



APPLE SEEDS

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VOLUNTEERING AT OOOPS

A reminder that ALL volunteers require a Police Reference Check. You may get the application form from the office and a one-time money order payment of \$20 applies. Volunteers will then receive a "CLEAR" letter mailed directly to them from Toronto Police Service. Please remember to bring the original CLEAR to the office, so that we can send it to the TDSB's PRC department (you will get the CLEAR back).

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Paying for school items just got easier. So far, 116 students have been registered! If you haven't already done so, please register at <https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com>. It's convenient, easy to use, safe and saves time.

THE GIVING TREE

On December 10th we are setting up a Giving Tree outside of the Gym to benefit refugee families at Christie Refugee Welcome Centre (on Christie north of Bloor). There will be paper 'snowflakes' on the tree, each written with a basic need item. Parents and children can take one off the tree and bring the NEW item to the office, to put in designated bins. This is our 3rd year doing this and it has been hugely successful! The shelter houses families seeking asylum in Canada for 2-3 months while they wait for their refugee hearing. This year, Christie is only looking for the following items:

- NEW winter jackets for kids and adults
- NEW hats and mitts
- \$25 grocery gift cards

They have now stable funding in place for basic needs like diapers and personal care products, so they don't need these items anymore. They are also overflowing with new toys, so they don't need toys. Thanks in advance for your participation! Please email Virginia at vwjohnson@gmail.com with any questions. The bins will be in the office until December 21.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Information about Kindergarten registration will become available in January...please stay tuned.

SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

Flu season is upon us, which usually means more absences than usual. As we get closer to the holidays, many families also go on vacation. Please remember to phone the school when your child will be absent or late. This is part of our Safe Arrival Program and it is critical that all students are accounted for. Please also inform your child's daycare if they are absent.

THE FLU AND YOU – information adapted from TPH

According to Toronto Public Health, almost 20% of us will get the flu this year. The flu is responsible for approximately 12,000 hospitalizations in Canada each year. Because the flu spreads easily, you can become infected or infect others if you are not careful. "Flu season" will hit its peak between late fall and early spring, so now is the time to prepare. Here are some tips on how to keep the flu at bay:

- **Get the flu shot** – it's the best defence against contracting the flu and will help protect you, your family and everyone you come in contact with during the day. Free flu clinics are set up each season so go to <http://health.gov.on.ca/en/public/programs/publichealth/flu/finder.aspx> and find a clinic near you.
- **Wash your hands** – even if you get the flu shot, washing your hands with soap and water for at least 15 seconds will help prevent the spread of the virus which can live on your hands for up to 3 hours.
- **Sneeze into a tissue** – avoid sneezing or coughing into your hands. If you do, wash them promptly. Use a tissue if possible, but if you don't have one, use your sleeve.
- If you have the flu, **stay home**.
- **See a doctor** if you are not feeling better after a few days or if your symptoms get worse. You can also speak to a nurse by calling Telehealth at 1-866-797-0000 (24hrs/day, 7 days/week).

VISION HEALTH – a message from TPH

One in four children may have a problem with their vision. Help your child to succeed at school and schedule a free comprehensive eye exam with an optometrist. Visit www.optom.on.ca to find one near you. (a message from Toronto Public Health)

MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES AND INFORMATION NIGHTS

In order to assist parents of grade 6 students who are looking for grade 7 schools for their children next year, we will begin sharing Information Night/Open House dates as we receive them...so far:

-Downtown Vocal Music Academy of Toronto – Open House – January 17 at 6 p.m. – 96 Denison Avenue – 416-393-1340 – voicesofduma@gmail.com

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Our Festival of Lights concert was an amazing success. It was so creative, well performed and organized. We had a great turnout! Thank you to our wonderful staff and student teachers for assisting on concert night, to our fantastic students who always make us so proud and a BIG thank you to Ms. Grierson and Ms. Giguere for coordinating the entire event. BRAVO!!

SPANISH AT OSSINGTON/OLD ORCHARD

Magic Languages will offer a new series of Spanish classes at OOOPS, beginning January 9, 2019 and ending March 6, on Wednesdays from 3:20 to 4:20 p.m. in Room 12. If interested, please register online at www.magic-languages.com/ossington-old-orchard-jr-ps/ The cost is \$150.00 + HST. For further information, please call 647-766-2363 or email info@magic-languages.com

AFTER SCHOOL CHESS CLUB AT OOOPS

Students attended their last Chess Club class on Friday, November 30th in the Library. A new series of Chess Club classes will be offered to students in January – please watch for the flyer for more information on how to register.

GINGERBREAD FAIR – Friday, December 14

The office is now collecting Silent Auction donations and we need your help. Do you run your own small business? Do your neighbours have their own businesses? Do you have a favourite local business that you want to help promote? Would your employer donate an item? Donating to the auction is a great way to get names/products/services out there to the OOOPS community. Gift ideas include: dinner certificates, gift certificates, gift baskets, spa packages, art, theatre tickets, sports event tickets, clothing and toys. Services include: personal trainers, photographers, landscape design, interior decorators and tutors. Please drop off contributions at the office. For a donation request letter, or if you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Elise Shelley-Roche at e.s.r@rogers.com

COMING EVENTS (subject to change)

Please mark these dates in your calendar:

December 7	P.A. Day – no school
December 10	The Giving Tree begins
December 14	Gingerbread Fair – 3:30-7:00 p.m.
December 1	Pizza Day
Dec.24-Jan.4	Christmas Break – no school
January 7	Back to school
January 16	Ground Task Force Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
January 18	P.A. Day – no school
January 23	School Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
January 31	Pizza Day
February 8	In-district Kindergarten registration by appt.
February 12	Report Cards sent home
February 14	Parent/Teacher interviews
February 15	P.A. Day – no school – Parent/Teacher Interviews
February 18	Family Day – no school
February 20	School Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
February 21	Special Storytelling Presentation – Viola Desmond Won't be Budgeted
February 28	Pizza Day
March 11-15	March Break – no school
March 28	Pizza Day

SEE YOU AT THE GINGERBREAD FAIR

