



January, 2016

# Ross Doan News

[www.rossdoan.ps.yrdsb.ca](http://www.rossdoan.ps.yrdsb.ca)



## Office Staff

Principal Mrs. Bernadette Smith

EOAA Mrs. Cathy Eden

Admin Assistant Mrs. Teresa Russano

Phone: 905-884-4022

Fax: 905-884-4025

[ross.doan.ps@yrdsb.ca](mailto:ross.doan.ps@yrdsb.ca)

## Superintendent

Mr. Michael Cohen

Phone: 905-884-4477

## Trustee

Ms. Carol Chan

Phone: 416- 953-2738

## Daily Schedule

Entry Bell 8:55 a.m.

Instructional Time

9:00-10:40 a.m.

Recess 10:40-11:10

Instructional Time

11:10-12:50 p.m.

Lunch 12:50-1:50 p.m.

Instructional Time

12:50 - 3:30

## Kindergarten Schedule

Entry 9:00 a.m.

Morning Routines

Teaching/Learning Time

12:15 Outside Play

12:45 Lunch/Indoor Play

1:30 Teaching/Learning Time

3:30 Dismissal

## Message from Principal Bernadette Smith



Greetings Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year!

I hope that you all have enjoyed the holidays with family and friends and have found some much needed time to rest and enjoy quality experiences together. On behalf of all staff, I want to thank you for all the generosity you demonstrated to all of us through gifts and well wishes during the festive season. As well, much appreciation for all your donations to support others through the Richmond Hill Food Drive.

At the New Year, we reflect, review, and celebrate our accomplishments. We also set new goals for ourselves as we pursue further growth and refinement as individuals. We support our young students to do the same. We encourage you to discuss the goals that your children are setting for themselves, the steps they will take to reach those goals, and how they will continue to improve and persevere as individuals and learners.

Talking with your child regularly about what is happening at school, the learning that is taking place, and the questions they have about life and what they are learning supports the development of informed and responsible citizens in our society. In our modern age, our children have much more information at their disposal than ever before. Though this is a great advantage, it can also work as a disadvantage if our children are not critically assessing information, inquiring about topics, and discussing their perceptions and ideas with responsible adults and mentors who can guide them along their journey of life. We thank you for your continued partnership and support of all our efforts and look forward to our continued work together in the year ahead.

Sincerely,  
Bernadette Smith

*Write it on your heart that every  
day is the best day in the year.*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

**HAPPY NEW YEAR  
2016**



## Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2016-2017 school year will begin on Friday January 15, 2016. This is for children born in 2012 to start Junior Kindergarten in September.

### Required Documents:

- Proof of child's age (Birth Certificate/Passport)
- Proof of Residency of the student -two documents, one from each of the categories below showing the home address
- Category A - notice of tax assessment, current rental/lease agreement, agreement to purchase, including proof of purchase provided before student begins school, or property tax bill and
- Category B - utility bill, bank statement or other official document.

JK: Children must be 4 years old by Dec. 31, 2016 (born in 2012)

SK: Children must be 5 years old by Dec. 31, 2016 (born in 2011)



## Tech Talk

On December 9, Ross Doan participated in the Hour of Code. Along with 190 million other students in 180 countries, we helped to write billions of lines of code and raise awareness about the importance of computer and digital literacy. After a week of in-class learning, we were led in several coding activities by grade 5 Roselawn students in the library. Continue the learning at home with the following links:

### Code Studio

(a free online coding course for students in JK- Grade 8)

[studio.code.org/](http://studio.code.org/)

### Coding with Minecraft

[code.org/mc](http://code.org/mc)

### Coding with Angry Birds

[studio.code.org/hoc](http://studio.code.org/hoc)

### Coding with TVOKids

[tvokids.com/games/seedball](http://tvokids.com/games/seedball)  
[tvokids.com/games/artbotaction](http://tvokids.com/games/artbotaction)  
[tvokids.com/games/findingstuffout](http://tvokids.com/games/findingstuffout)

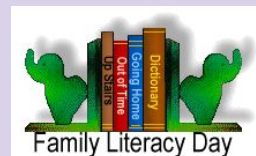


## News from the Learning Commons

January 27 is **Family Literacy Day**. With your partnership, we strive each day to support our students to develop strong foundational literacy skills. These skills are building blocks for future learning in all areas of the curriculum. One goal to establish at home is to read together daily for 15 minutes. Visit the following sites for some ideas to incorporate into your daily routines at home to continue to motivate your child to develop a love for reading.

