

# The Roxmore Rocks

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## Welcome back!

Welcome back to a new school year. We'd like to introduce you to our new staff members at Roxmore. We welcome Lianne Henderson, who will be our English Kindergarten teacher, as Ms. MacLeod has moved to the grade 1 and 1/2 classes. Also new to our school is Jacky Faulkner, who will be teaching our grade 3/4 and 4 English classes, and Emily Desjardins, who will be teaching one of our grade 2/3 math classes. Stephanie Allen will start the year for the Grade 6 French class, Grade 5 Gym and Grade 2/3 Language Arts. We are going to have such a fantastic year, filled with fun and learning.



## School Council Book Fair

The School Council will be holding their annual book fair from September 11<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup>, including during the open house on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Students are welcome to bring money in to purchase books. Profits from the fair will be used to purchase books for the school.



## Open House/School Council BBQ/Presentation

Mark your calendars! Join us on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 6:00 for the Open House. School Council will have a BBQ available, and the Scholastic book fair will also be open at this time. Your child's classrooms will be open for viewing as well. Staff will be available to answer questions and share their plans, strategies and curriculum.

## Happy Face Before and After School Program

There is a before and after school program available at Roxmore. Hours of operation are Monday to Friday, 6:30 - 8:25 a.m. and 2:50 - 6:00 p.m. For more information, please call Happy Face at 613-809-8550.

## Volunteering Reference Checks

All volunteers must have a Vulnerable Sector Check on file at the school. If you already had a Vulnerable Sector Check done to volunteer at Roxmore, an Offence Declaration Form has been sent home for you to complete and return to the office. If you have not received the Offence Declaration Form, then we do not have a valid Vulnerable Sector Check on file. If you would like to volunteer this year, we'd be happy to send home the Vulnerable Sector Check forms, which you would need to complete and take to your local police station. Please note this process can take up to 2 weeks, so get it done ahead of time! For questions on this process or to request forms, please contact the office.

## Parking

There is a lot of parking available, both at the front of the school, as well as at North Stormont Place next door. You are most welcome to park in either location; however, at the end of the day when you are here to pick up your children please use North Stormont Place and come to the back gate. Please do not park on the street, as foot traffic between the busses creates a safety hazard.



## Nut Sensitive and No Scents Environment

We have students at Roxmore who have severe, life-threatening allergies to nuts. Please do not send any foods to school which contain or "may contain" nuts. This includes nut substitute products, such as 'Wow' butter. We are also a Scent Free environment. We are asking students, staff and parents to be aware and not use scented products in our school. There are students and staff that are allergic to perfumes, cologne, hairsprays and other strong scents. Thank you for helping us to keep our school a safe environment in which to learn!

## **Social Media/Media Consent**

If you have not already done so, please 'Like' our Facebook Page, follow us on Twitter and subscribe to our YouTube Channel! We will post events, pictures and news on a regular basis. You can also check out our school website at [www.ucdsb.on.ca/school/rox](http://www.ucdsb.on.ca/school/rox), where we will be posting an abundance of useful information. Please complete the Student Media Release Consent for those new to our school, this year or last. This form is to indicate your preference regarding your child's photo being posted or shared within the school and with media. If you completed a consent last year you do not need to do so again; however, if you would like changes made please contact the office.

## **Safe Arrival and Departure Policy**

Please let us know if your child will be absent or late. As part of the Upper Canada District School Board's Safe Arrival Policy, we need to know that your child is home safe when he or she is not at school. Our answering machine is available at all times for you to leave a message regarding your child's attendance or you can leave us an email at the email address for our office administrator: [andrea.lorange@ucdsb.on.ca](mailto:andrea.lorange@ucdsb.on.ca).

If you plan to pick up your child at the end of the day, please notify the school by 2:00 p.m. You can do this by calling the school or writing a note in the agenda. Please park at North Stormont Place next door and see the staff at the gate to retrieve your child. Thank you for your co-operation with ensuring that our students have a safe arrival and departure.

## **Terry Fox Run**

Our Terry Fox Run will be on Friday, September 29th, in the afternoon. Send in twoonies for Terry the last week of September. We will be displaying T-shirts from previous Terry Fox Runs in our hallways. Do you have one at home that we may borrow? If yes, please send it in to Madame Thévenot ASAP with your name on the label, as well as the year it was printed, so that following the run, it may be returned to you. Our character trait of the month is perseverance in Terry's honour. Merci!

~Mme Thévenot



## **WHAT IS MY FAMILY ROOM?**

Designed for busy parents in a digital age, My Family Room is a secure website that acts as a one-stop, single point of access to all electronic services provided to parents and legal guardians of students in the Upper Canada District School Board (UCDSB).

Its focus is to enhance Board-Parent communication and provide 24/7 access to useful information related to your child. All parents and guardians with legal custody can register for a My Family Room account.

