17-19 - X-Other Program for Students with X-Movement
- Oct. 18 - Meet the Educator/Curriculum Night @ 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Oct. 24 - Picture Day
- Oct. 27 - Willowgrove Farm Trip - Kindergarten, Grades $\frac{1}{2}$ & Grade $\frac{2}{3}$ classes
- 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

Brightspace Support Site

Brightspace for Parents and Guardians is a tool purposefully designed to connect a teacher's Brightspace shells with some of the most popular Brightspace tools to create a virtual window for parents and guardians to look into the classroom. Once a parent/guardian/caregiver has registered, they will be able to view items such as due dates for their child's upcoming work, portfolio items, review recent grades that have been released to the student, and read classroom updates on the Activity Feed. For more information, please visit our [TDSB Brightspace Support Site](#).

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.

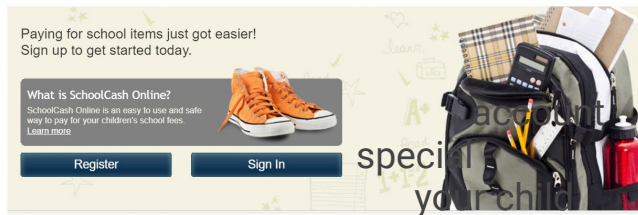
All of the TDSB is moving towards becoming cashless schools so that children do not have to bring money to school (with the chance of it getting lost), schools do not have to hold a lot of money (with a chance of it getting lost) and to keep up with the ever changing times of the world.

Please use the following link to create your account today!

School Cash Online Links:

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

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





This Week @ Roywood PS



We love to explore and play in gym class. Mr. T makes it fun and introduces students to different games using different equipment!

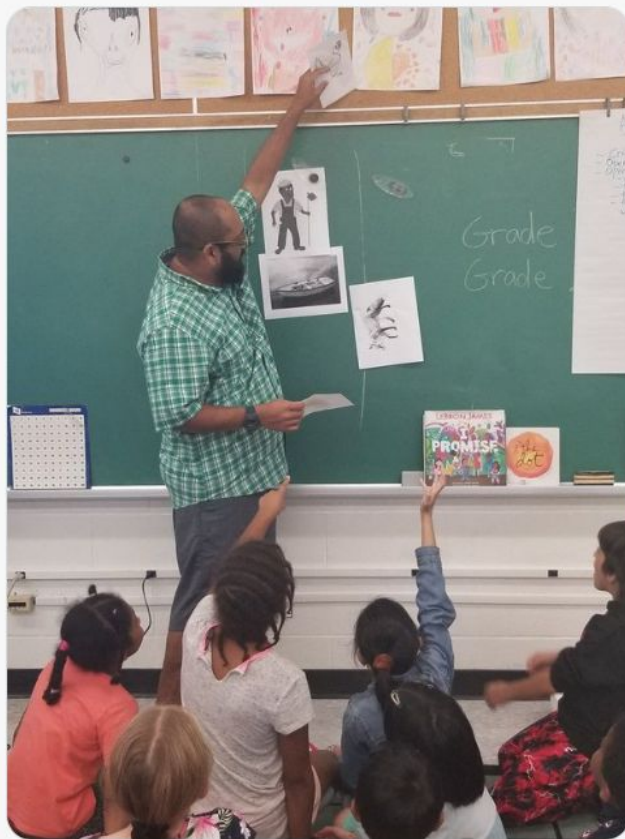
[#roywoodrocks](#) [#roywoodfun](#) [#creativekids](#)



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Mr. Perera is challenging students to think about how to get fox, chicken, farmer & wheat across the river using a set of conditions. Using visuals in the classroom helps students to manipulate & think out possible solutions to questions. [#buildingthinkingclassrooms](#) @MoePerera





Drawing fall - the students in Rm 108 have been noticing a tree in the school yard that has been changing colours. They are drawing fall and describing what the tree looks like now. They wonder and make predictions about what will change over the seasons. [#outdoored](#)
[@MoePerera](#)

Terry Fox Walk/Run/Roll was a huge success! All students were included and had a great time. The sun was shining and we raised money for a good cause. Stay tuned for the total raised! [#terryfox](#) [@TerryFoxCanada](#)
[#roywoodrocks](#)





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

 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 #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,
Loraine 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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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

TDSB Social Workers Virtual Community Fair

Please click on the flyer to join the meeting!

DEAR FAMILIES,

AUTUMN IS HERE! JOIN THE EARLYON PROGRAM TO EXPLORE SOME FALL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS SONGS, STORIES, SENSORY TRAYS.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2023 THE CENTRE IS CLOSED AND IT WILL REOPEN TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023 AT 8:30 A.M.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY!



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

**Early
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Child and Family Centre

Connecting with the School

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