



APPLE SEEDS

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Happy New Year to our Ossington Community. We are off to a great start. Please see the Upcoming Events section of our newsletter for information on exciting opportunities for our students. In addition, there are also two parent workshops available.

I would like to take this opportunity to send our condolences to the family of Andrew Pyper who passed away on January 3, 2025. Heidi, Andrew, Maude, and Ford were part of our Ossington Community for many years. The obituary link is here for those who would like more information. <https://cremationcare.ca/tribute/details/628/Andrew-Pyper/obituary.html>

Our French teacher Ms. Lundy will be returning to OOOPS on Feb. 7. I would like to thank Ms. Chloe Camacho for taking the LTO position while Ms. Lundy was on leave. We wish her every success. I am sure we will see her at OOOPS again although in a different capacity. Ms. Marilyn Ventura our JK/SK DECE will be returning to OOOPS on January 21. We welcome her back and express our gratitude to Jasmine Donnarumma for stepping into this role for December and January.

On behalf of the staff and myself we would like to send once again a heartfelt thank you to our families for your ongoing support. Together, we create an environment where students can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally – inside and outside the classroom.

May 2025 bring curiosity, discovery, and success to each student in our community.

Sincerely
Janice Lewis
Principal



Indigenous Author David Robertson at OOOPS!

On December 10 we had Canadian Author David Robertson at OOOPS. We had two assemblies for our students and David also did a book signing. This was a wonderful opportunity for our students. Thank you to the School Council who sponsored this event.



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!](#)


Day of Action Against Islamophobia: Author & Illustrator Talk for The Boldest White


Parents and caregivers are invited to join this community evening
session: <https://bit.ly/Jan292025DayofAction>

Hatem Aly, renowned illustrator of The Proudest Blue and many other celebrated children's books, will engage TDSB students in an interactive storytelling session focused on his newest book, *The Boldest White: A Story of Hijab and Community*. This inspiring picture book, co-written by S.K. Ali and Olympic medalist Ibtihaj Muhammad, explores themes of courage, belonging and community.

Upcoming Events:

Creative Movement with Sarah Murray:

 On Mondays from January 13 to February 24 Sarah Murray will be working with our students from JK – 3 in the area of creative movement. We are excited for our students to have this experience.

 On March 4 grade 1 – 6 students will be going to the Young People's Theatre to see the show "The Darkest Dark".

Parents will be asked to pay \$10.00 for the trip. The school will cover the remainder of ticket fees (\$7.00) and School Council will be covering the cost of busses.



CYC (Child & Youth Counsellor): Cristina Di Luca (TDSB) will be returning to Ossington to work with our students over the next few months. She will be starting her visits with our grade 5/6 classes. They will be working on the following themes in terms of student action: intent verses impact: what is the difference between actions that are rude: mean: bullying: and The Power of Words. We are so excited that Cristina will be with us again this year.

We will also welcome our Social Worker Don Toyne to do a workshop with our grade 5/6 students in January.

Parent workshop opportunities

Equity and Belonging Begins at Home with Dr. Andrew B. Campbell (Dr. ABC)

January 15, 2025
6:30 – 8:00 p.m. (virtual)

[Register](#)

ABC's of Literacy
January 28, 2025
6:30 – 7:00 p.m. (virtual)

[Register](#)

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.

HOUSE LEAGUE INTERMURALS AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS

Welcome back to the New Year! We hope you all had a restful break! It is now time to get active again and work off all those holiday chocolates and baked goods :)

OOOPS athletics is picking up where it left off with Open Gym for the Grade 2 and 3's on Day 5's, House League Volleyball and Ball Hockey during afternoon recesses, as well as tryouts for the Girls Volleyball, and Co-ed Ball Hockey teams which take place during morning and lunch recesses. Make sure you log into the TDSB EMA system at <https://parent.ema.tdsb.on.ca> to see which teams your child can try out for and give them permission to participate.

SAFE and CARING Schools:

See notes regarding Child and Youth Counsellor

Outside Lights:

Last year we restored the tall lights in the yard as a safety measure to keep the yard area safe after dark. We have repaired the lights again as they were tampered with by a community member. If anyone notices people tampering with the lights, please notify the police.



CHESS!

Chess club coming to OOOPS!

The 9-week Thursday lunch program is open to students in grades 1-6 in all skill levels, from complete beginners to advanced players. Space is limited, go to www.chessworld.ca to learn more and save your spot today.

Look for flyers sent home Friday January 10. The club will start on **Thursday January 23.**

Creativity in the Music class

Composing



Room 11 "On the way to St. Ives"



SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER

We hope everyone had a wonderful winter break and we welcome everyone back for 2025!

We have been working closely with teachers and Ms. Janice over the past few months to ensure we are delivering the most amazing educational experience to our children.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, January 21 at 6:30pm**. All are welcome: you do not need to be a class rep or have a formal role to join a parent council meeting. At our meetings you will hear from our principal, co-chairs and hear about different initiatives we are planning for our kids.

Teacher Requests/Supplies

We are busy fulfilling a number of teacher requests from supplies to books, to light up and white boards. There are a few items that teachers are looking for that we would like to add to a supply closet for different projects. We are looking for donations of the following:

- Magazines
- Newspapers/flyers
- Paper towel rolls

Donations can be made directly to the office.

Fundraising

School Council needs your help. This year we have many large initiatives that we are trying to accomplish – \$3k for buses to go to Young Peoples Theatre, \$3k for an irrigation system, \$3k for AC for the Kindergarteners and \$2k for teacher requests 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 donate 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>

Gingerbread Fair

Thank you to all those that volunteered to help with the Gingerbread Fair and a big thank you to Kylie for organizing. This year the Gingerbread Fair raised approx \$5.1k for our school. What a big success!

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES

Jan 17	PA Day
Jan 23	Chess Club Starts
Feb 5	Drumming Workshops
Feb 11	Reports sent home
Feb 13	Shake off the Winter Blues.... Dance/Popcorn (pm)
Feb 13	Parent Teacher Interviews
Feb 14	Parent Teacher Interviews/PA Day
Feb 17	Family Day Holiday
Mar 4	Grade 1 – 6 go to Young People's Theatre