

Roywood News Online #9

Sunday, October 29th, 2023

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Appreciation

Thank you to Mrs. Samuels, Mrs. Elmira, Ms. Liu, Mrs. Kumar, Ms. Balkaran, Mr. Perera, Mrs. O, Mrs. Tonoo, Mrs. Yihong and all the family members for supervising and having fun with all the students at Willow Grove Farm last week.

The students had an amazing time, they made wonderful scarecrows and brought gourds or mini pumpkins back to the school!

We can't wait for the next school trip! :D



Upcoming Events

- Oct. 30 Nov. 3 Fall Harvest Spirit Week see slide in School News
- Nov. 3 Pizza Lunch for Students
- Nov. 14 Progress Reports & Communication of Initial Learning Home to Families
- Nov. 17th P.A. Day (no school for students)
- Nov. 17th Family/Educator Conferences
- 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

SPOOKTACULAR Spirit Week is HERE!!!

- **Monday** Celebrating FALL wear the colours of fall today (red, brown, orange, yellow)
- **Tuesday** Costume & Dress Up Day wear your favourite outfit today (no face masks, please)
- Wednesday Roywood Colours & Clothing wear all your purple and
- gold!



- Thursday School Wide DPA Monster Movement Madness 🧊 🔨
- **Friday** Snuggle Up and Read wear jammies or comfy clothes and give 15-20 minutes to reading!
- Guest readers available :)

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 <u>TDSB Brightspace Support Site</u>.

School CashOnline - ACTION ITEM



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





The students had a great time at the farm on Friday! THey enjoyed a wagon ride, scarecrow making and exploring the farm. It was a warm and sunny day! We can't wait for the next trip!



We always have a great time in gym class, working on gross motor skills, balancing, running, riding and throwing/catching! The fall harvest week is coming. What are the Grade 5 students planning for this week? Take a peek at some of the happenings in Rm 111 to start making youe guesses...



Junior Soccer Team

The Junior Soccer team had a great tournament day this past week. The rain stayed away and the team had a great time representing Roywood PS. Roywood students ROCK!



















Continued Learning for All Students, Families & Staff

School Improvement Planning @ Roywood PS

We are focusing on including more student voice into classroom programing 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



OCTOBER IS DYSLEXIA AND LEARNING DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH!

Dyslexia is a specific learning disability that is related to how the brain processes sounds in spoken language. **Dyslexia impacts the ability to read accurately and fluently.** Spelling (and other areas of academics) may be impacted as well. One of the consequences of not being able to read is that these students avoid reading, which can lead to limited vocabulary knowledge and comprehension.

Dyslexia is not related to intelligence. Many smart and talented people have dyslexia. It is often confusing to caregivers when their bright children suddenly encounter significant difficulty when learning to read, despite trying their best. Ongoing learning issues can lead to other problems, like school absenteeism, mental health struggles, or a lack of

motivation at school. The good news is that children with dyslexia can learn to read, but they usually need specialized instruction in order to do so. <u>The Ontario Human Rights Commission</u> <u>'Right to Read' report</u> has recommended that all school boards begin providing science-based reading instruction. Known as **Structured Literacy**, this approach helps children master reading skills by using an explicit, systematic, cumulative, and structured approach. When taught to read in science-based ways, approximately 95% of students can learn to read (Fletcher & Vaughn, 2009).



TDSB Psychological Services

Fall Flyer

Please click on the flyer to read.



Please click on the flyer to join the meeting!

Dear Families,

The EarlyON drop-in program is open to families with children from 0 months to 6 years of age. Visit the centre to have fun with your little treasures and to meet other families.



Let's have fun together!

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



Connecting with the School

Office Hours 8:00am - 4:00pm

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