



APPLE SEEDS

June 2024

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

June is upon us. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our School Community, Students, Staff and Parents for a wonderful year. Our School Council and Parent Volunteers have provided so many opportunities for our students through funding activities and attending events to support students. I would specifically like to thank Lindsay McKenzie and Julie McCambley our School Council Co-chairs for their leadership this year.

I would like to announce the Shannon Wrighte will not be returning to OOOPS for the 2024-2025 school year. We wish her well as she joins the staff at Brock PS. She is an outstanding educator and will be missed in our community. I would like to welcome back Dione Holmes who is returning from leave.

A reminder to parents/guardians that you will receive an email the last week of August indicating your child's class placement and teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.

It has been my privilege to serve as principal this year at OOOPS. I received such a warm welcome in September (thank you again) and I look forward to the 2024-2025 school year.

On behalf of the staff at OOOPS we wish everyone a safe and restful summer.

Janice

Janice Lewis, Principal
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PIZZA DAY: Thursday June 20: You can purchase Pizza via School Cash Online beginning June 9 until Sunday June 16.

<https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com>



PLEASE NOTE:

We are not able to accommodate last minute orders. Please make sure you have your order in by June 16.

OSSINGTON OLD ORCHARD SCHOOL WEBSITE:

We are updating our website. Please click on the link below. There is an updated Google Calendar where you can find what is coming up at our school. We will be adding some new pages in the near future. Editions of Apple Seeds will be posted each month.

The Welcome to Kindergarten slideshow is located under Parents/Welcome to Kindergarten.

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EQAO: Our grade 3 and 6 students have been working hard on the EQAO tests. We are now done. Mr. Di Fonzo's class had a bulletin board in honour of EQAO.



WELLNESS @ OSSINGTON:

On May 23 and June 5 our students have taken some time to focus on Wellness. Thank you to our Superintendent Jennifer Chan for supporting this initiative. Students were put into multi-grade groupings and each given a name as to a Yoga Pose. Over the two days each group will have experienced Yoga, Dance, Mindfulness and Co-operative games (parachute). There were also some recess treats. Students had a lot of fun and also learned positive ways to de-stress, in addition to spending time with some students they may not know or see each day. Thank you to all of our staff for their flexibility and to our School Improvement Team for creating the idea.



YOU ARE INVITED TO A WELLNESS WORKSHOP.

Reminder: Happening next week! Youth Mental Health Workshop for Parents/Guardians + Free Childcare at OOOPS

On Tuesday June 4th 6:15-7:15pm, School Council is hosting a youth mental health workshop for parents & guardians of OOOPS students.

There will be free childcare* provided in the OOOPS gym from 6:00-7:30pm. Light snacks and drinks will also be provided.

*If you would like a childcare spot, you must RSVP by Sunday June 2nd using this form:
<https://forms.gle/NccFc1k5ydhdv7>

Key dates/times:

- Please RSVP by June 2nd using the form
- Childcare starts at 6pm on June 4th in the OOOPS gym
- Light refreshments will be provided for children and parents/guardians

- The workshop will be from 6:15-7:15pm on June 4th (it will be held in a classroom)
- Childcare ends at 7:30pm

The workshop will be presented by Sheryl Boswell, Executive Director of Youth Mental Health Canada. The workshop will provide helpful context and practical resources to equip families to identify warning signs and changes in their children's mental wellbeing, review health-promoting habits and other ways to support your child(ren), and where to access support as parents/guardians, as well.

If you have any questions about the June 4th event, please contact:
hollymclellan@gmail.com



OSSINGTON OLD ORCHARD ATHLETICS

The finals for the House League Backboard Dodgeball Tournament between the Red and Green Teams is this week. Good luck to both teams!! Our final House League game of the year will be Kickball!! All junior students in Grades 4-6 have the opportunity to sign up. The first game starts next week!

Over 30 OOOPS' students participated in an Ultimate Frisbee tournament at Davenport PS. Although it was an unfortunate loss in overtime that kept them from moving on, students had a blast and displayed great sportsmanship throughout the day.