## **WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?**

With this service, you can:

- Receive phone calls, emails or text messages pertaining to your child, such as absence notifications, school emergencies, bus cancellations, and school events.
- Easily customize your contact preferences to receive emergency notifications to one destination (example: your mobile phone) while receiving non-urgent notifications to a different destination (example: your home phone or email address).
- View key contact information for your child's school, such as phone numbers and email addresses for Principals, Vice-Principals, and office staff.
- View your child's transportation, address, phone, absence, and health information.
- View your child's school calendar online, including PD days, exam days and other calendar items entered by your child's teachers and school staff.

## **HOW DO I SIGN UP?**

You can register for a My Family Room account by contacting your child's school. Let the school office administrator know you wish to sign up for a My Family Room account. You will be asked to provide a valid email address to which your My Family Room account activation details will be sent.

## **HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT MY FAMILY ROOM?**

Go to [www.facebook.com/MyFamilyRoom.UCDSB](http://www.facebook.com/MyFamilyRoom.UCDSB) or follow [@UCDSB](https://twitter.com/UCDSB) or [@UC ITS](https://twitter.com/UC ITS) to receive tweets about My Family Room. [#myfamilyroom](https://twitter.com/myfamilyroom).



## **Photos**

Photovisions will be at the school to take individual student photos as well as class photos on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> with retakes taking place on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.

## Visits

Often parents and guardians need to drop into the school, either to deliver a forgotten lunch or pick up a sick child. We ask that all visitors during the school day park in the front parking lot, use the Main Office entrance, press the intercom button at the front door and report directly to the office. We work hard to protect the classroom learning environment, and limit interruptions as much as possible. Thank you for your help with this!

## School Hours

Our school hours are as follows:

Bus Arrival: 8:25 a.m.

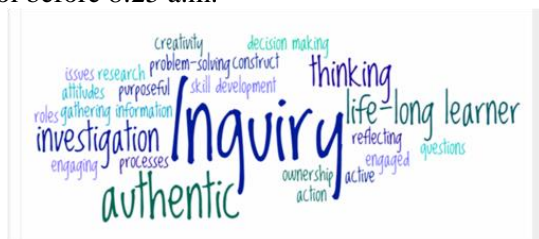
Classes Begin: 8:35 a.m.

Lunch and Recess: 11:05 p.m. – 11:56 a.m.

Last Recess: 2:31 p.m. – 2:47 p.m.

Dismissal: 2:47 p.m.

Please note there is no supervision on the yard or in the school before 8:25 a.m.



## Forms Going Home

It's the beginning of another school year, and many forms have gone home with your student! You have received:

1. Student Information Verification: please carefully review this form to make sure that the information we have on file is complete, up-to-date and accurate, then sign and date the back. If you have a My Family Room account, you need to change your own 'parent' information as we are not able to update it for you.
2. Safe Arrival Student Information form
3. Ongoing Excursion form
4. Student Media Release and Photographs form for those we don't have on file
5. Acceptable Use Agreement form
6. School Council Nomination form

All of these forms need to be filled out and returned to the school as soon as possible. Other communications being sent home include: our newsletter, STEO information and an Insure My Kids Pamphlet.

## Protect Your Family from Lyme Disease and West Nile Virus

As the summer comes to an end and kids head back to school, ticks and mosquitoes may not be the topics at the top of your mind. However, these insects remain active throughout late summer and the fall, which means they can still transmit Lyme disease and West Nile Virus to humans.

### Lyme Disease

Lyme disease is a bacterial infection caused by the bite of an infected blacklegged tick. Ticks are present across the five eastern counties, but not all of them are infected with Lyme disease.

Lyme disease can cause flu-like symptoms and an expanding rash within 3 to 30 days of being bitten by a tick. Left untreated, it can affect the heart, nervous system or joints. However, if it's caught early Lyme disease can generally be treated successfully. That's why it's important to contact your healthcare provider if you believe a tick was attached for more than 24 hours.

To learn more about ticks and Lyme disease, visit [www.eohu.ca/lyme](http://www.eohu.ca/lyme).

### West Nile Virus

West Nile virus is spread to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. For most people, the risk of illness from West Nile virus is low. However, it can cause serious illness in others.

It's important to take the necessary precautions to protect yourself and your family, such as using personal insect repellents that contain DEET and avoiding the outdoors at dusk and dawn, when mosquitoes are the most active.

For more information about West Nile Virus, go to [www.eohu.ca](http://www.eohu.ca) and click on the Community Health section.



## Buster the Bus with First Time Riders and Bus Evacuation

Every year students have the opportunity to learn about Bus Safety and how to evacuate the bus in the event of an emergency. Our First Time Riders program will be on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> with Buster the Bus.