[ABC Life Literacy Canada](#)

[RH Public Library](#)



### JANUARY 25 - 29

**LIGHTS! CAMERA!** COMING TO OUR SCHOOL... BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!



### Milk Program



The Milk Program starts on Tuesday, January 12. If you want to sign your child/ren up for this **please go to School Cash On-Line on the Ross Doan P.S. Website** <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/rossdoan.ps/Pages/default.aspx> to register your child/ren. You will need your child's Student Number that was sent home in a mailing in December or you can call the school office (905-884-4022) to receive it.

### Pizza and Hot Dog days are back!

Term 2 Pizza Pizza Days and Hot Diggity Dog Days are now available for purchase online at [School Cash Online](#). We have made some changes to our Hot Dog program that include offering a larger nutritious dog that will be delivered warm and individually wrapped to the school by a catering service.

Attention Vegetarians!! We are now offering a veggie dog as a substitute.

[Login to School Cash Online to sign up for our hot lunch programs.](#)

**Deadline to order is January 25th 2016.**





# ARTS NIGHT

Wednesday, December 16th was Ross Doan's first Arts Night and it was a huge success!

Students, families, and members of the community came together to celebrate creativity and the Arts.

We enjoyed musical performances, viewed beautiful art in our gym gallery, bought handmade and unique crafts, and enjoyed delicious treats!

*A very special  
thank you  
to our  
Parent Council  
for creating an  
amazing  
Winter  
Wonderland  
photo studio!*

*Beautiful  
photos  
captured our  
special evening  
for many  
families and  
provided a  
beautiful  
keepsake of  
our night.*





# School Council Update January 2016

Happy New Year! Wishing all members of the RDPS community a happy, healthy and prosperous 2016. School Council would like to thank everyone for their support at the Holiday Arts Night. The efforts of RDPS staff and community was tremendous.



## RDPS SWAG

### *T-Shirts and Water Bottles Are Here!*

Ross Doan Rockets T-Shirts and Water Bottles are now available online. Login to School Cash Online to purchase your T-Shirt for only \$12.50 or a red BPA free hard plastic water bottle for \$10.50. Want both? **Save \$2.50** on a Water Bottle when you order it with a T-Shirt! Quantities are limited so don't delay!



## **2015-16 Council representatives**

Bernadette Smith - Principal  
Catherine Robertson - Chair  
Karen Gaston - Vice-chair  
Stephanie Roll - Fundraising  
Jen Giffen - Secretary  
Shweta Mointas - Treasurer  
Jennifer Li - Parent Rep  
Malihe Roghani - Parent Rep  
Angela Spadafora - Parent Rep  
Jean Zhu - Parent Rep  
Fereshteh Khanazeh - Parent Rep  
Stephanie Signer - Teacher Rep

## Clothing Drive

Closets full after the holidays?

Looking to make some room, declutter, or purge?

Here is your chance to do this AND help raise money for school programs for our kids! In the coming month we will be running a clothing drive.

Details will be sent soon but in the meantime start to collect clothing, linens, etc. that you could donate.

