



APPLE SEEDS

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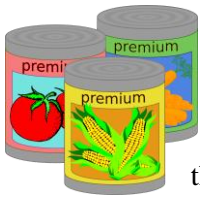
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PIZZA DAYS NEW pizza forms will be sent home on January 8th to cover the following dates: January 18, February 1, 15, March 1, 22.

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE IN SUPPORT OF PARKDALE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK



OOOPS, in partnership with Toronto Police Service (14 Division) will be holding a Food Drive from December 11-15. Please bring in non-perishable donations – boxes will be available in the front foyer. Items most needed are pasta, sauces, soups, baby food and diapers.

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, below are a few Information Night/Open House dates we've received so far:

- January 15 – Horizon Alternative – 6:20 p.m. – 570 Shaw St. – auditorium
- January 16 – Winona Dr. Sr. P.S. – 6:30 p.m. – 101 Winona Drive
- January 17 – Delta Alternative – time TBD

VOLUNTEERING AT OOOPS

A reminder that ALL volunteers require a Police Reference Check. You may get the 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).



HOLIDAY CONCERT

On December 14th at 6:30 p.m., our primary grades will be performing in the gym – that's students from Rooms 11, 12, 21, 22, 19, 301 and Grade 3s from Room 20. We will be holding a 50/50 draw, where proceeds will go toward our Music Program. The cost of admission is a non-perishable food item which will go to the Parkdale Community Food Bank. Please note that students who are not performing in



this concert will have the opportunity to perform in the Spring.

KINDNESS PROGRAM AT OOOPS

In December we will be welcoming the KINDNESS PROGRAM to our school. This is a free program supported by the Beatrice Watson Acheson Foundation. The program's goal is to promote kindness and caring. The presenter will come to the school with her service dog and visit each classroom. Lessons will centre around kindness towards humans and towards animals and the environment, and developing responsibility and empathy. For further information, please visit:

<http://www.thekindnessprogram.org>

ZONES OF REGULATION – what zone are you in?

On November 1st the staff attended a workshop presented by Casey Moore (Special Education Consultant) on the Zones of Regulation. This is a curriculum designed for self-regulation and emotional control. We learned how these zones (blue, green, yellow, red) which refer to how your brain and body are feeling, help students become mindful of their feelings and emotions by asking themselves questions like, "What zone am I in?" Once students learn to identify which zone they are in, they can find ways to self-regulate by asking, "How big is my problem?" Each student will be encouraged to 'create their own toolbox' to help them get through red or yellow zones (ie: take a breath, walk away, count to 10, drink some water, talk it out, stretch, etc.) and return to the green zone. The program is intended to support students to regulate their behaviour and emotions, especially if they are facing challenges academically, socially and/or emotionally. We are trying to implement this approach in all of our classes over the course of the year to see if it is effective for students and their well-being.



THE GIVING TREE

On December 7th we are setting up a Giving Tree outside of the Gym to benefit refugee families at Christie Refugee Welcome Centre. 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 was a hugely

successful initiative last year - one of the best school partnerships Christie had ever had! No toys this year please - they are overflowing with toys, but completely lacking in basic NEW items like winter clothing and diapers. Thanks in advance for your participation! Please email Virginia at vwjohnson@gmail.com with any questions.

SAVE THE DATE – Saturday, February 24, 2018

OOOPS’ Junior Choir will be performing during first intermission at the Toronto Marlies Game on Saturday, February 24th. We will be selling tickets to the school community. More information to follow.

PLEASE - NO DOGS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

As you know, the safety of students is a top priority at our school. Although we love our furry friends, I would like to remind everyone that dogs are not permitted on school property during school hours (7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.). Our expectation is that parents will not bring dogs onto school grounds – even if they’re on a leash. I am asking for everyone’s cooperation in following this policy so that, working together, we can help to ensure the safety of our students. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at the school.

EARTH RANGERS

The Earth Rangers visited our school on Friday, November 24th with a dynamic and interactive presentation for our students and staff. With live animal ambassadors (Shelly the Midland Painted Turtle, Sonic the European Barn Owl, Chavez the Toucanet and Sunny the Harris Hawk), positive demonstrations and science-based information, their program educated us all about eco-systems and the importance of biodiversity while high-lighting real conservation initiatives across Canada.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR IN-DISTRICT FAMILIES FOR SEPTEMBER

Kindergarten registration for families living in our district will take place on February 9th. If your child was born in 2014 and you live in our district, please phone the school soon to make an appointment to register on February 9th. You will need to bring the following documents:

- 2 proofs of address (driver’s license, phone/cable/utility bill, tax form, rental lease, bank statement)
- Child’s birth certificate or passport

- Child’s immunization record
- Child’s health card

*Please note that Optional Attendance may be available for out-of-district families. Our Optional Attendance status will be confirmed early in the New Year.

COMING EVENTS (subject to change)

Please mark these dates in your calendar:

December 7	Pizza Day The Giving Tree begins
December 8	Gingerbread Fair – 3:30-7:00 p.m.
Dec. 11-15	Food Drive in support of Parkdale Community Food Bank
December 14	Primary Holiday Concert at 6:30 p.m.
December 21	Pizza Day
Dec.25-Jan.5	Christmas Break – no school
January 8	Back to school
January 15	Horizon Alternative Open House at 6:20 p.m.
January 16	Winona Drive Open House at 6:30 p.m.
January 17	Executive Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Delta Alternative Open House – time TBD
January 18	Pizza Day
January 19	P.A. Day – no school
January 26	Right to Play Assembly & Workshop
January 31	Lice Squad – school-wide check
February 1	Pizza Day
February 9	In-District Kindergarten Registration
February 13	Report Cards sent home
February 14	Dance-a-thon – more info. to follow
February 15	Pizza Day Parent/Teacher Interviews
February 16	P.A. Day – no school Parent/Teacher Interviews
February 19	Family Day – no school
February 24	Toronto Marlies Hockey Game
February 28	School Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**SEE YOU AT THE
GINGERBREAD FAIR
ON FRIDAY**