Our Track & Field meet was a huge success with 19 students making it through to the Conference Finals on June 5th. A HUGE thank you to all the parent volunteers (Carol Finlay, Maureen

Gemmell, Cheryl Giovanou, Dennis Choquette, Gabriela Silva and Jane Son) for volunteering their time and making this event possible.

OSSINGTON OLD ORCHARD UN ASSEMBLY

Throughout the year, the students in Room 20 have been exploring the concept of globalization and this year-long focus culminated last Friday when the students of Room 20 were extremely proud to present the 2024 United Nations General Assembly. By utilizing the skill of public speaking, this group of young world leaders brought forth to the world stage important issues which the nations they represented are currently experiencing. Furthermore, they offered viable solutions on what can be done to improve the state of the Earth. Congratulations Room 20! What a spectacular event!

Nick Panamsky



CARING AND SAFE SCHOOLS:

Lunch Behaviour:

We are still working with our students on lunch routines. Reminders to speak with indoor voices when eating. Respect for our Lunchroom Supervisors and appropriate behaviour when playing during the lunch recess time. Helping us to remind your children of the expectations would be appreciated.

Sharing Food:

We know students like to trade and share food sometimes however we encourage students not to do this due to allergies and food sensitivities.

Bringing Balls/Toys to school:

A reminder that there is a classroom soccer ball and skipping ropes for each class. We cannot be responsible for toys and balls that children bring from home. We feel badly when they go missing or are damaged. Please encourage your children to leave their loved things at home during the day.

Scooters:

It is that time of year when students start to ride scooters to school. We have ordered a scooter rack but it will not be at the school till the middle of June. Scooters must remain outside locked during the day. They are also not to be ridden on the asphalt area during school hours.



GARDENING AT OSSINGTON OLD ORCHARD

We're also planning on a **regular Garden Club drop-in** [x's 6 before the end of school].

Mark your calendars please with these dates:

Wednesday, June 5th, 3:30-4:30pm

Saturday, June 15th, 3:30-5:30pm

Wednesday, June 19th, 3:30-4:30pm

Wednesday, June 26th 3:30-4:30

Look forward to seeing you there!

Zoë and Sophie

P.S. A separate watering sign-up sheet will come out soon for us to keep the plants watered throughout the summer.

P.P.S. Pls. let me know if you'd like to be removed from this list.

SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER

Fun Fair Fundraiser is Friday, June 14 3:30-7:00pm - Rain or Shine

Our highly anticipated event will be here in 14 days and we need your help!

Volunteers: We need volunteers on the day of the event to make it run. Your class has been assigned an event and your classroom rep. will be sending you the sign up sheet today.

Raffle Baskets: We are still in need of raffle basket items. If you can contribute to your classroom's raffle basket, please send an item to school with your child, drop it off at your kids' classroom or with their teacher **by Wednesday June 5th**

| Classroom | Room Rep | Raffle Basket Theme | Suggestions |
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| Room 9 - JK/SK | Olivia Chan | Arts & Crafts | Crayons, markers, pencil crayons, colour books, sketch pad, paint |
| Room 10 - JK/SK | Ed Lui | A day at the beach | Cards, beach ball, floaties, water bottle, hat, sunscreen, chalk, sand toys, googles, freezers, flip flops, |
| Room 12 | Daniela Marcelic | Sweet Tooth | Anything that your sweet tooth enjoys: chocolate, cookies, gummies, candy, etc |
| Room 21 - Grade 1/2 | Tanya Fillippelli | Pool Antics | Pool games, beach ball, floaties, water bottle, hat, sunscreen, chalk, sand toys, googles, freezers |
| Room 22 - Grade 1/2 | Carly Kalish, Bamdad Faghihi | Arts & Crafts | Crayons, markers, pencil crayons, colour books, sketch pad, paint |
| Room 11 - Grade 2/3 | Nicole Donaldson, Karen Hama | Fun in the Sun | Pool games, beach ball. Beach towel, floaties, water bottle, hat, sunscreen, chalk, sand toys, water ballons, freezers |

