



March 2026 Update

Hello Rosedale Families;

We welcome March, a prelude to the new year and springtime to come. Days of significance include International Women's Day, Daylight Savings, St. Patrick's Day, Spring Equinox, and Eid. Every day is a day to celebrate, and find gratitude and appreciation of our earthly journey.

Updates to share:

Construction – We are still on schedule with the following milestone dates.

- New Library/Learning Commons Interior Renovation Completed – by the end March 2026

Rosedale School Council:

Elected Home and School Executives:

Co-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer roles are shared by:

- Lidija Simonovic
- Amanda Whetstone

Our next meeting is TBD from 5:00-6:00 pm at Rosedale School. You do not need to be an elected official to attend meetings. All are welcome to attend these meetings which focus on academic achievement, student well-being and school operations. Please contact Rosedale School Council at rosedaleSC@hwdsb.on.ca.

Rosedale Home and School:

- President - Emily Kirkpatrick
- Vice-President - Scott Foster
- Secretary – Jen Doucette
- Treasurer - Jessica Toni
- School Council Rep – Amanda Whetstone

The Home and School Association is gearing up for a busy and exciting March!

This month's meeting will take place on Wednesday March 4th from 6-7pm in room 124 at the school. You do not have to be a current member of the committee to attend and we welcome and encourage anyone and everyone to join us to see what we're all about! Child care is available during the meeting.

Our Spring fundraiser is starting soon! We will be selling Big Box Cards and Candles with a variety of options. Please see the attached flyer for details. The fundraiser will run from March 9th at 9am to March 23rd at 9pm so please make your purchases during that time. The items will be delivered right to your child at school within two weeks of the fundraiser closing.

We are now using Zeffy, a free and secure payment platform for non profit organizations. Here is the link to our March fundraiser: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/rosedale-home-and-school-associations-shop>

If you are unable to make a purchase through Zeffy and would like to arrange another option for payment, please email us at rosedale@ofhsa.ca

We will once again be joining the Rosedale Youth Softball Association on March 29th from 1-3 pm for their annual egg hunt! The event will take place at the baseball diamonds just down the hill from the arena on Greenhill. Home and School will be there with a bake sale table so come on down and grab some tasty treats while you have fun at the egg hunt! If you would like to bake or volunteer to help us at the table please email us at rosedale@ofhsa.ca

Here is an update on some of the things your continued support has helped us donate to the school so far this school year:

- *Buses for sporting events and the upcoming Choirfest*
- *A \$100 gift card given to each class in December as well as the library, French, music, gym, learning resource, and reading specialist*
- *Activity painting on the playground*

We would love to have you in our Facebook group if you haven't joined yet! We share updates and reminders about Home and School. You can join at this link: <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1CAkky5hwg/>

We are wishing you a wonderful March and can't wait to see you at one of our events soon!

The Rosedale Home and School Association

Outdoor Recess and Inclement Conditions – We understand the importance of outdoor play and physical movement for all students, and have enhanced outdoor education staff training and resources at Rosedale School (chairs, clipboards, planters). We have lost a significant portion of our playground due to the footprint of the new gymnasium and parking lot. When icy or wet field conditions result in unsafe conditions for students and staff, we move to the blacktop and engage in a *walk and talk* recess. Because of our limited blacktop area, no balls are permitted in this small area as this presents safety concerns for students and supervising staff e.g. balls colliding with heads and students colliding with other students. On these inclement weather days, staff regularly take their classes outside for DPA (daily physical activity) where students can move their bodies and engage in physical activity with more space to utilize. We aim to have our students outdoors at least twice daily, however during the winter months we are affected by the rain, ice, and temperatures below -15 degrees which results in indoor time, and or a blacktop recess. We hope to see an early spring and good field conditions in the upcoming weeks which will allow for more options for our students during nutrition break time.

March Break – There will be no school for students during the week of March 16-20th. For a list of family activities, please click on the following: <https://activeparents.ca/march-break-events/>

Rosedale Lego / Robotics Club – Mr. Adamczyk will be offering an after- school Lego/Robotics Club for grades 4-5 students. More information to come.

Rosedale Hockey League (RHL) – Mr. Harvey has returned and will continue RHL action with our students during Nutrition Breaks which is enjoyed by all participants.

Positive Space Friendship Group – Mme Comber is continuing to lead our positive space friendship group at Rosedale School during Nutrition Breaks.

After School Phonics Academy – Our after-school Phonics Academy wraps up this month. Congratulations to our Phonics Academy graduates who attended Mrs. Davies and Ms. Barnett's groups!

Choir – Our Rosedale choir meets weekly, and continues to share the gift of music within our school.

Mega Subs Lunch – Please watch for your School Cash Online message regarding our Mega Subs Lunch being served on Wednesday, April 1st.

Human Growth and Development Curriculum – The window to deliver the Human Development units runs from March 23 to May 1st. Classroom Teachers will be providing families with an overview of the expectations taught two weeks prior to the delivery of the content. Please be sure to review this important messaging and reach out to your child's educator as needed.

Bill 123 –Erin’s Law (Child Sexual Abuse Prevention and Reporting), is now a legislative requirement within the Education Act that mandates all publicly funded schools to provide annual, age appropriate instruction to students on child sexual abuse prevention and reporting. The goal is to equip students with knowledge to recognize unsafe situations, understand bodily autonomy, and seek help from trusted adults. Staff are receiving training on this topic, and families will receive communication from HWDSB regarding implementation. These lessons align with the Human Growth and Development strands and will be taught during this time.

The Big Crunch – We are grateful for our community partners @HamiltonTastebuds who support Hamilton schools and families with Nutrition. Rosedale School will be participating in the Big Crunch event on March 26th, where all students will receive an apple from Drummonds Orchards. We will crunch together for healthy and nutritious living for all. Staff Members Mrs. Lipnicky, Ms. Winter, Ms. Dubeau, Mrs. Napper, and Mrs. Crispo all support the food and nutrition programs we offer at Rosedale. We are grateful for their efforts.

Have a wonderful and rejuvenating March. Let’s all look toward a sense of new beginnings and positive renewal of our inner selves. Every day presents a new opportunity to do so.



Rosedale Events

- March 8 – International Women’s Day
- March 8 – Daylight Savings Begins – spring ahead 1 hour
- March 9 – Big Box of Cards Fundraiser begins – Home and School
- March 12 – Immunization suspensions in effect today
- March 13 – Exemption/opt out deadline regarding health curriculum and/ or Bill 123
- March 13 – School Climate survey ends for grades 4 and 5
- March 13 – Twin Day – Dress Alike
- March 16-20 – Spring Break
- March 17 – St. Patrick’s Day
- March 19 – Ramadan ends – Eid al- Fitr begins at sundown
- March 20 – First Day of Spring – Spring Equinox
- March 21 – World Down Syndrome Day – wear mismatched socks
- March 23 – Crossing Guard Day – Please thank Crossing Guard Zandra for her efforts each day.
- March 23 – Staff begin teaching the health curriculum and Bill 123 Erin’s Law

March 23 – Bog Box of Cards fundraiser ends – Home and School

March 26 – April Pizza orders due through school cash online

March 29 – Palm Sunday

April 1 – Mega Subs Lunch

April 1 – School Council at 5:00 pm

April 1 – Home and School at 6:00 pm

April 2 – Bunny Hop

April 2 – World Autism Day – wear blue

April 3 – Good Friday Holiday

April 6 – Easter Monday Holiday