



Rousseau Elementary School

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Dear Rousseau Families,

We have a lot happening at Rousseau that we'd like to share with you!

Grade 4-6 Speech Competition

Thank you to all our students that participated in the class speeches. We had many guests and it was wonderful to see our guest judges, former Rousseau principals – Ms. Minardi (2003), Mr. Cook (2022) and Mr. Cooper (2000-09).

Congratulations to our class winners:

- 34A - June Scime, Hannah Tyrrell
- 45A - Jack Belfontaine, Sasha Moffat
- 56A - Evan Shott, Katie Crawford
- 6A - Selina Kaptan, Jyot Obhi

Our Rousseau representative who will advance to the HWDSB Board level competition will be **Jyot Obhi** – with a speech about “Joy”.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair was well attended and a huge success. Thank you to all students and families who had the opportunity to purchase books for themselves and for the classrooms. Thank you to Ms. Filice for organizing and Ms. Filice, Ms. Sawchuk and our parent volunteers!

Primary & Junior Choir – Music Monday – May 1st

Music Monday will take place on Monday, May 1st in the Rousseau Gym at 11:40am.

Music Monday happens across Canada on the first Monday of May. It celebrates the power of music education in our classrooms and advocates for equitable access to quality music education for all Canadian students. Read more at <https://coalitioncanada.ca/en/advocacy/>, including a new research study on the benefits of music education.

On May 1st, **1 guest/family** are invited to hear classes each perform a song, to hear the whole school sing the Music Monday anthem, “Music Is Our Medicine” and hear our extra-curricular Primary & Junior Choirs perform. Thanks to our piano accompanist & community member Janice Courtemanche. - Ms Fawcett, Mrs. Stinson, Mrs. Bishop

May Open House – May 11 from 6-7:30pm

We would like to invite students and families to the school on May 11th from 6-7:30 for our Open House. This will be a good opportunity to students and families to see what's been happening in the classroom.

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This is not an opportunity for a parent teacher interview but an informal night to see your child's work and their learning.

Parking and Supervision

Please do not park in the wheelchair accessible spot without a permit and/or the exit lane beside the accessible parking spot – it has caused some frustration for people exiting the parking lot. Consider parking along Tuscarora Drive, Cayuga Ave and/or Iroquois Ave, and then using the pathway to drop off/pick up your student(s).

This is a reminder that supervision on the playground begins at 9:00am everyday. Please do not leave your children unattended until supervision begins in the morning. Afterschool, supervision is in place until 3:50pm. If you are running late for pick up, please call the school to inform us.

Staffing Changes

We wish Ms. Filice best wishes as she starts her maternity leave and congratulations to Ms. Alfano on her retirement starting after the May long weekend. We would like to welcome Ms. Crickmore who will be in for Ms. Filice until June. Ms. Alfano's replacement will be communicated at a later date.

Grade 6 Celebration

Grade 6 "Class of 2023" t-shirt orders will be available soon. More information to follow through Ms Fawcett and Mr. Middlebrook. Planning will begin for the Grade 6 Celebration. Please save the date of June 27th for the Grade 6 Celebration.

Upcoming May & June Dates:

- May 1 – Music Monday in gym
- May 5, 12, 29 – Grade 3 Swim to Survive (mornings)
- May 8 – Dental Screening for K, 1, 2
- May 11 – Flag Football Tournament @ Orchard Park
- May 11 – Rousseau Open House 6:00-7:30pm
- May 19 – 45A, 56A, 6A Trip to Theatre Ancaster
- May 23 – June 1 – Grade 3 & 6 EQAO
- May 26 – Ancaster High "Dared to Tri" for Grade 6s
- May 29 – HWDSB Access Athletics @ Nora Frances Henderson
- June 1 – Kindergarten Orientation Night 4:30-5:30pm
- June 2 – PA Day
- June 6 – Grade 6 students to Frank Panabaker
- June 8 – Rousseau Track & Field Day (June 9 Rain Date)
- June 9 – 34A Trip to Stratford – A Wrinkle in Time
- June 27 – Grade 6 Celebration
- June 28 – Last Day of School



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- June 29 – PA Day

Class Building / School Organization for September 2023

The staffing process at the HWDSB is underway and will not be complete until the end of June. We will not be able to confirm our staff complement until this process is completed. In the coming weeks, your child's teacher, along with our Learning Resource teacher and myself will begin to build classes for the fall. We always take into account many factors and have the student's best interest in mind. Please be aware that requests for specific teachers and/or for a particular group of students to remain together are not accepted. You may communicate your child's learning style and/or any new information that may have an impact on class placement decisions (ie. a new medical diagnosis) by email to rousseau@hwdsb.on.ca by June 2nd.

Thank you for your continued support at Rousseau! I look forward to meeting and working with you!

Moojean Seo
Acting Principal