

ROYWOOD SCHOOL



Roywood News Online #15

Sunday, December 15th, 2024

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Appreciation

A giant thank you goes out to Mrs. Bossert for organizing, setting up, taking down and more with the school Scholastic Book Fair this past week! It was a huge success! Roywood families purchased over \$2000 worth of books and other treasures from the book fair. This means that Roywood PS will be able to purchase around \$800 worth of new books for the school! WOW!!! What an amazing turn out!

Thank you to all the families and students who came out and purchased treasures from the book fair! We appreciate you! Your support has helped the school and the purchase of new books!!!



Upcoming Events

Holiday Spirit Week

- **Dec 16** - Red, Green, and Sparkle Day! 🟠🟢✨🟠🟢✨🟠🟢✨🟠🟢✨
- **Dec 17** - Celebrating "Ugly" Holiday Sweaters Day + **Holiday Concert** ❄️
- Dec. 17 - Winter Holiday Concert @ 12:45 p.m. - Families invited in the Gym - Concert will start at 1 p.m. sharp!!!
- **Dec 18** - Holiday Hats/Headbands and funny socks Day 🎉❄️🎉❄️
- **Dec 19** - Cozy Pajama & Holiday Slippers Day 👣❄️👣❄️👣❄️
- Dec. 19 - Cookie Thursday Fundraiser - \$2.00 per cookie
- **Dec 20** - Favourite Holiday Outfits & Accessories Day + New Year Countdown at the end of the day!
- Dec. 20 - Last Day of School for Winter Break

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.

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!

Late to School

Each school day begins at 8:40 a.m. sharp!!! Teachers are on yard duty at 8:30 a.m. at all entry doors and family members can drop of children starting at this time.

UPDATE: If your child does not make it to their entry doors by 8:40 a.m. in the morning and has to enter through the front door of the school, they will be marked late unless there was an unforeseen circumstance.

The school day begins with literacy and numeracy learning. Students who come late to school miss out on this instruction.

Please make every effort to have your child(ren) at school each day on time.



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SPORTS

Families that are regularly late will need to make a school plan with Mrs. Pegg and the attendance counsellor.





Donate to a School-Specific Nutrition Program

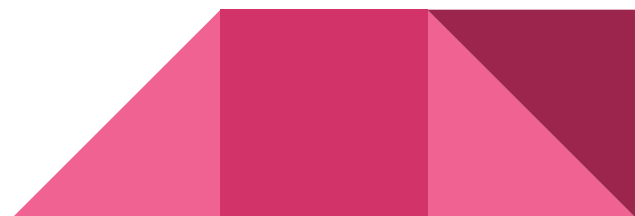
Thank you for supporting nutrition programming at the Toronto Foundation for Student Success!



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
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



December Kindness 2024

SUNDAY

1 Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others

MONDAY

2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are

TUESDAY

3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment

WEDNESDAY

4 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about

THURSDAY

5 Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely

FRIDAY

6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find

SATURDAY

7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today

8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member

9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead

10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them

11 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank

12 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today

13 See how many different people you can smile at today

14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one

15 Say hello to your neighbour and brighten up their day

16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to

17 Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you

18 Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving

19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated

20 Help others by giving away something that you don't need

21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you

22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed

23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness

24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh

25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!

26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature

27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat

28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy

29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people

30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why

31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2025



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

Follow along with us this KINDNESS December

Try as many KINDNESS activities as you can with family!

School News

Roywood Holiday Spirit Week is HERE!!!!

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Cheers!

Mrs. Bossert 😊💜💛

Roywood Parent Council - Parent/Guardian Survey



Roywood Public School
Parents/Caregivers Survey.

Please take a moment to scan the QR code and complete the Roywood School Council Parent/Guardian Survey!

This survey will help the council plan for the school year with YOU and your child in mind!

There are only 4 questions on the survey and it will only take a few minutes to complete!

Thank you!

