



APPLE SEEDS

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SCHOOL COUNCIL Thank you to everyone who attended our Council meeting on Wednesday, October 25th. Our next Council meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 22nd at 6:30 p.m. Childcare will be provided and everyone is welcome to attend!

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. If there is no announcement about school closing by noon, school will remain open for the day. Please be prepared to pick up your child or make arrangements for your child, if required, should schools close early. Please ensure that we have an emergency number where you, or a responsible adult to whom you are willing to entrust the care of your child, can be contacted.

IN-DOOR RECESS Weather conditions sometimes warrant that indoor recesses, lunch periods and pre-entry periods be considered necessary for student and staff safety. When temperature and/or wind chill factor indicates -20 to -28C, recesses may be shortened to 10 minutes and lunch recess to 20 minutes depending on local conditions – this is up to the principal's discretion. Recesses will be cancelled when the temperature and/or wind chill factor indicates -28C or colder. Students should come to school prepared for outdoor play with proper gear (snow pants, winter coats, hats, mitts/gloves, scarves, winter boots).

LATES Students should be at school by 8:40 a.m. If not, please 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. A reminder that we have 3 staff on yard duty at 8:25 a.m. – one in the Kindergarten yard and two in the Junior yard.

TERRY FOX WALK Thanks to everyone's very generous contributions, we were able to mail a cheque for \$680.05 to the Terry Fox Foundation.

GINGERBREAD FAIR The countdown to Gingerbread Fair 2017 is on! Mark your calendars – **Friday, December 8th from 3:30-7:00 p.m.** For those of you who are new to the school, the Gingerbread Fair is a long time OOOPS tradition. It's a school fundraiser and community-building event. The school will be transformed into a winter wonderland with lots of fun activities and games for the kids. Baked goodies and crafts will be available for sale and we'll be serving up hot dinner. Planning will begin right after Halloween. **We're in need of 1 or 2 event leads** to oversee the big picture logistics. **We are also in need of Class Reps. for Rooms 9, 16 and 20.** The lead(s) and Class Reps. will be meeting shortly to get organized and to divide event assignments. If you are interested in being a lead or Class Rep., or have any questions, please contact Alison Liphardt at aligee@sympatico.ca The event is entirely organized and run by parent volunteers. Please consider volunteering your time and talents, and stay tuned for more information on how you can help.



REMEMBRANCE DAY Our Remembrance Day Assembly will take place on Friday, November 10th 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.

OOOPS' PUMPKIN PATCH Cloaked in the dark of night (actually, it was 6:30 a.m.), over 30 parents and staff braved the cold to create OOOPS' very own Pumpkin Patch. In a ½-hour, 350 large pumpkins were unloaded from a truck and scattered in our field, unbeknownst to our sleeping students. Little by little, children arrived to a magical, wondrous sight! Later that morning, every child searched the patch for their classroom's pumpkin and got to choose one for themselves! Many thanks to Heidi Pyper, School Council and our many parent and staff volunteers who helped to make this memorable event happen.

11TH ANNUAL PARENT INVOLVEMENT MAKES A DIFFERENCE CONFERENCE – NURTURING FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

PIAC invites all TDSB parents/guardians to take part in their FREE conference on Sat., Nov. 25th from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Earl Haig Secondary School (100 Princess Ave.) for an opportunity to make connections with other parents/guardians and communities, while participating in informative and empowering workshops on a wide range of topics related to parenting, student learning and school councils. Their keynote speaker will be Dr. Stuart Shankar, an internationally acclaimed speaker, educator, author and the creator of The MEHRIT Centre (www.self-reg.ca) and the Self Regulation Institute. For more information and to register, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/parentconference

EDUCATING CHILDREN AND EMPOWERING PARENTS ON SOCIAL NETWORKING SAFETY

Our school Executive Council have invited speaker Paul Davis, to deliver two **Social Networking and Online Safety Presentations** at our school this month - one for grade 4-6 students during the day, and one evening presentation for all OOOPS parents. Paul Davis has 27+yrs of IT knowledge and expertise and his presentation covers current technologies and trends - Snapchat/Instagram/Facebook/Smartphone/Digital Trails/Online Gaming & Online Security. Cyberbullying ties into the whole message.

