

# Roden Public School

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**GRADE RANGE:** JK to 8

## *Interesting Feature*

### **Roden Child Care Centre**

The Roden Child Care Centre is located on the second floor of our school. It serves the needs of children from 2 and a half to 12 years of age. The Roden Child Care staff work closely with the teaching staff from both Roden Public School and Equinox Holistic Alternative School in order to ensure communication regarding our students' individual needs. They are an important and valued community partner. For more information call 416-461-3010.

Roden Public School has been an integral part of the Coxwell and Gerrard neighbourhood since 1907. Over the years, it has undergone many structural changes to accommodate the growing needs of the student population and the community. Roden was completely rebuilt as an open concept school in 1969 - all teaching areas open into a shared space called a "common area". Within the school there is a large music room, an all purpose gymnasium and a fully functional library with a computer lab.

### **Roden School Council**

The Roden School Council is involved in many day-to-day activities at the school and is an integral part of our decision-making process. Parents meet on a regular basis throughout the school year to plan fundraising events and to discuss current educational matters that affect our school community.





## Parent and Family Literacy Centre

The Parenting and Family Literacy Centre is located on the first floor of the building in Area 15. It is open Monday to Friday, from 9 am to 12:45 pm, and welcomes all parents, caregivers and their children, up to 6 years. Through active play and hands on activities, skills are developed that help to prepare our parents and their child(ren) for school in later years.



## Technology

All of our students from Kindergarten through Grade 8 have access to computers in their classrooms, a computer lab in the library and Smartboard technology. Our Grade 6 students also have access to Mac Notebooks through the TDSB Mobile initiative, and a number of special needs students have access to personal computer equipment through Special Equipment Amount Claims.



## Itinerant Music Programs

Itinerant Music Programs are available to all of our students from Grades 5 through 8. Our Itinerant Music Teachers visit the school weekly to instruct the Steel Pan Band, Instrumental Band and Strings Band.



## Eco-School

Roden is a recognized TDSB Eco-School with GOLD standing. We have a very active Eco-Club and believe in reducing, reusing and recycling. We have put various actions into place to ensure that we are taking care of our school environment and the world we live in.



## Additional Features



## Student Life - Where You Belong

Roden offers many learning and leadership opportunities for all of our students, such as:

- Student Council
- Playground Activity Leaders in Schools (PALS)
- Future Aces
- Office Helpers
- Eco-Club
- Dance Club
- Chess Club
- Lego Club
- Lego Robotics Club
- Swim Program (at Bowmore PS)
- Intramurals (House League Floor Hockey)
- Cross Country Running
- Track and Field
- Volleyball Teams
- Basketball Teams
- Soccer Teams
- Slo-Pitch Teams



## What Sets Us Apart

### Safety

Safety and the well-being of the children is our #1 priority. Roden PS and the Toronto District School Board value learning environments that are safe, nurturing, positive and respectful.

### Equity and Diversity

Roden and the TDSB are committed to equitable and inclusive practice, and value the uniqueness and diversity of our students and community.

At Roden we welcome and celebrate our diversity, with over 300 students and parents speaking approximately 20 different languages, representing countries from all over the world.



### Excellence in teaching

Our teachers are deeply committed to public education and believe that every child can be successful. We believe that all students can reach high levels of academic achievement within the Ontario Curriculum, and encourage collaborative communities and cohesive partnerships with students, staff, parents and the community.



## Parent and Community Engagement

Parent and community involvement is vital to ensure student success. Research indicates that students do better in school when parents are actively involved.

Our parent volunteers:

- assist on field trips
- volunteer in our school library and classrooms
- organize fundraisers (Annual Fun Fair, Family Movie Nights and Bake Sales)
- organize multicultural potlucks
- support our Breakfast and Snack Programs

We work in partnership with:

- Ashdale Public Library
- Eastdale Community Health
- Big Brothers and Big Sisters
- Gerrard / Ashdale Business Assoc.
- Real Food for Real Kids
- Roots of Empathy
- U of Toronto, OISE, York U, Ryerson U, George Brown College and Humber College
- Scientists in Schools
- Chinese Association

We invite our parents to attend:

- Open House/Curriculum Night
- Family Numeracy and Literacy Night
- Welcome to Kindergarten



## TDSB - Better Schools. Brighter Futures

Imagine a TDSB where all schools share a common core set of characteristics. They are community-driven and focused on teaching and learning. Students and parents have a wide variety of opportunities and there are enough students in every school to increase program choices.

Imagine there is a clear focus on achieving student success and every student is engaged, has a voice, access to a caring adult and the opportunity to develop their full potential.

Here at the TDSB our focus is on student achievement, parent and community engagement and financial stability.



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