



APPLE SEEDS

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year. We are off to an exciting start. I hope that students have been feeling settled as they get through the first week of classes and get to know their teachers.

This newsletter will have many important items for you as we begin the school year. Please take the time to go through each item so you are aware of procedures and school expectations.

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that Ms. Lundy is on leave and we thank Chloe Camacho for stepping in on short notice. We are actively seeking for a French teacher for this temporary position.

The school was under construction for most of the summer. We are pretty much up and running although there will be testing of the system when the weather gets colder. Thank you to Jonathan Mo, Chris Sheasgreen and Kevin Blowe our caretakers for working so hard to get the school ready for our children and teachers. This included working much of the Labour day weekend.

We are looking forward to a wonderful school year. Thank you as always for your support.

Janice Lewis, Principal

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

Thursday Sept 26: You can purchase Pizza via School Cash Online beginning Sept 15 until Friday Sept. 22.

<https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com>



PLEASE NOTE:

We are not able to accommodate last minute orders.

Please make sure you have your order in by Sept.

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ORANGE T-SHIRT DAY



Friday, September 30th is both Orange Shirt Day and the second annual National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, a federal statutory holiday. TDSB schools will honour this day on Monday Sept. 30.

Please wear orange.

STUDENT AGENDAS:

Student agendas have been purchased for all students from Grades 1 – 6. They will arrive in the near future. The cost of the agenda is \$8.00. Please pay for them on School Cash Online <https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com/> or speak to your child's teacher if you need to make other arrangements.

START OF YEAR FORMS:

Sent to all families from the TDSB:

Parents will be receiving an email from the TDSB with the electronic copies of the start up forms on Sept 4, 2024. Please have these forms filled out asap. It is important that we get immediate information regarding media, walking and dismissal in addition to other required signatures.

All Grade 5 student parents/guardians will be receiving a User Device Agreement also sent Sept 4. Please fill this out asap so that we can make sure the information is in the system. Thank you.

There are sometimes glitches with the system. Do keep trying or call the office if you are unsuccessful in entering data.

HOUSE LEAGUE INTRMURALS AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS

House League Intramurals and Extra-Curricular Sports

OOOPS is excited to offer a variety of athletic opportunities throughout the year. Currently, all Junior students (Grades 4 to 6) are encouraged to sign up for our House League program. Students get to vote which games to play, and it is a fantastic opportunity to be active, release some stress, and have tons of fun! All House League games are played during afternoon recesses. Junior students will also have the opportunity to try-out for a variety of OOOPS teams and play different schools within the TDSB. Permission forms detailing practice dates and times for Boys and Girls Soccer (Grades 4-6), Co-ed Football (Grades 4-6), as well as Cross-Country (Grades 2-6) will be distributed soon. A variety of other sports will be offered at different times throughout the year.

Open Gym for Grade 2's and 3's will take place during morning recess on Day 5s. It is a great opportunity for students to meet and make new friends, have fun, and learn how to be good sports. If you have expertise in a sport and would like to become a volunteer coach, and/or volunteer your time to help supervise students during tournaments, please let us know and we will provide details to get you enrolled in a TDSB coaching session.

Terry Fox

Students will be discussing and learning about Terry Fox and his incredible story and contribution towards the fight against Cancer. On Thursday, September 26th, all OOOPS students and staff will celebrate Terry Fox with a mini walkathon around our community. If possible, please help fight against cancer by donating a Toonie for Terry using our school's online donation link below.

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/OssingtonOldOrchardPSToronto>

BIRTHDAY/CELEBRATIONS:

Please speak to your child's classroom teacher before sending any food items that are for sharing to the class. Thank you.

VERIFICATION FORMS:

Verification forms are being sent home with your child Friday Sept. 6. Please return the verification form on Friday Sept. 13, 2024

INDOOR SHOES

Please make sure your child has footwear for inside the school. To avoid bringing mud into the classrooms and gym, students are asked to switch into their inside shoes when they come inside. Please make sure to label the shoes with your child's name.

