



# APPLE SEEDS

April 2025

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

We trust that this version of Apple Seeds finds our families and friends well. It is hard to believe that we are now in the month of April.

Our Steel Pan Band under the direction of Aaron Seunarine will be participating in the TDSB's Panfest next month on May 6. We are excited for this opportunity for our students. Thank you to Aaron for encouraging our students to work hard and take this step.

In April, our junior students will be participating once again with Kickstart Arts.

Please do stay tuned to this method of communication in addition to your classroom teachers' newsletters. There are many events coming up and we want you to be aware.

As you know as the weather warms the OOOPS Gardening team begins to get the garden ready. Please note the information in the School Council section for more information and how you can help.

Thank you to all of our families for your ongoing support of the work that we do at OOOPS. We are blessed to have such a caring community.

Janice

**Janice Lewis, Principal**  
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## PIZZA DAY:

**Thursday April 10 and Thursday April 24:** order due by April 6 and April 20

You can purchase Pizza via School Cash Online.

<https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com>

## PLEASE NOTE:

Many students are ordering more pizza than they can eat and then want bags to take the pizza home.

**We are asking that you provide a container or bag if your child needs one or simply order what they can eat.** This also goes along with our renewed focus on Litter less lunches. Thank you.

## CHESS AT OSSINGTON!!

Chess club is returning to Ossington Old Orchard this spring! The 9-week Thursday lunch program is open to students of all skill levels in grades 1-6, from complete beginners to advanced players. Whether your child is picking up the pieces for the first time or a seasoned player already, we look forward to welcoming new and experienced students. Space is limited, so go to [www.chessworld.ca](http://www.chessworld.ca) to learn more and save your spot today.

## PARKING AT OOOPS!

We would ask that parents and community parents not park in the driveway area in front of the fence. When cars are there the garbage truck cannot fit down the driveway to complete the collection. Our parking lot is limited and would ask that you please take note of this when dropping off your children. Thank you.

## **GRADE 6 – 7 Transitions**

If you have accepted a spot in a school outside of our home school AMG, please let our OA Nancy Cabreiro know at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

## **HOUSE LEAGUE INTERMURALS AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS**

House League Ball Hockey, House League Volleyball, and Grade 2/3 Open gym are all back up and running. The Co-ed Volleyball Team won their exhibition game against Dewson. Track and Field tryouts will begin shortly. The first round of tryouts will occur during gym classes. More information will be provided to those who make it past the first round.

## **2025-2026 CLASS PLACEMENT (2<sup>nd</sup> notice):**

Each year we have the task of creating classes for the following school year. This is a task that we spend much time thinking about and it is always our intention to get it right so that the needs of each of our students are met. When choosing a class placement for a student we look at several variables: how many classes are available; grade level; gender; students with special learning and/or medical needs; students who are on Individual Education Plans; social/emotional needs; Teacher input and finally identified parent requests or concerns.

***Should you wish to make a request regarding class placement please send an email to Principal Janice Lewis identifying your request and the specific educational reason for the request. (Please note that making a request does not guarantee that it will be possible).***

Thank you.  
Janice Lewis  
Principal

## **SAFE and CARING Schools:**

**PERSONAL TOYS/BALLS AT SCHOOL:** We ask that students not bring personal balls and toys to school as we cannot be responsible for their safety. Sometimes these items can be the source of conflict in play. Please help us by not sending these items from home.

## **SNACKS FOR STUDENTS:**

We presently offer one snack per day for each student at OOOPS. We will be reviewing our snack program in the days to come. If your child needs more snacks throughout the day, please provide extra snacks in your child's lunch bags.



## **SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER**

### **OSSINGTON SCHOOL MERCH!!!! GET YOURS TODAY (see PDF attached in sent message)**

This Spring there are lots of ways to shop and support OOOPS! The OOOPS x 18 Waits collection is available for re-orders with a new zip front hoodie. We have also brought back the adorable Virginia Johnson chick design in a t-shirt and hoodie to raise funds for the garden project. Merchandise orders can be placed through [School Cash Online](#) until Friday April 25, 2025 with pick up at the Big Dig (and following week).

This Spring you'll also be able to stock up on kids clothing from Mini Mioche with 10% savings for you and 15% donated to OOOPS to help support our school's programming. We will share our unique school shopping link soon!

## GARDENING

You are invited to the first 2025 Gardening Drop-in, THIS SUNDAY, April 6<sup>th</sup>, from 10-1pm. Rain or shine!

At OOOPS, we have more than one thousand square feet of garden that we plant each year with vegetables and flowers, and take care of with watering and weeding. We are getting the garden ready for the Big Dig (where every student will plant something in the garden), at the end of May.

On April 6<sup>th</sup>, there is a job for everyone – loosening the packed soil, spreading compost, and more!

Bring your garden gloves and tools if you have them. If not, we have lots!

No gardening experience needed. ALL are welcome.

## **FUNFAIR IS HAPPENING!!!!**

### **Friday June 13th 3:30-7pm!**

Mark your calendars for OOOPS' annual school-wide party to celebrate the end of the year and kick off the summer.

**We're looking for a small team of volunteers** to help with the final planning from early April - early June.

Please contact Holly McLellan if you can help out:  
[hollymclellan@gmail.com](mailto:hollymclellan@gmail.com) /  
[oopsparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:oopsparentcouncil@gmail.com)

***Please join us for our next Council Meeting: April 16 at 6:30. Your voice matters.***

### **OOOPS School Council Meeting**

Apr 16, 2025 06:30-7:30 PM Eastern Time

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/95707439906>

Or join by phone: 647-374-4685

Meeting ID: 957 0743 9906

## UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES

April 9	International Day of Pink
April 10	Pizza Day
April 18 - 21	No school Friday and Monday
April 24	Pizza Day
April 24 - 25	Island School Grade 6 Trip
May 8	Pizza
May 6	Panfest
May 7	Primary Concert
May 21 - 30	EQAO
May 14	Rm 17 to ROM
May 26	Big Dig