



APPLE SEEDS

March 2025

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Welcome March! The daylight is longer and for the most part the days are getting a little warmer. February has been a busy month at OOOPS. Sarah Murray has been visiting OOOPS to teach creative movement to our Primary students. On March 4 our grade 1 – 6 student attended the Young Peoples Theatre. Thanks to our School Council who supported this trip by providing bussing. Chess club is up and running on Thursdays and students are excited to attend. Ms. Cara offered a Board Games club which was also well attended.

We are still struggling with the ice in the school yard. We had a small machine scraper come to widen the path and our caretaker is salting to try to melt the ice. Please know that your child's safety is a priority for us. We are hoping that much of it will melt over the break.

This month TDSB celebrates Greek Heritage and this year, Ramadan started on Feb. 28 a goes to Sat. March 29.

A reminder that the March Break begins on March 10 and goes to the 14. We hope that all our families have a wonderful week and that our students come back ready to continue their learning with renewed energy.

A final reminder that dates and monthly copies of Apple Seeds can be found on our school website: <https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/ossingtonoldorchard>

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PIZZA DAY:

Thursday MARCH 27: order due by Mar. 23
You can purchase Pizza via School Cash Online.

<https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com>



PLEASE NOTE:

Many students are ordering more pizza than they can eat and then want bags to take the pizza home. **We are asking that you provide a container or bag if your child needs one or simply order what they can eat.** This also goes along with our renewed focus on Litterless lunches. Thank you.

SNACKS FOR STUDENTS:

We presently offer one snack per day for each student at OOOPS. We will be reviewing our snack program in the days to come. If your child needs more snacks throughout the day, please provide extra snacks in your child's lunch bags.



LITTERLESS LUNCHES:

“The definition of a litterless lunch is simple. **No waste, no garbage, no trash, no rubbish, no litter is left behind at school by students or staff.** Nothing goes to the landfill after lunches are eaten at school. Packaging and recyclables go home in lunch bags or boxes”.

OOOPS will be renewing its focus on Litterless Lunches as we return after March Break.

2025-2026 CLASS PLACEMENT:

Each year we have the task of creating classes for the following school year. This is a task that we spend much time thinking about and it is always our intention to get it right so that the needs of each of our students are met. When choosing a class placement for a student we look at several variables: how many classes are available; grade level; gender; students with special learning and/or medical needs; students who are on Individual Education Plans; social/emotional needs; Teacher input and finally identified parent requests or concerns.

Should you wish to make a request regarding class placement please send an email to Principal Janice Lewis identifying your request and the specific educational reason for the request. (Please note that making a request does not guarantee that it will be possible).

Thank you
Janice Lewis
Principal

HOUSE LEAGUE INTERMURALS AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS

One of OOOPS' Girls' Volleyball Teams made it to the quarterfinals and lost a nail-biter back and forth game that went into extra sets against the eventual Conference Champions. The Co-ed Ball Hockey team kept getting better with every game and made it all the way to the Semi-finals. All athletes should be extremely proud with their hard work and progression and deserve a restful March Break! After the break, Grade 2/3 open gym will continue, as well as House League Ball Hockey and Volleyball which will take place during afternoon and lunch recesses for all junior grades.

SNOW DAYS:

We know that snow days provided both fun and challenges for families. A huge thank you to Toby Bowers who helped to dig out the JKSK walk and came back the next day to help with the sidewalk.



SAFE and CARING Schools:

FIRE DRILLS AND LOCKDOWNS: As we enter the month of March we will be once again reviewing our emergency procedures with students in preparation for our spring practice Fire Drills. We also practice one Lockdown.

CYW: Our Child and Youth Worker will be back working with our students after the March Break. We continue to work with our students on Self-Regulation; Resolving Conflict without using physical force; Being a good influence in our community no matter what grade you are in. Your support and partnership in these endeavours is always valued and appreciated.

PERSONAL TOYS/BALLS AT SCHOOL: We ask that students not bring personal balls and toys to school as we cannot be responsible for their safety. Sometimes these items can be the source of conflict in play. Please help us by not sending these items from home.

SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER

We are excited to announce some important upcoming dates that we know you will want to add to your calendar:

Primary Concert (Grades 1 – 3) Wednesday May 7

Junior Concert (Grades 4 – 6) Wednesday June 11

Grade 6 Graduation Wednesday June 25

Please join us for our next Council Meeting. Your voice matters.

OOOPS School Council - March Meeting
Time:

Mar 18, 2025 06:30-7:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98719533799>

Meeting ID: 987 1953 3799

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UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES

March 10 - 14	March Break
March 27	Pizza day
April 9	International Day of Pink
April 10	Pizza Day
April 18 - 21	No school Friday and Monday
April 24 - 25	Island School Grade 6 Trip
May 7	Primary Concert