



APPLE SEEDS

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PLANNING FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

Making up the class composition is a task that requires much thought, care, time and teamwork. The teachers and I consider many areas in order to create the most ideal learning and teaching environment for our students.

We take into consideration:

- academic ability
- learning styles of our students
- gender
- learning needs
- social groupings
- friendships

Because there are often families that move over the summer and because of the Ministry caps on primary class sizes, we often find that we need to make some minor adjustments to the number of students in the classes in September. At times, there are also staff changes (retirements, leaves, transfers). To avoid disappointment and to ensure that each classroom is the best it can be for our students, we will finalize the classes just before the school year starts.

The classrooms are organized based on projected student enrolment. At the end of September, when actual student numbers are known, it may be necessary to re-organize.

***In order to assist us with actual figures, if you know that your child will not be returning to OOOPS in September (ie: moving, French Immersion, etc.), please let us know as soon as possible.**

STAFFING MODEL

The following staffing model has been approved, but is subject to reorganization in the Fall:

JK/SK = 3 classes

1/2 = 4 classes

3 = 2 classes

4/5 = 2 classes

5/6 = 2 classes

SCHOOL COUNCIL

There will be a School Council meeting on Wednesday, May 16th at 6:30 p.m. Childcare and pizza will be available.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Kindergarten orientation will take place on Tuesday, June 5th at 9:00 a.m. for new families to the Full Day Junior Kindergarten Program. We look forward to welcoming our new students and their parents.

EQAO

The Primary (Grade 3) and Junior (Grade 6) EQAO testing will take place from May 22 to June 4. To learn more about the assessments, parents can access student booklets containing actual questions from the assessments and scoring guides containing examples of student answers taken from past years' assessments using the following website:

<http://www.eqao.com/Parents/Elementary/036/036.aspx?Lang=E&gr=036>

Students are also practicing former EQAO questions, problem solving and test taking strategies on an ongoing basis in the classroom. If you have any questions about the EQAO test, please speak to your child's teacher.

PANFEST

PanFest 2018 (Elementary and Secondary Steel Band Festival) took place on April 6th. Our Grade 4 students performed at the Bickford Centre under the direction of Mr. James Gregoire, our Itinerant Music Instructor. Congratulations to all our students and to Mr. Gregoire for an outstanding performance!

WARMER WEATHER - SHOES



With warmer weather slowly approaching, a reminder to parents that students should wear or keep running shoes at school. Sandals and flip-flops feel nice in hot weather, however, these are unsafe in gym class, at recess and during Daily Physical Activity (DPA). Thanks for your cooperation.

PICNIC LUNCHESES

Warmer weather also means that students will be eating their lunches outside, picnic style, whenever the weather permits. It's a good idea to apply sun-screen to your children and send them to school with sun-hats and water.

DAY OF PINK

On Wednesday, April 11th all classes met in the gym for a student-led assembly to remember the significance of Day of Pink – to celebrate diversity, raise awareness and stop all forms of bullying. Students from Room 302 began the assembly by reading inspirational quotes promoting kindness. They also presented a video, which they put together themselves after spending a day interviewing students, teachers and staff about what Day of Pink meant to them. Students from Room 18 wrote and performed a game-show skit, highlighting information about the day's origins and interesting facts. Room 16's students also wrote and performed a skit and put together a slideshow with statistical information about bullying. The Grade 6 students also displayed the results of a math activity they had completed in class where they had to incorporate prisms in their prototype of an anti-bullying product. The assembly was a wonderful start to the day – a great show of appreciation of and respect for diversity in every way! Students spent the rest of their day enjoying treats from our Pink bake sale. Thank you to everyone who helped organize Pink Day, to our bakers, sellers, students and staff. We raised over \$800 which will help pay for our Anti-Bullying Magic Show on May 18th (see below).

FIND YOUR MAGIC WITH BRENT AND SARAH

On the morning of Friday, May 18th, Brent and Sarah will be visiting OOOPS to present "Find Your Magic", an interactive show about character building and bullying prevention. This husband and wife team of magicians/speakers have travelled the world performing in over 100 elementary schools every year. The presentation will inspire self-confidence in students and encourage them to create a positive and inclusive school environment. Parents are very welcome to join us!

WANTED - OCCASIONAL LUNCHROOM SUPERVISORS

Are you available between 11:15 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.? Would you be interested in working as an occasional lunchroom supervisor, filling in here and there when needed? We are in desperate need of fill-ins for when our lunchroom staff are absent. If you're interested in this paid position, please contact the school. We'd love to add a few more names to our lunch team!

JAZZ IN THE SCHOOL

We are excited to have Humber College's *Jazz in the Schools* program visit OOOPS on May 8th at 10:30 a.m. The Jazz in the Schools Band, made up of 1st, 2nd and 3rd year Humber music students, will perform a concert that will tell a condensed history of Jazz, illustrating the influence historical events have had on jazz and in turn, how it has impacted a variety of musical styles. We look forward to this concert. Parents are welcome to join us!

