

Rosedale P.S.

Principal's Message – March 2022

Welcome to March at Rosedale! It is hard to believe that we are $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through the 2021/2022 school year and possibly seeing the light at the end of the Covid pandemic tunnel. I would like to take this time to thank all of Rosedale's parents and care givers for your support and understanding with the many restrictions and health and safety protocols we have put into place to keep our students and staff safe and our school open. We still have a while to go and need to stay the course until we get the OK from the Ministry and Public Health to ease restrictions. As we are now well into the second term it is an important time for children to have a positive mindset towards all school subjects and try their best at all times. As we move forward into 2022, teachers will be working hard to assess student learning and program for success. It is an excellent support to students if parents spend some time each day discussing their child's work and reading through work examples with them – just reading with them nightly is a wonderful support for the child. Please also review behavioural expectations with your child (sent home in September) as inappropriate behaviour inhibits academic progress and can lead to negative consequences such as removal from recess, extracurricular activities and suspension.

Although spring is just around the corner the weather is still hitting below freezing on a daily basis. Please ensure that students continue to come to school well prepared to go outside. All students should be dressed appropriately so that they may participate in all aspects of the school program. Insulated jackets, snow pants, hats, gloves, scarves and warm boots are important when the temperature drops. **We recommend that parents and guardians label all items of clothing. *The Lost and Found box is always overflowing!!! We only keep it for so long before it gets sent to charity.*** Please also send a labelled pair of indoor shoes for your child to wear in the classroom, so that we can keep our classrooms dry. We do not want our students walking around in their socks. **Students who are well enough to attend school will go out for recess.** In cases of extreme cold (-15 or -20 with windchill) or inclement storms, recess will be held indoors (please see the inclement weather policy on the HWDSB website).



Hearts of Kindness

Big thank you to Mrs. Shewell and Mrs. Williamson for running our Hearts of Kindness initiative for the month of February. We had so many great acts of kindness by so many different students that Mrs. Rainford read on the announcements every day. It is important that we show kindness to everyone everyday of the year and I am proud of our students for stepping up and showing what kindness means to them and what it looks like to others.



Rosedale Olympics

Big thank you to Mrs. Davies and our Grade 5 helpers for organizing and facilitating our winter Olympics here at Rosedale. Students had a great time and took home gold medals for their efforts!

Safe and Healthy Schools

A friendly reminder that visitors to school are still restricted due to the pandemic. If you need to speak to myself or Theresa please call the school, Teachers would love to speak with you during a scheduled meeting time and/or phone call so please contact them directly. We continue to be required to verify COVID screening daily so please complete your child's calendar daily. We are also still required to follow all COVID isolation requirements as per the Ontario School Screening at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/> and masks are still mandatory, as is physical distancing when able and cohorting of classes.

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance at school is vital to student learning and it is important that all students are at school on time and ready to learn. We are seeing more late arrivals in the morning and this is very disruptive to the running of the school as well as to the programming in your child's classroom and the learning for your child. If you have an ongoing challenge with getting your child to school ready to enter by 8:20am please contact Ms. Neville in the office to discuss and problem solve. Thank you for your support and co-operation.



Parking – please remember that the space in front of the school is a NO stopping zone and also a bus zone. It causes chaos, safety issues, and delayed buses (they have routes after ours) when people ignore these laws and park and stop in front of the school. The police have been visiting Rosedale due to the safety issues and complaints from neighbours and they will be issuing tickets for any bylaw infractions.

At home internet usage and inappropriate chat and game play Children should not be using the internet without the direct supervision of an adult. I am getting reports of students behaving inappropriately while using games such as Fortnite, Grand Theft Auto, etc. with each other after school hours. These games are **rated for ages 13 and over** and our students should not be playing these games. If they are communicating with other students online in any way, parents need to ensure they are playing respectfully and using proper digital citizenship. Students should not be posting photos online of any students without the express permission of that student's parents. Please make sure all of your child's contacts are known to you.



Dates to Remember

March 2nd – Rosedale vaccination clinic – by appointment only

March 4th – PA Day

March 14th to March 18th – March Break

It is of the utmost importance that our students **attend school regularly, be punctual, behave well and stay focused on their studies**. These are all life skills which are imperative for future success. Beyond a shadow of a doubt, a partnership amongst students, parents and teachers will have positive results on school achievement and better prepare our students for the future. Best wishes for a safe and fun filled March Break with family and friends!

Sincerely,

S. Neville
Principal, Rosedale P.S.