



APPLE SEEDS

December 2024

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Happy December! I cannot really believe that we are in December and that people are getting ready to celebrate winter traditions and festivities.

We have had a busy November at OOOPS. Two of our classes were on field trips and our grade 3/4 class will be off to Toronto Urban Education Centre in December.

We would like to say thank you to all of our parents/guardians for attending our Parent-Teacher interviews. It is such an important part of our teacher-parent communication. We value our partnership with you.

As we approach the end of the year, we want to remind you that schools will be closed for Winter Break from **December 24, 2024, to January 5, 2025**. I hope that students enjoy this well-deserved time off and that everyone has the opportunity to spend time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming students and staff back on **Monday, January 6, 2025**.

Wishing you the best of the holiday season, a wonderful Winter Break, and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely
Janice Lewis
Principal

“Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, For the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: It is the time for home”
...E. Sitwell



Indigenous Author David Robertson at OOOPS!

Dec. 10, 2024

Primary Presentation
9:35 – 10:05
Junior Presentation
10:20 – 11:00
Parents are welcome to attend either presentation.



NB: This event may be covered by local media. Media Release requests will be honoured.

Tribal Vision Dance:

We were honoured to have Derek, Naomi, and Jake Martin from Tribal Vision Dance at OOOPS to teach us about dances that we might see at a powwow. We also learned about the origin of Turtle Island and that giving back to a community is important and Indigenous people can earn feathers which indicate their commitment to their community. Thank you to Tribal Vision Dance





OCCUPATIONAL Therapy:

Self-Regulation Parent Session:

Thank you to all of our parents who were able to attend this session with Leslie Hopkins. We had an informative workshop on self-regulation and how we address this with our children and also ourselves. Thank you for your support. The link for information and parent resources is below.

PIZZA DAY: We will be piloting doing pizza days twice a month beginning in January. One day is sponsored by School Council and the regular last Thursday of the month is sponsored by OOOPS School. Here are the proposed dates for 2025.

Orders are due the Sunday before Pizza Day

- January 16 (order by Jan. 12)
- January 30 (order by Jan. 26)
- February 13 (order by Feb. 9)
- February 27 (order by Feb. 23)
- March 27 (order by March 23 one pizza day due to March break)
- April 10 (order by April 6)
- April 24 (order by April 20)
- May 8 (order by May 4)
- May 29 (order by May 25)
- June 12 (order by June 8)
- June 26 (order by June 22)

You can purchase Pizza via School Cash Online <https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com>

Parent Volunteers are needed for the first pizza day of each month. Please sign up by visiting the google link:

[OOOPS Council Pizza Days!](#)

Out-of-Area Admissions

Online applications for both elementary and secondary [Out-of-Area Admissions](#) opens on **January 6, 2025**. This is the process whereby students can apply to attend a school outside of the school designated to serve their home address. Acceptance is subject to space availability and transportation is the responsibility of the applicant. The **Elementary** application deadline is **January 31 at 4 p.m.** and the **Secondary** application deadline is **January 24 at 4 p.m.**

***NEW* English Kindergarten Registration Begins in January!**

TDSB looks forward to welcoming Kindergarten students for the 2025-26 school year and registration for English begins in January! To attend Junior Kindergarten in September 2025, children must turn four-years-old by December 31. To attend Senior Kindergarten in September 2025, children must be five-years-old by December 31. Visit the [Kindergarten Registration page](#) to learn more.

Literacy Strategy Consultation Survey

TDSB is developing a Kindergarten to Grade 12 Literacy Strategy which will set the direction, priorities, and goals for learning and teaching literacy over the next three years. We want to hear from you! Parents/guardians/caregivers are invited to share feedback anonymously through the online [Literacy Strategy Consultation survey](#). The survey will remain open until **Monday, December 18, 2023**.

LOST and FOUND!!

Please do visit the lost and found over the next two weeks we would like to have all items returned to families. There are several coats and with the weather change, hats, and mittens.

We also strongly encourage families to write or label clothing as it makes it easy to return to children, especially winter clothing.

HOUSE LEAGUE INTRMURALS AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS

Congratulations to teams Brazil and England for winning their House League Soccer Tournaments! House League Volleyball is starting next, and over 70 students have already signed up! More and more Grade 2/3's are also coming out to participate in our open gym sessions on Day 5's. It is great to see so many OOOPS students interested in co-curricular physical activity!

The Boys' Volleyball Team faced tough competition at their tournament on Dec. 3 and unfortunately did not move on to the playoffs. Tryouts for the Grade 6 Girls Volleyball Team have begun, and practices/tryouts will be during lunch recesses on days 1 through 4. Sign up sheets for the Co-ed Ball Hockey team will be posted soon.

SAFE and CARING Schools:

Ossington Old Orchard School Grounds:

Winter Weather & Student Transportation – It's sometimes necessary to cancel student transportation, classes and/or programs because of [severe weather](#). On rare occasions, it may be necessary to close schools, administrative offices, or sites and when schools are closed, there will be no staff (such as principals and teachers) on-site to supervise students. Any decision to cancel buses, classes and/or programs or to close sites is not taken lightly and when this happens, information will be posted on the [TDSB home page](#) and on TDSB social media by 6 a.m.

New Lunch time entry protocol:

Beginning Dec. 6 students will enter the school to use the washroom through exit door 4 during the lunch recess. One of our Lunchroom Supervisor will supervise the exit and be available to open the door for students who need to enter the building. An assembly was held in the morning of Dec. 6 to describe the new procedure to grade 1 – 6 students.

SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER

Gingerbread Fair

The Gingerbread Fair is one week away! We need help with planning/organization, set-up, running games, donations, and much more! Please get in touch with Kylie Moore, kylie.meyermann@gmail.com or your class rep for more info on how to get involved.

Can you believe it is already December?

School Council is well on their way, and we have a few big-ticket items that we need your help with – \$3k for buses to ensure every child goes on a class trip, \$3k for an irrigation system and \$2k for a supply closet and books. The steel pan drums also need to be tuned and we are waiting for an estimate. If you or your company would like to donate to OOOPS we encourage you to make a donation on School Cash Online. Donations over \$25 will receive a tax receipt. Thank you for your help!

You can make a tax-receipted donation online using this link.

<https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/457/153/false/true?school=1079&initiative=29>

FIELD TRIPS! In the new year, all students will be going to the TSO, Young People's Theatre, or a related field trip. Parent Council will fund travel accommodation for trips that require school buses, as well as ensure that all students have the opportunity to participate.

CHESS! OOOPS is looking to start a lunchtime chess club in the new year; watch out for news on how to sign up soon!

Thank you for being an essential part of our amazing school community. Here's to a year filled with learning, growth, and success!

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES

Dec. 10	Author David Robertson Visit
Dec. 13	Gingerbread Fair
Dec. 20	Last Day before Winter Break
Jan. 6	Return to School for 2025
Jan. 17	PA Day