Click the picture, scan the QR code or follow this link to access the survey:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSds_KCelz6edsQFCksiP786GZOy2g-kJcVOZSohKvuP2xgR79Q/viewform

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 Snowman



Fudge Chip DeLite *



Vanilla Snowman (Nov - Jan)



Funfetti DeLite*

For cookie ingredients, please use the link below:

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

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.





This Week @ Roywood PS

The bookfair was a huge success! Families, students and staff purchased OVER \$2000 worth of books and other treasures! This means that Roywood will receive over \$800 in new books for the school! Roywood Rocks!!!



Thank you to the Roywood School Council members and family volunteers for making Friday's pizza lunch a huge success! Organizing, counting money, ordering and handing out pizza to the students - the smiles were seen all around! :)





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

Parenting in the Age of Stress

Parenting & caregiving has become more stressful in new and different ways over the past century. The internet has made access to information often overwhelming, and difficult to navigate. The rise of social media has led to many unrealistic (and sometimes unachievable) displays of what 'ideal' parenting should look like. Along with heightened expectations to keep children happy at all times, the fast-paced and consumer-driven society we live in has increased caregiver stress, especially for those managing financial burdens, the rising cost of living, and/or a lack of community support.

This time of year, parents and caregivers may feel even more anxiety and stress than usual. For some families, the holidays come with additional expectations and responsibilities that we (and others) place on ourselves. Caregivers are increasingly feeling that they don't have enough time, energy, or resources to give when needed.

Parents often blame themselves for feeling deficient, but these challenges reflect broader societal issues. Recently, the U.S. Surgeon General issued a [public health advisory about the impact of modern stresses on parents' mental health](#). In light of this, here are some questions and reminders to tell yourself this winter season.

What do you need from yourself and others to help manage parenting stress?

Take perspective.
No parent or caregiver is perfect, nor can they be! Children don't expect their caregivers to be perfect, either.



Ask for help.

It really can "take a village" to both parent and keep yourself mentally well. Make sure to ask for and receive support from your "village" - extended family, friends, neighbours, school, place of worship, or **community resources**.

Practice self-care.

Take whatever time you have to release your stress, recharge your energy, and reward small (or big!) wins for yourself. Remember, we need to put our own 'oxygen masks' on first before we can help others.



Create Healthy Boundaries.

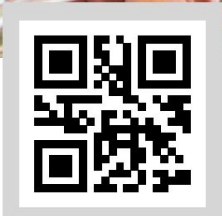
Set daily and weekly goals that prioritize the most important tasks and people. Practice firm yet respectful ways to say no.

Please click the link below to access the Hearts & Minds newsletter, Volume 6, Issue 2 Winter newsletter.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ddbHCoIYTUq-mELosuLzDE8hNkMyZLbW/view?usp=sharing>



PARENT/CAREGIVER & COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



Parent/Caregiver Workshops & Events Calendar



Visit www.tdsbHUB.ca for a list of virtual workshops, meetings, trainings and events for parents, caregivers and educators

Our calendar features events from across the TDSB intended for parents/caregivers and community. Find meetings, trainings, events and initiatives to support you, your child and your community. Other key dates are our [board meetings](#) and [school year calendar](#) with the Days of Significance.

Please click the link below to access the Parent/Caregiver & Community Engagement Worker monthly newsletter, volume 3 newsletter.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/12fSx8ff7aAmY_ihWaQqo_dRP-3XhP_ktL/view?usp=drive_link

Please use this link to access past newsletters.

<https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/csww/newsletter-archives>

*Roywood EarlyON Contact Info:
Center Coordinator: Maria Rusu
Phone: 416-395-2830
Mon. to Fri. 8:30a.m. - 12:30p.m.*



Dear Families

Join the EarlyON program to have fun with your little ones while using playdough. They love this special sensory activity.

Everyone Is Welcome !

**Early
ON**
Child and Family Centre

Connecting with the School

Office Hours 8:00am - 4:00pm

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