## Toy Donations

One of the most important tools to facilitate play is a toy. And the Ross Doan Kindergarten Outdoor Pen Area is in need of some fun outdoor toys. If you have any gently used toys such as balls, hula hoops, buckets and shovels, trucks, etc that you could donate, we would love to take them off your hands. Please note, all toys must be in good condition. To make a donation please contact:

**Angela:** [twinspads@hotmail.com](mailto:twinspads@hotmail.com) or **Neomi:** [neomi.tsekhman@gmail.com](mailto:neomi.tsekhman@gmail.com)

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Join us at our monthly meetings meeting:

- Tue. Jan. 12
- Tue. Feb. 2
- No March meeting
- Tue. Apr. 5
- Tue. May 10
- June meeting date TBD

All meetings are in the  
Ross Doan Public School Library  
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

*FREE Babysitting is available*



## Upcoming Lunch Dates

**January Pizza Lunch Dates:** Fri. Jan.. 22

**January Hotdog Lunch Dates:** Fri. Jan.. 8 & Fri. Jan. 29


















Volunteers to help with these hot lunches are always appreciated. Please contact Stephanie @ [stephanie.m.roll@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.m.roll@gmail.com) to sign up.

Sign-up for the Term 2 Pizza and Hot Dog days will be done through School Cash Online only.

The lunch programs will be available for purchase by end of the week.



Month	Fundraising Initiative
January	Used Clothing Drive
February	Valentine Cookie Sale
March	Move-A-Thon
April	Spring Cleaning Clothing Drive
June	Carnival

<div>  <h1>JANUARY</h1>  </div>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1.
4.	5.	6.	7.	8.  Hot Dog Lunch
11.	12. Ten Ten Sports 1:10-1:50  6:30-7:30 School Council 	13.	14. Skipping Club 1:10-1:50 	15. <b>P.A. DAY</b> (No School) Kindergarten Registration begins
18. Mad Science 1:10-1:50 	19. Ten Ten Sports 1:10-1:50 	20. Kids Great Minds Computer Animation Club 	21. Skipping Club 1:10-1:50 	22.  Pizza Day  Little Jammers Guitar Club 
25.	26.	27.	28.	29.
SCHOLASTIC FAIR				
Mad Science 1:10-1:50 	Ten Ten Sports 1:10-1:50 	Kids Great Minds Computer Animation Club   Family Literacy Day	Skipping Club 1:10-1:50 	Hot Dog Lunch   Little Jammers Guitar Club 

Please note Monday February 1st is a P.A. Day



# Richmond Hill Preschool Workshops

## Do You Want to Build a Snowman? • \$12

Today I built a snowman, he had a carrot nose; along came a bunny, and what do you suppose? That hungry little bunny, looking for his lunch; ate that snowman's carrot nose – nibble, nibble, crunch! This workshop gives preschoolers a chance to spend a morning engaged in activities related to snowmen.

ELGIN WEST COMMUNITY CENTRE

DATE: Sat Jan 9 TIME: 10 - 11:30 a.m. CODE: 562666

## Creative Bakers! • \$15

In this workshop, preschoolers become creative bakers. They will learn how to transform a delicious cupcake and cookie into an edible work of art, taking them from ordinary to extraordinary! A variety of colourful embellishments will be provided, and fun decorating techniques introduced. Dress for a mess!



ELGIN WEST COMMUNITY CENTRE

DATE: Sun Jan 10 TIME: 2:30 - 4 p.m. CODE: 562527

## The Polar Express

### PJ Party • \$12

There's nothing preschoolers love more than a pajama party! In this fun-filled workshop, they will enjoy the popular Polar Express book and a variety of crafts and activities. Preschoolers should come in pajamas and slippers, and even bring a favorite cuddly toy! All aboard!

ELGIN WEST COMMUNITY CENTRE

DATE: Sat Jan 16 TIME: 10 - 11:30 a.m. CODE: 562716

## The Prince & Princess Ball • \$12

Young princes and princesses are cordially invited to attend a royal ball! Preschoolers will have a real ball dressed in their party best, as they dance, sing and make fancy crafts like a tiara/crown and a royal wand.

ELGIN WEST COMMUNITY CENTRE

DATE: Sun Jan 17 TIME: 2:30 - 4 p.m. CODE: 555127

## Polar Bears & Penguins • \$12

From polar bears to penguins, in this workshop preschoolers will spend the morning engaged in polar wildlife. They will make polar-inspired crafts, play with snow, and even practice waddling like a penguin. Along the way, they will pick up some interesting facts about these cold weather animals.

