



Rousseau Elementary School

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Dear Rousseau Families,

It's amazing how quickly time flies when you're having fun! Here are some highlights from May and information on upcoming events in June:

Access Athletics

On Monday, May 29th, Mrs. Hindley, Ms. Hill and Mrs. Bennett took some of our students to the Access Athletics event at Nora Frances Henderson Secondary School. Access Athletics is designed to support access to athletics for students. Students will move through athletic events at their own pace while setting goals, developing skills and enhancing physical development. Students with an intellectual and/or neurodevelopmental disability were invited to participate. It was a very exciting event, and our students did so well!

Library Books

Please search at home to return any Rousseau Library books. Deadline for taking books out will be June 9th.

Personal Device Use for Students

Students may only use their personal devices during the instructional day *under teacher supervision*. Teachers may ask students to use their personal device during projects and/or assignments. If students need to contact their family during the school day (ie. to inform them of an afterschool practice), students are encouraged to ask permission to go to the office to use the office phone to call home.

Students should not be texting or sending messages during the instructional day or during Nutrition Breaks. Parents, please continue to monitor messages and/or contacts when your child(ren) are using apps/games/social media. Some sites require students to be a certain age (ie. SnapChat, Instagram, etc). Thank you for your support with this.

Rousseau Track & Field Day

Rousseau will be hosting its annual Track and Field event for all students in Grades 3-6 on **Monday, June 5th**. Events will begin at approximately 9:30 am and end at approximately 3:00 pm. Parents and Guardians are more than welcome to come over to the school to cheer students on.

Please remember to send your child with a comfortable pair of running shoes, and have them dressed for the weather. Please ensure that they have a hat, sunblock, their lunch and a water bottle. They will be outside for most of the school day, and it is going to be hot. Please see the schedule below with approximate times for the events.



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Track Events

Time (Approximate)	Race	Grade Order
9:30	700m - timed	3, 4, 5, 6
10:45	80m – heats	3, 4, 5, 6
11:45	300m – timed	3, 4, 5, 6
2:00	80m finals	3, 4, 5, 6

Field Events

Time	Grade 3		Grade 4		Grade 5		Grade 6	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
9:30			RLJ		BT1	BT2		
10:15	BT1	BT2		RLJ	SLJ1	SLJ2		
11:00					RLJ		SLJ1	SLJ2
11:45	SLJ1	SLJ2				RLJ	BT1	BT2
12:45			BT1	BT2			RLJ	
1:30			SLJ1	SLJ2				RLJ
2:15	RLJ							
3:00		RLJ						

- RLJ = Running Long Jump
- SLJ = Standing Long Jump
- BT = Ball Throw

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. Alfano best wishes as she starts her retirement and we'd like to welcome Ms. Fitzpatrick who will be her replacement until the end of this school year!

We would also like to welcome Ms. Sharma as our afternoon 0.5 Phys Ed teacher until the end of the school year!



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Grade 6 Celebration

Information will be shared with Grade 6 families through Ms Fawcett and Mr. Middlebrook with details on the Grade 6 Celebration that will be held in the Rousseau Gym on June 27th.

Upcoming June Dates:

- June 1 – Rousseau Track & Field Day (June 5 Rain Date)
- June 1 – Kindergarten Orientation Night 4:30-5:30pm
- June 2 – PA Day
- June 6 – Grade 6 students to Frank Panabaker
- June 8 – 2A, 23A, 3A Trip to Westfield Heritage Village
- June 9 – 34A Trip to Stratford – A Wrinkle in Time
- June 9 – Fire Truck visit to Rousseau for K, Grade 1
- June 12 – CyberSafety Presentation to 45A, 56A, 6A
- June 14 – Last Pizza Day
- June 16 – Board Track & Field Day
- June 21 – Kindergarten Field Trip to Bronte Provincial Park
- June 21 – Grade 1 Walking Trip to Memorial Arts Centre
- June 23 – Rousseau Talent Show – more information to follow closer to the date
- June 26 – Kindergarten Picnic Celebration
- June 27 – Grade 6 Celebration – more information to be shared
- June 27 – Reports sent home
- June 28 – Last Day of School
- June 29 – PA Day

School Organization for September 2023

The staffing process at the HWDSB continues to be 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. We will send home a communication before the last day of school informing families of our school organization for the fall.

Fire Safety/Lockdown/Hold & Secure Drills

We have completed our fire safety drills for the school year. Teachers and students will be practicing a Lockdown and Hold & Secure drill some time in June.

Thank you for your continued support at Rousseau!

Moojean Seo
Acting Principal