



# APPLE SEEDS



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**SCHOOL COUNCIL** Thank you to everyone who attended our Council meeting on Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Our next Council meeting will take place on **Tuesday, November 27 at 6:30 p.m.** Childcare will be provided and everyone is welcome to attend!

### **GROUNDS TASK FORCE COMMITTEE**

30 years ago, the grounds at OOOPS underwent a complete transformation and are now in need of significant repair. Several parents have expressed an interest in revitalizing the grounds and reinvesting in the project that was launched 30 years ago. We are hoping to create a task force to manage the project. If you are interested and are able, please join us for a meeting on **Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

### **NORTH INDIAN DANCE COMES TO OOOPS**

Dancers and musicians with M-DO/Kathak Toronto, with over a decade of education experience, will be working with OOOPS students (Gr. 1 - 6), guiding them to create their own music and dance, based on the North Indian rhythmic system and work with Kathak dance vocabulary. Students will perform and share what they have learned during this week-long program on **Wednesday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:15 p.m.** Parents are welcome to join us! Please read on for information on our Festival of Lights performance scheduled for Thursday, November 29, 2018.

### **EARLY FRENCH IMMERSION**

Applications for Early French Immersion are made the year your child is in JK for entry in Sept. 2019 for SK. The French Immersion program is not offered at OOOPS. If you wish to apply to the program, please visit the application site: [www.tdsb.on.ca/pars](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/pars)

**LATES** In the morning, the bell rings at 8:40 a.m. Students are expected to arrive by this time. A second bell rings at 8:45 a.m. All students must be in their classes by this time. If late, students must come to the office for a late slip. With the inclement weather approaching, please be sure to give yourself extra time in the morning to get to school.

**WELCOME** If you haven't had a chance yet, please welcome to our school our new Head Caretaker, Anil Dhingani. We wish Francis Evangelista all the best at his new school, which is much closer to home.

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL DIRECT ASK**

Thank you to the many parents who have contributed funds to our school through the Direct Ask Campaign. If you wish to donate on-line, there is a new on-line page and a **new link**. Please visit the link below to contribute. <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/toronto-foundation-for-student-success/p2p/OOOPS-School-Council-Direct-Ask/>

### **TERRY FOX WALK**

Thanks to everyone's very generous contributions, we were able to mail a cheque for \$599.50 to the Terry Fox Foundation.

### **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

Our Remembrance Day Assembly will take place on **Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.** in the gym. Parents are welcome to join us.

### **WASHROOMS**

A reminder to parents, volunteers and caregivers that our student washrooms are for children only. Adults may use the visitor's washroom across from Room 15. The key is in the main office.

**FALL BACK** Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night.



### **HEAD LICE SCREENING DAY**

On Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, Lori Watling, Pediculosis Program Advisor for the TDSB, will be checking all students for head lice. Students found to have head lice or nits will bring home a Pediculosis Treatment Sheet and parents/guardians are asked to treat their children so that they can return to school – lice-free. If you do not wish your child to be screened, please inform the school as soon as possible. We need one or two parent volunteers (with a clear police reference check) to assist us on November 14<sup>th</sup>. If you can help, please call the office at 416-393-0710.

### **THE FLU AND YOU**

TPH suggests the following to avoid the flu:

- Wash or sanitize your hands frequently and thoroughly.
- Cough or sneeze into your sleeve or a tissue, not your hand.
- Stay home if you are ill so that others don't get sick (let your school know the reason for your child's absence).

## **SEVERE WEATHER**

In the event of severe or rapidly deteriorating weather conditions, please keep children at home, if possible. The decision to close schools is made by the Director of Education. Listen to the radio or television for school closures and cancellation of transportation services before the opening of school – cancellations will be announced from 6:30 a.m. onward. Should schools close during the school day, announcements will be made on radio stations by noon and posted on the TDSB website.

