



APPLE SEEDS

May 2024

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Happy Spring! The weather is slowly changing and while we have had a couple of indoor lunches, we are also grateful for the rain.

Our school community were here on Sat. April 27 to work on the garden, and it is sprouting and looking wonderful. Thank you to all our community members for coming out to help with this event.

May is a busy month please take do look at the dates for the month and place any items that pertain to you on your calendars.

Looking ahead to June we have two events happening that we hope you will put on your calendars. On Tuesday June 4th our School Council is hosting a Mental Health workshop for parents at OOOPS from 6:15 – 7:15. Childcare will be provided (See inside for details). Friday June 14th is our annual Fun-Fair.

April is Poetry month. You will find student work scattered amongst this months Apple Seeds.

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Starry skies full of possibilities by Sofia Cid

*There was nothing better than that night,
Toasty marshmallows and soaring satellites,
It was more than what I imagined, more of what I
thought,
The starry night was a lesson that it taught,
That there's more possibilities than you think,
Fire bolts and starlings enjoying up above,
And airplanes flying like a dove.*

PIZZA DAY: Thursday May 23: You can purchase Pizza via School Cash Online beginning May 12 until Sunday May 19.

<https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com>



PLEASE NOTE:

**We are not able to accommodate last minute orders.
Please make sure you have your order in by May 12.**

Two Haikus by Felix Boutin

*The ambitious crow,
We see a twig in her beak,
She sees a new home.*

*The branches are like,
Dark lightning bolts in the sky.
Even if skies are clear.*

PLANNING AHEAD:

Grade 3 and Grade 6 EQAO will be held in the mornings on the following days.

May 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30

ELEMENTARY SUMMER SCHOOL:

For our families who may wish to enroll their child in summer school please go to the link below where you will find Information, a link to online registration and finally which school are offering what programs.

DATES: Tuesday, July 2, to Friday, July 26, 2024

HOURS: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

LOCATIONS: Various locations

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Innovation/Elementary-Summer-School>

SUMMER TDSB MUSIC CAMPS

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Innovation/Summer-Programs/TDSB-Music-Camps>

I Once Was So Afraid by Penelope Valiquette

I once was so afraid of something coming to me in the night,

I once was so afraid of there being no more light,

I once was so afraid, back when I was four, I once was so afraid, but I'm not anymore.

OSSINGTON ATHLETICS

Congratulations to the Canucks for winning the OOOPS' House League Ball Hockey Tournament! Playoffs for the Backboard Dodgeball Tournament are on their way, and after that, the students have voted for another round of Volleyball for the next House League game.

Junior students have been learning, training, and competing in various Track and Field events during gym classes. Congratulations to all the students who have made it to the next round of tryouts.

Tryouts/practices will continue during lunch recesses until our Track Meet on May 15th at Birchmount Stadium. If your child is successful, an emailed permission form will be sent out using our EMA system.

Planning is on the way for a potential Run, Jump, Throw event for our Grade 2 and 3 students. This fun event will have our students get together with other schools to learn more about Track and Field through modified games and activities. More information will be provided once details get finalized.

TDSB CONNECTS

Please find below a link to the May edition of TDSB Connects for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Media/News/Newsletters/TDSB-Connects/May-2024>

GARDENING NEWS!

The **Big Dig is May 21st!!** This is an annual OOOPS event where each and every student plants one plant in the garden. Most of the plants will be vegetables for the kids to harvest in the summer and fall. The onions, garlic, potatoes, and carrots are already in, thanks to Ms. Lundy, Ms. Cara, Mr. Carter, and Ms. Tara's classes.

We will plant different lettuces, cucumbers, tomatoes and more on the big day.

We are looking for volunteers.

Please contact Zoë (zvnt@hotmail.com) if you'd like to help with set-up (before school), the Big Dig itself (a.m. and/or p.m.) and/or clean-up (after school).

And a huge thanks to all the folks who came out last weekend to get the garden ready. It was a super fun afternoon 😊

War By Elise De Jesus

Dark, lightless,

Every night here,

Lonely, silence,

You have no peer.

Wind, cracks,

You remember what they sneer.

Prison, chains,

All you can do is fear.

Ghost, haunted,

I've been trying to escape this all year,

Hell, chains,

You bathe in your tears.

CARING AND SAFE SCHOOLS:

LUNCHROOM PROTOCOLS

We are asking parents to review lunchroom expectations with their children.

- Sit in their allocated spot to eat lunch.
- Speak with friends in a natural speaking voice (not yelling across the table)
- Listening to instructions from Lunchroom Supervisors and teachers.
- When dismissed, exit the lunch area calmly?

Thank you.

STINGING NETTLE:

We have discovered Stinging Nettle along the fence at the top of the hill above the boardwalk. We want to alert parents that it is there. It can be quite uncomfortable on the skin if it comes in contact with the plant. We have alerted our grounds people who will come to remove it.

For Your Information:

Stinging nettle is the name given to common nettle, garden nettle, and hybrids of these plants. Originally from the colder regions of northern Europe and Asia, this herbaceous shrub grows all over the world today. Stinging nettle grows well in nitrogen-rich soil, blooms between June and September, and usually reaches 2 to 4 feet high.

Stems are upright and rigid. Leaves are heart shaped, finely toothed, and tapered at the ends, and flowers are yellow or pink. The entire plant is covered with tiny stiff hairs, mostly on the underside of the leaves and stem, that release stinging chemicals when touched.



As Happy As a.. By Noa MacDonald

*I'm as happy as a butterfly
With a big field of flowers.*

*As happy as a superhero
Who just got their powers*

*As happy as a lion
With a full-grown mane*

*As happy as a tamer
Who successfully tamed*

*As happy as a Pinata
Who's staying tight*

*As happy as New Year's Day
When it reaches midnight.*

*As happy as an owl
Feeling free to fly*

*As happy as the sun
Reaching the sky.*

SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER

**Save the date for the next School Council meeting on
May 14th 6:30 – 7:30**

A link to the virtual meeting will be emailed out

TDSB Nomination for Ms. Tara

A group of parents nominated Ms. Tara for a TDSB award for all her contributions to our OOOPS community. Please join us in celebrating Ms. Tara and all our wonderful teachers at OOOPS.”

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YMHC:

Creating a Personal Wellness Action Plan Workshop.

Tuesday June 4th at 6:15-7:15pm

- **Agenda**
- **Understanding Mental Wellness**
- **Benefits of a wellness action plan**
- **Awareness of warning signs and symptoms, triggers, stressors and changes in feelings, mood, and stress responses**
- **And much more**
- **Hope to see you on June 4th.**

Childcare will be available.

Save the date: Friday, June 14th Fun Fair

This is our highly anticipated, annual fundraising event. Funds raised here go directly into the classrooms and additional programs & activities for the students. If you would like to be a sponsor, it is tax deductible, and you will have your business featured on our hero wall at the Fun Fair. Please reach out to julie.mccambley@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES

May 8	Coding Day at OOOPS
May 9	Panfest/ Big Dig Gardening #1
May 10	Room 11 and 12 to Pioneer Village
May 15	Track and Field
May 20	Victoria Day (no school)
May 21	Big Gardening #2
May 22	EQAO begins
May 23	Pizza Day Wellness Afternoon #1
May 24	Rm 20 UN Assembly
May 28	JKSK Open House 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
May 29	School Concert 6:00 p.m.
May 30	Rm 18 trip to High Park