ELGIN WEST COMMUNITY CENTRE

DATE: Sat Jan 23 TIME: 10 - 11:30 a.m. CODE: 555121



## Building Block Play • \$12

Blocks are easy for young builders to grasp and build with and in this workshop, preschoolers will use their creativity and imagination to create an endless variety of structures.

ELGIN WEST COMMUNITY CENTRE

DATE: Sun Jan 31 TIME: 2:30 - 4 p.m. CODE: 563817

ADULT PARTICIPATION IS NOT REQUIRED, UNLESS SPECIFIED. PARTICIPANTS MUST BE TOILET-TRAINED OR IN PULL-UPS. IF CHILD IS IN PULL-UPS, THE PARENT OR CAREGIVER MUST STAY IN THE BUILDING DURING THE PROGRAM.

## Winter Preschool Workshops

REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY!  
SPACES ARE LIMITED.

### Kids' Friday Night Out!

Friday, January 8 -  
Friday, June 24

Langstaff Community Centre  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Oak Ridges Community Centre  
6 - 8 p.m.

### Winter Preschool Open House:

Elgin West Community Centre  
Saturday, November 21  
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Richmond Hill

For more information, contact Joy Delacruz-Shea  
at joy.delacruz-shea@richmondhill.ca or  
call 905-508-7012, ext. 226, or contact  
Kelly Hamilton Wilson at  
kelly.hamiltonwilson@richmondhill.ca  
or call 905-508-7012, ext. 224.

RichmondHill.ca/eReg

Richmond Hill

## Winter Preschool Workshops

Ages 2.5 - 6

Look inside at the fun,  
exciting and  
hands-on workshops  
to choose from!

Registration for Winter begins  
Thursday, November 26



Workshops with low enrolment will be cancelled  
one week prior to date of workshop.

RichmondHill.ca/eReg

# Richmond Hill Preschool Workshops

## Arctic Adventure • \$12

In this fun-filled workshop, preschoolers will enhance their strength, balance and coordination through safe and exciting winter-themed activities. The experience includes crawling through make-believe rings of ice, jumping the ice cube hopscotch, walking along a frozen tight rope and Arctic bowling! This is a great way to make friends and develop better gross and fine motor skills.

**ELGIN WEST COMMUNITY CENTRE**

DATE: Sat Feb 6 TIME: 10 - 11:30 a.m. CODE: 562534

## Fun Effects • \$12

Preschoolers will make fancy designs using tools that have unique textures, experiment with lots of designs and use their imaginations.

**ELGIN WEST COMMUNITY CENTRE**

DATE: Sun Feb 7 TIME: 2:30 - 4 p.m. CODE: 555116

## Preschool Pancake Party • \$5

Pancakes delight kids at breakfast like nothing else! This year, do more than just eat pancakes with your child on Pancake Day! Why not join the Preschool instructors at our pancake party? We will serve up yummy pancakes followed by pancake crafts, activities and gym time.

**ELGIN WEST COMMUNITY CENTRE**

DATE: Tue Feb 9 TIME: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. CODE: 555122

## Valentine's Day • \$12

Looking for some Valentine's Day fun? It's no secret that preschoolers love to show affection for their favorite people and have fun. Valentine's Day provides a great opportunity to do both! Preschoolers can experience Valentine's fun by joining us for holiday crafts, stories and activities focusing on Valentine's themes of friendship, hearts and sharing.

**ELGIN WEST COMMUNITY CENTRE**

DATE: Sat Feb 13 TIME: 10 - 11:30 a.m. CODE: 555128

## Be My Valentine Cookie Decorating • \$15

Bring your little Valentine to this workshop to decorate cookies, make Valentine crafts and sing songs. Spend a morning creating and being together with friends and family. This workshop will be sure to warm your heart!