## **NEW – SCHOOL CASH ONLINE**

As mentioned in October's newsletter, OOOPS has launched School Cash Online, an easy to use, safe and convenient way for parents/guardians to pay for their children's school fees, including agendas, yearbooks and class trips – all school fees applicable to your child will be posted on School Cash Online. Once you register, you can choose to purchase the items or activities using a debit or credit card. You will be able to see when the school has a new item posted online for purchase and you will also have the option to be notified whenever your child has a new school event requiring payment. To register for School Cash Online, please visit <https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com> – select "GET STARTED TODAY" and complete the three registration steps. Once registered, you will receive an email notification when items become available online. If you have questions about the registration process or using School Cash Online, please select the "GET HELP" option on the top of School Cash Online web page. You can also contact the School Cash Online Parent Help Desk at 1-866-961-1803 and [parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com](mailto:parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com). The Parent Help Desk is available to assist parents/guardians with the registration process, password recovery, accessing your account or payment issues.

## **CLAUDE WATSON SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS**

Claude Watson School for the arts is a TDSB Gr. 4-8 school focused on the arts. Each year they audition Gr. 3 students for entry into their Gr. 4 program. Parents of students who are interested in auditioning for CWSA are encouraged to attend their information session on Mon., Nov. 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Earl Haig Secondary School, 100 Princess Ave. Parents will be informed of the school's program, they will be able to review the application process and will be provided the opportunity to ask questions. For more information, please visit [www.claudewatson.org](http://www.claudewatson.org)

## **FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS – Thurs. Nov. 29 at 6:30 p.m.**

Mark your calendars! The theme for this year's winter concert is *Festival of Lights*. All students from grades 3-6 will be performing on the OOOPS gymnasium stage. Performers should arrive at 6:15 p.m. for the 6:30 show, which should run an hour. Please plan to attend, as this is an important part of the children's school experience. If you have an unavoidable conflict and your child cannot perform, do let Ms. Grierson know ([julie.grierson@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:julie.grierson@tdsb.on.ca)) as soon as possible so parts can be reassigned, as necessary.

## **POPCORN DAY/SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY**

Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup> is School Spirit Day at OOOPS (more information to follow). We will also be selling popcorn, so remember to bring in your spare change!



## **HALLOWEEN FUN**

Many thanks to all our students, staff and parents for a fun-filled Halloween – the weather cleared in time for our afternoon Parade and each student received a nut-free treat! Thank you as well to everyone for supporting Room 19 and 16's *Because I Am a Girl* fundraiser by baking and/or buying goodies at the Bake Sale. Thanks to your generosity, they raised enough money to sponsor a girl through Plan International.

## **COMING EVENTS (subject to change)**

*Please mark these dates in your calendar and be sure to check the Google calendar in our school's website:*

November 4	Fall Back – set your clocks back one hour
November 7	North Indian Dance performance at 2:15 p.m.
November 7	Grounds Task Force Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
November 9	Remembrance Day Assembly at 10:30 a.m.
November 12/13	YouDance Workshop Sessions – Gr. 4 - 6
November 13	Progress Reports sent home
November 13	Textile Museum – Rm. 21 and 22
November 14	Head Lice Screening Day
November 15	Parent/Teacher Interviews
November 16	P.A. Day – Parent/Teacher Interviews
November 21	Textile Museum – Rm. 11 and 12
November 27	School Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.
November 29	Festival Of Lights Concert – 6:30 p.m. (Gr. 3 – 6)
November 29	Pizza Day
November 30	School Spirit and Popcorn Day
December 7	P.A. Day – no school
December 14	Gingerbread Fair – 3:30-7:00 p.m.
December 20	Pizza Day
December 24- Jan.4 (inclusive)	Christmas Break – no school
January 7	Back to school

# HARVEST POTLUCK

The cold and blustery weather outside did not dampen the festivities in the gym. Many thanks to our organizers, to School Council and to everyone who participated in making this event the huge success that it was – tons of good food, plenty of good friends, loads of good fun!



*“Ms. Lundy told us how the grade 5s and 6s made salad. It was so good. We also had a burrito wrapped in nasturtiums from our garden. The ingredients were: nasturtiums, chopped beets, grated carrots, mustard, olive oil, salt, maple syrup and apple cider vinegar. I LOVED IT!!”*

Written by Surya P. – Room 21

# HALLOWEEN FUN



# GUESS WHO?

