



APPLE SEEDS

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SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING:

Please join us for our School Council Meeting on **Tuesday, February 21st at 6:30PM.**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/97309932970?pwd=VDBaTTVIYmt6V3JtdStOR3M0bUVTZz09>

Meeting ID: 973 0993 2970

Passcode: 128783

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for families living in our district begins on February 1st! If your child was born in 2019 and you live in our district, please register on-line www.tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten

In addition, OOOPS is now open to students who live out of area if there is sibling currently attending our school. If this is the case, parents will need to apply to attend OOOPS through the **Out of Area Admissions Process**. The Registration Form for Out of Area Admissions (formally Optional Attendance Form) is **now an on-line form**, and the process will be managed centrally. [Out-of-Area Admissions Policy \(P013\)](#).

The Elementary application is available on the [Elementary Out-of-Area Admissions web page](#).

The Elementary application will **close on Friday, February 10, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.** Please make sure you submit Out-of-Area Forms before the deadline. It is advisable that Elementary Forms be submitted by January 30th.

Grade 6 students often apply to attend schools under Optional Attendance for Grade 7. Please make sure you do this before the deadline.

We look forward to welcoming you at OOOPS! If you have questions about registration, please contact: Elizabeth.pindar@tdsb.on.ca

REPORT CARDS and PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Report Cards and IEP's will be sent home to parents/guardians on Tuesday, February 14, 2023.

Teachers will be available to meet with parents either in-person, virtually or by phone to discuss their child's progress and next steps for improvement.

Teachers will reach out directly to the parents with whom they would like to meet. If you do not hear from your child's teacher and would like to schedule an interview, please connect with the teacher directly.

AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Throughout this month, students will be engaging in discussions and reading books to learn more about Canada's rich Black history. Each morning students will be reading announcements about prominent people of African Heritage and outlining the many contributions they have made to our society. We are planning a Black History Month Assembly for Monday, Feb. 24th. Thank you to Grade 6 students, Frances and Kiona, for their leadership!

PA DAY – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2023

Please remember that Friday, Feb. 17th is a PA Day and there will be no school for students.

VALENTINE'S DAY – TUESDAY, Feb. 14

As we acknowledge Valentine's Day this year, students and staff are encouraged to wear pink, red and white clothing to celebrate *friendship and promote kindness*.

On Tuesday, Feb. 14th our wonderful lunchroom supervisors will be making popcorn for students for morning recess.



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16 – RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS DAY

Students will be encouraged to spread kindness and to perform a random act of kindness towards another person.



MS. LIDYA – GOODBYE!

Ms. Lidya has been filling in as our French Teacher and Teacher/Librarian since the beginning of this year. In such a short time, Ms. Lidya has made a huge impact on our school. We are very grateful to her for organizing the OOOPS Card Project and Giving Tuesday. She has also been instrumental in implementing the Forest of Reading Program at our school. This program, which involves students reading Canadian fiction and non-fiction books from Kindergarten – Gr. 6 is currently underway.

Ms. Lidya will finish her long-term assignment here at OOOPS on Thursday, Feb. 16th. We wish her the very best and hope that she will return sometime soon!

WELCOME BACK MS. LUNDY

Ms. Lundy will be returning to OOOPS on Tuesday, Feb. 21st. I know that many students and staff have missed Ms. Lundy very much and we are very happy to hear that she will be returning to our school.

Ms. Lundy will continue to teach French to the Grade 4 – 6 students and Media Literacy to Room 18. She will also continue in the important role of Teacher/Librarian for our school.

RUNAWAY SNOWMAN

Rehearsals are well on their way and students are very excited about the upcoming performances.



We have cast the show with Cast A and Cast B. However, all students are in both casts and will be performing on both evenings (March 1 and March 2). The lead roles of the show are different students in each cast and the intention is to provide as much opportunity to as many students as possible.

It will be a busy month. If your child is involved in the musical, please make sure you have received the rehearsal schedule for February.

A Ticket Pre-Order Form will be sent home to parents of students in the Cast on Tuesday, February 7th and is due on Tuesday, February 14th. Tickets for parents of children who are not in the cast will be available after Feb. 14th.

PIZZA DAY

Pizza Day is this **Friday, February 3rd**.



AUTHOR VISIT – KATHY KACER

Kathy Kacer is an award-winning Canadian author of fiction and non-fiction books for children about The Holocaust. She is coming to our school to talk about her book, *The Secret of Gabi's Dresser*. *The Secret of Gabi's Dresser* is particularly special because it is a story about her mother.

In addition to writing, Kathy teaches at the University of Toronto, and speaks to children in schools and libraries around the world about the importance of understanding the Holocaust and keeping its memory alive. She also lectures in universities and colleges on the topic of teaching sensitive material to young children.

You can read about *The Secret of Gabi's Dresser* here.

https://www.goodreads.com/en/book/show/58721.The_Secret_of_Gabi_s_Dresser

Kathy Kacer will be speaking to our Gr. 4 – 6 students on Feb. 9th at 10:20AM.

LUNCHTIME BOARD GAMES – Gr. 1 - 3

Lunchtime Board Games for Gr. 1-3 students takes place on Mondays during lunch recess. Interested students must come by Room 11 at morning recess every Monday to sign up for the lunchtime club. The games will change weekly, and attendance is limited to 20 students.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS

- Gr. 5/6 Boys Basketball – Monday and Thursdays mornings at 7:50AM.
- Gr. 5/6 Co-Ed Floor Hockey – AM Recess
- Gr. 6 Girls' Volleyball – Lunch Recess (Day1,3,4)
- Intramural Games Gr. 4 -6 – PM Recess

STUDENTS LEAVING OOOPS

If your family is planning on moving or if your child has been accepted into French Immersion or another program, please let the school office know.

This information helps us to plan and organize the school for September 2023.

TDSB SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESENTATION

The TDSB Special Ed. Department is offering a virtual presentation on Tuesday, Feb. 28th.

Learn about Special Education and Inclusion

- Identification, Placement, and Review Committee (IPRC) reviews
- Transitions

Here is the link to the Tues. Feb. 28th flyer:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1i-FmmZ--1pP-Gf17s8GBfJLrc7CAuqgl/edit#slide=id.pl>

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 1	Kindergarten Registration Begins!
February 8	Gardiner Museum – Room 20
February 9	Kathy Kacer Presentation
February 10	Out of Area Admissions Registration Forms Due
February 14	Valentine's Day – we will celebrate Friendship and Kindness! Please wear red, pink and/or white!
February 16	Random Act of Kindness Day
February 15	Report Cards go Home
February 15	Girls' Volleyball Tournament
February 16	Boys' Basketball Tournament
Feb. 16 - 17	Parent/Teacher Conferences
February 17	PA Day – No school for students
February 21	School Council Meeting – 6:30 PM
February 21	Co-Ed Ball Hockey Tournament
February 24	Black History Month Assembly
March 1	Runaway Snowman Performances 2pm and 7pm
March 2	Runaway Snowman Performances 2pm and 7pm
March 13 - 17	March Break

LUNAR NEW YEAR PARADE!