**ELGIN WEST COMMUNITY CENTRE**

DATE: Sun Feb 14 TIME: 2:30 - 4 p.m. CODE: 562537

## Little Monkeys • \$15

Preschoolers are little monkeys! They love to jump and move and explore. This is the perfect place to do it. There's no end to the fun preschoolers will have in our Little Monkeys workshop, as they spend the morning monkeying around in a safe and social environment.

**ELGIN WEST COMMUNITY CENTRE**

DATE: Sat Feb 20 TIME: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. CODE: 555117



## Look at Me! • \$12

Preschoolers will create puppets, and portraits of themselves, friends and family with different skin tones and fun expressions.

**ELGIN WEST COMMUNITY CENTRE**

DATE: Sun Feb 21 TIME: 2:30 - 4 p.m. CODE: 555118

## Snowflakes All Around • \$12

What are snowflakes made out of? Have you ever seen a snowflake up close? Preschoolers will explore their senses of touch, sight and smell by exploring snow and snowflakes in this fun winter workshop. They will also enjoy creating and decorating snowflakes. It's a great way to take winter inside where it's nice and warm!



**ELGIN WEST COMMUNITY CENTRE**

DATE: Sat Feb 27 TIME: 10 - 11:30 a.m. CODE: 562717

## Blast Off on a Space Adventure! • \$12

I'm a little rocket pointing at the moon. Now I'm getting fuelled up. We'll be ready soon. When it's time to board me, then I'll say, Blast off! Zoom! We're on our way! Blast into outer space in this exciting workshop!

**ELGIN WEST COMMUNITY CENTRE**

DATE: Sun Feb 28 TIME: 2:30 - 4 p.m. CODE: 555080

## Pet Party • \$12

Hip, hip, hooray! It's pet party day! Preschoolers should bring a special, stuffed friend to the party where they will make pet-sized party hats and make-believe play dough cakes for their special friends.

**ELGIN WEST COMMUNITY CENTRE**

DATE: Sat Mar 5 TIME: 10 - 11:30 a.m. CODE: 555120

## Bake with Me! • \$15

Preschoolers go crazy for cupcakes! What a wonderful way to spend quality time working together to create beautiful and yummy cupcakes! This is a great introduction to baking and safety skills in the kitchen.

**OAK RIDGES COMMUNITY CENTRE**

DATE: Sun Mar 6 TIME: 3 - 4:30 p.m. CODE: 562539

## Lucky Me St. Patrick's Day Fun • \$12

Everyone will see green at this St. Patrick's Day workshop! Bring your little ones to celebrate the magic of the day by creating lucky clover, rainbow and leprechaun crafts. Then, discover if you have the luck of the Irish by trying your hand at a variety of games and activities geared for your preschooler.

**ELGIN WEST COMMUNITY CENTRE**

DATE: Sat Mar 12 TIME: 10 - 11:30 a.m. CODE: 562546

## My Preschool Friends • \$12

Preschoolers can't wait to make new friends! Bring your little ones to join us for the morning as we turn our play space into a room where children can build new friendships. They will gain valuable social skills and have loads of fun!

**ELGIN WEST COMMUNITY CENTRE**

DATE: Sun Mar 20 TIME: 2:30 - 4 p.m. CODE: 555119

## Easter Cookie Decorating • \$15

Preschoolers will have a story read to them about Easter eggs and then make their own! They will also make buttercream frosting to decorate egg-shaped sugar cookies, develop their measuring and stirring skills and learn to use a mixer.

**ELGIN WEST COMMUNITY CENTRE**

DATE: Sat Mar 26 TIME: 2:30 - 4 p.m. CODE: 559619

**OAK RIDGES COMMUNITY CENTRE**

DATE: Sat Mar 26 TIME: 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. CODE: 559617



ADULT PARTICIPATION IS NOT REQUIRED, UNLESS SPECIFIED. PARTICIPANTS MUST BE TOILET-TRAINED OR IN PULL-UPS. IF CHILD IS IN PULL-UPS, THE PARENT OR CAREGIVER MUST STAY IN THE BUILDING DURING THE PROGRAM.