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| Room 20 - Grade 4/5 | Daniel Torjman | Outdoor Activities/Cottage Life | Whatever you enjoy when you are at the cottage: Books, board games, playing cards, Smores, crossword puzzles, puzzles |
| Room 18- Grade 4/5 | Deepi Jatana, Cathy Benevides | Sweet Tooth | Anything Sweet |
| Room 16 - Grade 5/6 | Sara Plaw, Jane Son, Melissa Mindell | Game Night | Any board game that you enjoying playing with your family! |

3. ASK - Silent Auction items:

If you own or know someone that owns a business that would be willing to donate an item, please contact Cathy (cathybenevides@yahoo.ca) and Libby (elizabeth.pindar@tdsb.on.ca) with the details by no later than **Thursday June 06th**. You can drop off your item at the office with Mrs. Lewis. Please ensure you include your business name, contact details and the retail value of the donated item.

4. Climate Change Committee/Vintage Store:

We are doing it again! The OOPS Climate Change Committee is organizing a Vintage Store to be open during the Fun Fair. You can help by bringing donations of washed, gently used Kids clothes (4 to 12 years old), sports equipment and books to the school. A box of donations will be placed in front of the office until **Monday June 10th**. This is also a chance to talk to your children about reusing items to help the environment. All the funds from the Vintage Store will be donated back to the school.

5. Cakes for the Cake Walk

We need **30 cakes** on the day of the Fun Fair for 'musical chair' with cakes! Please drop them off at the office between Thursday, June 13th and Friday morning on June 14th.

6. What to expect at the Fun Fair:

Bring cash! Food & drinks will be available for purchase. If you don't want to invest in food, bring your own snacks, and enjoy all of the activities. There will be picnic tables to eat at.

If your child is going to participate in water games or the Foam party, you may want to bring a towel.

Free Activities: Water games, Games, Live Entertainment

Paid Activities/Food/Drinks:

Thank you

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Ms. Lewis for her partnership this year. It is not easy starting at a new school and Ms. Lewis has made a positive impact on our school and community, and has already begun to make plans for next year. Thank you for your dedication to our students, families and community.

A BIG thank you to all of Council Members and Class reps for your hard work in making our school AMAZING! We have so many events, and lots of things that happen behind the scenes and we are thankful for your contributions.

Lastly, thank you to all the volunteers who help run events, the garden club, class events. We could not function without you.

Project Gr8

A small group of parents have begun discussions with Ms Lewis, our Superintendent Jennifer Chan, and our Trustee Alexis Dawson about the possibility of extending our school to Grade 8. We are excited to explore this opportunity.

The board will be reviewing this possibility and deciding in the fall if they should do a feasibility study. We want to hear from you and your thoughts, feelings, and recommendations. Parents will also have the opportunity to share their thoughts with the board directly in the fall. Please contact Lindsay lindsaymckenziecpa@gmail.com or Eleanor eleanorgracerae@gmail.com if you have any questions or comments you'd like to share.

Garden Update

Thanks so much to all the parents, staff, and students for their participation in the Big Dig! It was a huge success and we'll soon be enjoying the fruits of our collective labour.

For those interested, there will plenty of opportunities to tend and water the garden through the summer months, and we welcome any and all contributions. Please sign up by emailing Zoe and Sophie zvnt@hotmail.com

We couldn't do this without your support; a sincere thank you!



UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES

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| June 4 | Mental Health Workshop |
| June 5 | Student Wellness afternoon |
| June 7 | PD Day (no school) |
| June 18 - 20 | X-Movement at OOOPS |
| June 20 | Pizza Day |
| June 21 | Volunteer Tea |
| June 24 | Pride Celebration |
| June 25 | Reports Go Home |
| June 26 | JKSK Graduation 2:00 p.m. Grade 6 Graduation 4:00 p.m. |
| June 28 | Last Day of School |
| July 1 – August 30 | Summer Break |
| Sept. 3 | First Day of School |