Clothing Identification:

Last year we sent at least 15 bags of clothing to the Good Will from the Lost and Found. We are endeavouring to lower this amount during this school year. Please DO mark your child's name in clothes. It helps us get it back to the owner and not have a growing collection in the school. Thank you for your help with this.

SAFE and CARING Schools:

Morning Routines: We know that mornings can be rushed at home but we do ask our families to make every effort to be on time in the morning. Teachers begin curriculum once announcements are over and it can be disruptive when students are late. Thank you for working with us on this.

Dogs on TDSB property:

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) enforces a strict policy regarding dogs on its properties. Dogs are generally not permitted on TDSB grounds, with the exception of service animals as defined by the [Student Use of Service Animals in Schools Policy \(P096\)](#) and the [Use of Service Animals by the General Public Procedure \(PR604\)](#). These guidelines are in place to ensure proper management and support for service animals within our schools.

Dental Screening:

OOOPS will be having the Dental screening team at OOOPS the week of Sept. 23. Should you wish your child to NOT be screened please let your classroom teacher know. A parent letter will be sent home on Friday Sept. 6.

Safety Officer School Visits:

Officer Tony Santeramo will be visiting OOOPS on October 10 and the 16 to visit classes and speak to students about safety, fire drills and Lockdowns. We look forward to his visit.

Water Bottles: Students are encouraged to bring water bottles to school to stay hydrated. Please do not send glass bottles as they can break and are not safe in this regard.

ALLERGIES: PLEASE NO NUTS OR SEEDS!!!
We have students who are allergic to both at OOOPS!



Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that can be life threatening. This medical condition can cause a severe reaction to specific foods or other materials and can result in death within minutes. Although foods such as peanuts, milk, eggs, and sesame seeds are the most common cause of anaphylaxis, insect stings, medicine, or latex can also cause a reaction. In recent years, anaphylaxis has increased dramatically among students. The TDSB, in partnership with Toronto Public Health, is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy learning environment for all students and staff.

OOOPS Garden Club

Hello families, returning and new!

The OOOPS Garden and mini apple orchard was built in the 1980's at a time when school grounds were paved. It was ahead of its time, then, and continues to shape the school's identity in many ways.

We are a club of parents (and their kiddos) that likes to hang out and get their hands dirty. No gardening expertise required!!

This month's Garden Club drop-in is on **September 20th, Friday, after school**. Meet us in the garden - and we'll supply the gloves and shovels 😊

If you would like to join the Garden Club email list/volunteer, please email zvnt@hotmail.com.

Happy September to all,

Zoë and Sophie (Garden Co-leads)

SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER

Hello OOOPS Families,

Welcome back to all returning families, and a special welcome to those joining us for the first time! We're excited for the year ahead.

Project GR8:

As many know, we've been discussing with the Trustee and Superintendent about extending OOOPS to grade 8. The grade review is scheduled for 2025-26, but we're asking to have it reviewed this year. We'll meet with the Trustee in September and will keep you updated as we strategize with interested parents.

Harvest Fest:

We're seeking someone to lead this year's Harvest Fest—a beloved annual event for students and families. The organizing committee will decide on activities, whether it's a potluck, a daytime school event, or something new and exciting! If interested, please email Lindsay - lindsaymckenziecpa@gmail.com

Election of Council Members and Class Reps:

We'll be sending out a note next week looking for class reps and executive council members. Joining council is a fantastic way to contribute to our school community.

First Meeting:

Tuesday, October 1 at 6:00 p.m.

We encourage all parents and caregivers to attend!

We look forward to working with you this year!

All the best,

Lindsay and Julie

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES

Sept. 12	All online forms completed by parents
Sept. 23	Dental Screening
Sept. 24	Curriculum Night
Sept 26	Terry Fox Activities
Sept 27	PD Day (no school)
Sept. 30	Orange T-shirt Day
Oct. 3	Rosh Hashana
Oct. 9	School Photo Day
Oct. 10 (16)	Officer Tony Santeramo class visits
October 11	PD Day
October 14	Thanksgiving Day