ROSENEATH THEATRE – SPIRIT HORSE

On Monday, May 28th at 8:50 a.m., performers from the Roseneath Theatre will visit OOOPS to perform their theatrical version of *SPIRIT HORSE* for our Grade 3-6 students. *SPIRIT HORSE* is a powerful story that chronicles an incredible adventure involving two urban First Nations children whose lives are changed forever when their grandfather, who lives by the old ways on a prairies reserve, brings them a horse that has mysteriously appeared to him. The children feel an incredible bond to this majestic animal which links the girls and their dad to their Stoney Nation heritage. Is new hope and healing possible for a troubled single parent family caught between two worlds? The presentation will touch upon the character education themes of perseverance, fairness and teamwork, and will cover the themes of Indigenous culture, racism, bullying and storytelling. Parents are most welcome to join us!

KINDERGARTEN AMUSEMENT PARK INQUIRY – Room 10 – Ms. Giguere and Ms. Kates



If you haven't had a chance to look at the display case, please do so! The spark for this inquiry started with a discussion about how to transform the drama centre. One student suggested we make it into Canada's Wonderland. The class thought this was a terrific idea. Knowing this would be tricky, we decided to pursue this idea in a different way. The students were very eager to start building models of amusement park rides. Before starting to build, each student needed to draw a blueprint/plan of their ride. Students worked alone and in pairs, along with a teacher, to create, name and decorate their model. Each model has a functioning moveable part. The students used their problem-solving and innovation skills to choose the best materials and to put them together to create the perfect model. We had so much fun creating our amusement park and we are very proud to display it for the whole school community to enjoy!



WE WALK FOR WATER

The weather was perfect on Friday, April 27th when the entire school “walked for water”. Grades 1-6 walked to Trinity Bellwoods and back, while our Kindergarten students took a shorter route along Lakeview. Thank you to everyone who helped to organize the fundraiser and to everyone who donated. We will continue to collect toonies next week, so it’s not too late to donate. Families wishing to make a larger donation may do so at www.crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/we-walk-for-water-ooops/lalaineaquino

NEW CIRCLES COMMUNITY SERVICES – 161

Bartley Drive – by appointment only

New Circles is a community-based agency that provides free, quality clothing, employment training, volunteer opportunities, social programs and referrals to more than 13,000 individuals and families who are living on a low income. To be eligible, you must live in one of the following postal codes: M2J, M3A, M3B, M3C, M4A, M4B, M4C, M4G, M4H or M1L. If you reside outside of these areas, you can shop at New Circles on a one-time basis. To make an appointment call 416-422-2591 or email info@newcircles.ca

LATES AND ABSENCES

Thank you to all the parents who have been calling the school to inform us that your child will be absent or late. Because of your phone calls over the last few weeks, all students have been accounted for in record time! Our Safe Arrival Program requires that students’ homes be phoned when they are absent (and we do not know why) or late. Your calls to the school are helping us, in turn, to keep our students safe. Thanks also to our Safe Arrival Program volunteers: Alex, Michelle, Monique, Melissa and Raquel.

SPRING CONCERT

Our Spring Concert will take place on Thursday, May 17th – more information to follow.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Elementary summer programs increase engagement and build self-confidence in our students. This summer, from July 4 – 27, the TDSB is opening schools across the city to help build reading, writing and math skills in students from Kindergarten to Grade 8. Although OOOPS will not be offering any summer school programs, you may visit www.tdsb.on.ca/summer for a complete list of participating schools.

FREE ON-LINE MATH GAMES

Please visit this link to access free math games. These are developed by math educators and the creators of Inspirational Math. Enjoy!
<https://www.youcubed.org/resource/apps-games/>

GARDENING AT OOOPS



It’s been a long wait, but Spring is officially here and we are busy planning for the gardening season. There are many ways to get involved, starting with getting everything ready for the BIG DIG!

COMMUNITY GARDEN CLEAN-UP: Join us on Saturday, May 5th, 1-3 p.m. (rain date Saturday, May 12, 1-3 p.m.). Snacks and garden gloves will be provided. Bring an extra shovel and the kids! We’ll be pulling weeds, amending the soil, moving the Kindergarten beds and doing a general clean up. No experience required. Please note that there will be no access to the school, as the school will be closed.

THE BIG DIG IS MAY 16TH: Every student plants a vegetable or flower in their school garden! Please email heidirpyper@gmail.com if you can volunteer.

***NEW THIS YEAR – SATURDAY MORNING GARDEN CLUB 10 A.M. TO NOON:** The School Garden requires a little TLC. Join us for a couple of hours to help the garden grow. Come once or come every weekend. Bring coffee and the kids – get outside and get dirty! Saturdays: May 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16 and 23. Please email heidirpyper@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to be added to the Garden email list.

Thank you to Eileen Orr (Arts Junktion) for all her work in our front garden – it’s been raked, cleaned-up and looks fantastic – spring truly looks and feels like it’s finally here!

COMING EVENTS (subject to change)

Please mark these dates in your calendar:

May 3	Pizza Day
May 5	Community Garden Clean-Up – 1-3 p.m. (rain date May 12) – no access to school
May 8	Jazz in the Schools – 10 30 a.m.
May 16	The BIG DIG School Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.
May 17	Spring Concert – more information to follow Pizza Day
May 18	Brent & Sarah Anti-Bullying Magic Show – a.m.
May 19	Garden Club – 10 to noon – students to be accompanied by parents
May 21	Victoria Day – no school
May 22-June 4	EQAO – Grade 3 and 6 testing
May 26	Garden Club – 10 to noon – students to be accompanied by parents
May 28	Roseneath Theatre – Spirit Horse - a.m.
May 31	Pizza Day