

March 2024 Update

Hello Rosedale Families,

We welcome March with open arms as we celebrate the first day of Spring on March 19th. Daylight savings on March 10 will *spring us* ahead 1 hour as the hours of daylight lengthen. Ramadan, St. Patrick's Day, Earth Hour, and Easter are some of the celebrations observed this month. We hope you enjoy March Break with your loved ones during the week of March 11 to 15, and find time to be outdoors in the fresh air and sunlight. Connecting with nature brings healing to everyone.

Home and School – Our next Home and School Meeting is on Wednesday, March 6th from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. All parents are welcome to join our monthly meetings and planning discussions in support of the Rosedale Community. We meet in Room 124 and child minding is available. We hope to see you there.

Music Instruments – Thank you Rosedale Home and School Association for supporting our Music Program. In February Home and School voted on the purchase of:

- 10 Ukulele's
- Tubing for our Bass Xylophone
- 5 Soprano Glockenspiel's
- 5 Alto Glockenspiel's
- 2 10 packs of Triangle Holders
- 3 Boom whacker Tone Tube Holders

Paper Recycling – Gratitude to Mr. Harvey and Grade 5 students for initiating a paper recycling program at Rosedale. We will be recycling writing and art paper each week. Tuesdays are collection days and our Grade 5 leaders will be supporting this process.

Pizza and Milk orders for the month of April are due through School Cash Online by March 21st.

Chicken Finger Lunch orders are due through School Cash Online on March 19th for the March 27th Chicken Finger Lunch.

Extra Curriculars – Choir, Talent Show Rehearsals, Art Club, and Floor Hockey Playoffs are all in motion at Rosedale School. In addition to these activities, our students participate in a variety of other ways that encourage a sense of belonging. Classroom lunch monitors, snack bin helpers, pizza helpers, and popcorn sales are a few other ways that our students are supporting the Rosedale community spirit.

Front Gardens – Look for a refresh of our front Gardens courtesy of Mrs. Bellenie and her Grade 4 class. Mrs. Bellenie has applied for, and received a grant to support this work. We will be calling out for parent volunteers to help out as we add plant life to the front of the school.

More information will be shared in the near future. If you wish to volunteer your time with our gardens please let us know. We are grateful for your support as we beautify Rosedale School with new flower beds.

Message from Mrs. Bellenie: Calling all green-thumbed parents! We're seeking volunteers to join us in digging garden beds along the front of the school this spring. Our students will be planting perennial and pollinator-friendly plants. If you're able to lend a hand, please email Mrs. Bellenie abelleni@hwdsb.on.ca. Let's make our school bloom!

March Break runs from March 11 to 15th. Active Parents has ideas for over 100 things to do. Please click on the link for some ideas in and around Hamilton for you and your family <https://activeparents.ca/march-break-events/>

Lost and Found – Our lost and found bin is overflowing with items. The bin is located in the front foyer. Please ask your child to retrieve their items prior to March Break. You can access the lost and found bin weekdays between 9 am and 2 pm. All unclaimed items will be discarded over the March Break.

Kindergarten Registration is open. Please register as soon as you can. This will ensure we have adequate staffing in place in September. All registrations are completed online. Once registered, we will connect with you about our **Spring Orientation for New to Kindergarten families**. If you have a friend or neighbour who needs to register, please encourage them to do so. <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten/>

Our **Rosedale Pride Banner** has arrived courtesy of donors Chris and Sarah Logue. We will proudly display our banner at Rosedale events. Thank you community member Ms. Dorsay, and Rosedale Teacher Mr. Harvey for facilitating this donation on our behalf.



Some Events in March:

- ✓ **March 4 & 5** - Dental Screening JK/SK, Grade 2 and 4
- ✓ **March 6** – Home and School Meeting at 6:00 pm
- ✓ **March 7** – Tastebuds “Big Crunch” event * see flyer for information about *optional* donations through school cash online. All students will participate in the Big Crunch event.
- ✓ **March 7** – Talent Show (students only)
- ✓ **March 8** – International Women’s Day
- ✓ **March 10** – Daylight Savings – spring forward 1 hour
- ✓ **March 10** – Ramadan begins at Sundown until April 9
- ✓ **March 11-15** – March Break
- ✓ **March 17** – St. Patrick’s Day
- ✓ **March 19** – First Day of Spring
- ✓ **March 19** – Chicken Finger Lunch orders are due today through school cash online
- ✓ **March 21** – World Down Syndrome Day
- ✓ **March 21** – April Pizza and Milk orders are due online
- ✓ **March 21** – Spirit Day – mismatched socks day
- ✓ **March 23** – Earth Hour 8:30-9:30 pm
- ✓ **March 23** – Crossing Guard Appreciation Day
- ✓ **March 24** – Home and School Bake Sale with Rosedale Softball – Information to come
- ✓ **March 26** – SK Vision Screening
- ✓ **March 27** – Chicken Finger Lunch
- ✓ **March 28** – Easter Events and the Bunny Hop * information to come
- ✓ **March 29** – Good Friday – no school today
- ✓ **April 1** – Easter Monday – no school today
- ✓ **April 1** – April Fool’s Day
- ✓ **April 2** – World Autism Day – Wear Blue
- ✓ **April 3** – Home and School Meeting at 6:00 pm