



APPLE SEEDS

November 2024

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

October has been a busy month. At the school level we have been engaged in formal testing (Ministry Screening and CCAT for grade 3's). Our staff has been involved in professional development and we continue to develop our best practices as educator's.

Our annual Harvest Fest was a huge success. Thank you to the planning team (Cody Lynge, Helen Pereira, and Bamdad Faghihi). Thank you also to all the parent volunteers for helping with set up, monitoring games and take down. We were so grateful for beautiful weather which allowed us to be outside.

November is Indigenous Education Month at the Toronto District School Board. This month is an important reminder to centre First Nations, Métis, and Inuit perspectives, voices, histories, and contemporary realities across the TDSB. It is an opportunity to learn from Indigenous perspectives on treaties, Indigenous leadership, achievements, resurgence, futurities, and creativity. This month we will have two special events for our students: The Chimera Project (grades JK – 4) and "Tribal Dances" for all students.

November 14 and 15 are Parent-Teacher interviews. The report you will receive on November 12 is a Progress Report. It is an indicator of how your child is doing at this point in the year. We hope that you will make the time to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their progress. More information will be sent regarding interview times.

Happy Diwali to our families celebrating this week.

Sincerely
Janice Lewis
Principal



PIZZA DAY: Pizza days will be the last Thursday of each month for this school year.

Thursday Nov. 21: You can purchase Pizza via School Cash Online

<https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com>



PLEASE NOTE:

We are not able to accommodate last minute orders. Please make sure you have your order in by Sunday Nov. 17

November Progress Reports:

Reports for the Progress Report will be sent out electronically. We are piloting this in hopes that we can continue to send reports in this way for all reporting periods.

OCCUPATIONAL Therapy:

Self-Regulation Parent Session:

YOU ARE INVITED:

Leslie Hopkins - TDSB Occupational Therapist will be at OOOPS on November 27 at 3:30 to offer a workshop for parents on Self-Regulation Strategies. The workshop will be 40 minutes in length and childcare will be available.

Our teaching staff engaged in this workshop with Leslie on Oct. 28 and found it informative with practical strategies that can be implemented in the class and at home. We hope that you will join us for this workshop.

Below is the public link to the Occupational Therapy website where you will find general information and parent sessions that are offered for TDSB parents.

<https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/ot-pt/home>

Grade 6 TRANSITIONS:

The link below will list Open Houses as the information becomes available for transition years: Grade 6, Grade 8. Please check it regularly for current information

Open House Website:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/Open-Houses-and-Information-Nights>

HOUSE LEAGUE INTRMURALS AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS

Congratulations to the over 50 OOOPS students who ran in this year's Cross-Country event. Special thanks to Ms. Furfaro, Ms. Holmes, Ms. Wallace, and Ms. Abelson for all their time and dedication to coach all those students! Special shout out to Hayden for reaching the City Finals!!

The Boys' Soccer team went 2-1 at their tournament, but unfortunately came 2nd to a strong Cottingham PS squad. The Girls' soccer team won their tournament but lost in the quarterfinals to Pauline PS. House-league Soccer will now begin for all students who tried out for any of the soccer teams.

The Co-ed Flag Football team went undefeated and captured OOOPS's first banner of the year. Shout out to Ms. Dina, and Nia's parents (Joel and Isha) for all their hard work and time spent afterschool training this undefeated squad. We would also like to thank all the other parents who volunteered their time to travel to and from our tournaments, and/or came to the events to cheer on our athletes! All junior students will now have the opportunity to sign up for volleyball tryouts starting this week!

Grade 1/2 Artwork based on the book the Giving Tree by Leah Dorion



SAFE and CARING Schools:

Safety Officer School Visits:

Officer Tony Santeramo visited OOOPS on October 16 to visit classes and speak to students about safety, fire drills and Lockdowns. We practiced a Lockdown while he was here.

Ossington Old Orchard School Grounds:

The beautifully renovated OOOPS grounds are TDSB property. As such, our community members are asked to always uphold the TDSB code of conduct: before, during and after school. Parents supervising children after school during recreational play are asked to intervene if their student is having difficulty getting along or is becoming physical. We want our playground to be **always safe for all**. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. (Code of Conduct PDF attached to email)

Bicycles and Scooters on school property:

There have been several instances where students and adults have been riding bikes and scooters across the asphalt area at OOOPS. We would ask that our community members dismount and walk their transportation devices in the school yard. Safety is our priority.

Severe Weather Protocol Procedure 519:

Weather Guidelines Ossington Old Orchard. Children need an opportunity to get exercise and free play time outdoors, however, weather conditions sometimes warrant that indoor recesses, lunch periods and pre-entry periods be considered necessary for student and staff safety. Conditions warranting indoor recesses (a) Rain, thunderstorms, lightning, hail, extreme winds and extreme cold. (b) Cold weather: When temperature and/or windchill factor indicates -28C or lower children will remain indoors due to risk of frostnip and frostbite. When an extreme cold weather alert is issued or when temperatures and/or windchill factor indicates -20 to -28C, recesses may be shortened to 10 minutes and lunch recess be 20 minutes depending on local conditions. Children should be monitored closely for signs of frostnip, frostbite or

difficulty breathing. (c) Humidity, Heat and Smog Alerts: The City of Toronto issues heat alerts and heat emergencies based on the daily forecast from May to September.

Alerts are posted on the Web site www.toronto.ca/health or available by calling (416) 338-7600. Staff and students should be vigilant about their level of activity and should take frequent breaks for water in order to remain adequately hydrated. Other conditions: Weather conditions change during the day.

When necessary and if the weather is questionable, the school principal will consult the Environment Canada's www.weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca or Toronto Public Health Web sites for information. During extreme weather conditions, parents and students may wait inside Ossington Old Orchard up to 15 minutes prior to the entry or dismissal bells.

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/about-us/severe-weather>

SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER

Harvest Fest

Thank you everyone for a wonderful Harvest Fest! We appreciate everyone who brought food for our potluck and volunteered to make it a fun night! Special thank you to the musical talents of Daniel and Lindsey and a HUGE THANK YOU to Cody, Bamdad and Helen for all their efforts in organizing.

Spirit Wear

Council has been working hard on making Spirit Wear available this year. Stay tuned for OOOPS clothing coming soon.

Gingerbread Fair

The Gingerbread Fair is not far away! We need help with planning/organization, set-up, running games, donations, and much more! Please get in touch with Kylie Moore, kylie.meyermann@gmail.com for more info on how to get involved.

School Council Meeting: November 6, 6:30 p.m.
(see next page for zoom link)

School Council Meeting Link

Topic: OOOPS School Council - November Meeting

Time: Nov 6, 2024 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97193975111>

Dial by your location

• +1 647 374 4685 Canada

Meeting ID: 971 9397 5111

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES

Nov. 5	School Council 6:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	Grade 4 Swim to Survive
Nov. 8	Rm. 11 to High Park
Nov. 12	The Chimera Project JK - 4
	Reports go home (Electronic)
Nov. 14	Parent-teacher interviews
Nov. 15	Parent-teacher interviews PA day
Nov. 21	Pizza Day
Nov. 27	Tribal Village Presentation
Nov. 27	Parent Workshop: Self-Regulation
Nov. 28	Rm 17 Field Trip