Tuesday, November 28 - *Student Daytime Presentation* (gr. 4-6) 12:45 p.m., 60 mins. *Parent Evening Presentation* (**open to all OOOPS parents**) 6:30 p.m., 90 mins. We hope you can join us. More information to follow.



SPIRIT DAY

November 16th is SPIRIT DAY. Everyone is asked to wear their favourite team jersey or team colour to show their school spirit! Popcorn will be sold, so remember to bring your 75 cents!

TORONTO PUBLIC HEALTH – FLU VACCINES

A reminder from Toronto Public Health (TPH) to protect yourself and your family by booking an appointment at TPH Flu Vaccination Clinics in Toronto by visiting www.tphbookings.ca For more information, please call 416-338-7600 or visit www.toronto.ca/health 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)

EQUITY FRAMEWORK INFO. AND FEEDBACK INFO.

Everyone is encouraged to read the draft equity framework and recommendations and to provide feedback. Please visit the TDSB web for more information and to access the feedback form.

[The draft recommendations will be available online for feedback until November 20, 2017.](#)

NOVEMBER IS INDIGENOUS EDUCATION MONTH

In November, we will celebrate Indigenous Education Month at the TDSB. This month provides an opportunity to center Indigenous perspectives, histories and contemporary realities across the curricula. In classrooms across the city, we focus on treaties, the legacy of residential schools, as well as the achievements and accomplishments of Indigenous peoples in Canada.

Over the course of this month, students, staff and community members will be recognizing a number of important days to deepen knowledge and build stronger relationships between non-Indigenous and Indigenous peoples in Canada. This includes Treaties Recognition Week, Inuit Day, Aboriginal Veterans' Day and Louis Riel Day. To learn more, please visit: <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/Aboriginal-Education>

FRENCH IMMERSION - French Programs Application Deadline

For families interested in the Toronto District School Board's French Immersion or Extended French programs, there is an online process for applying to:

- Early French Immersion (EFI) which begins in Senior Kindergarten;
 - Junior Extended French (JEF) which begins in Grade 4
- The TDSB offers a guarantee of placement in the program (not a specific school) to all on-time applicants. Transportation is provided as per the Board's Transportation policy.

The timelines for applying for these programs for September 2018 are:

- Applications for Early French Immersion (for a Junior Kindergarten aged child), must be completed online between October 30 and November 30, 2017.
- Applications for Junior Extended French must be completed online between Jan. 8 and Feb. 8, 2018.

Offers of placement within your chosen program will be made to all on-time applicants in the weeks following the close of the application window. Please note: families with an older sibling currently in a French program are still required to complete an online application for the new student. For further information about French as a Second Language programs, the application process and dates for Information Evenings, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/french.

COMING EVENTS (subject to change)

Please mark these dates in your calendar:

November 1	Photo Retakes in the morning
November 9	Pizza Day
November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly at 10:30 a.m.
November 14	Progress Reports sent home
November 16	Spirit Day – Popcorn Day Parent/Teacher Interviews in the evening
November 17	P.A. Day – Parent/Teacher Interviews
November 22	Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.
November 23	Pizza Day
November 24	Earth Rangers – 10:20 a.m.
November 25	PIAC – 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
November 28	Social Networking/Online Safety presentation for Parents at 6:30 p.m. in the OOOPS gymnasium
December 1	P.A. Day – no school
December 7	Pizza Day
December 8	Gingerbread Fair
December 14	Winter Concert – Primary Students – Gr. 1 - 3
December 21	Pizza Day – last one for the term
Dec. 25-Jan. 5	Christmas Break

HALLOWEEN FUN



HARVEST FESTIVAL



This year's Harvest Festival was a great success. The kids crafted, made and drank cider, munched on yummy apples, made instruments, sang and danced with a guest band and DJ extraordinaire, Pedro Faustino. Thanks to all the parent volunteers - especially garden guru, Heidi Pyper!

GUESS WHO?

