



APPLE SEEDS

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OPTIONAL ATTENDANCE – LIMITED SIBLINGS ONLY

Each year the School Board reviews our school's projected enrolment and based upon the capacity of the school site, decisions about optional attendance are made. This year the policy has been revised and there are 2 additional categories for out of area admissions, including *Limited Optional Attendance, Siblings Only*, which applies to us for September 2023.

This means that siblings of students who already attend OOOPS and will be attending in September 2023, can register. For the last few years our school has been closed for Optional Attendance including closed to siblings so this new category for Out of Area Admissions is certainly welcomed. I am so happy that we can welcome siblings to OOOPS. I know this will be more convenient for families. For more information please visit: [Toronto District School Board > Find your... > School > Out-of-Area Admissions \(tdsb.on.ca\)](http://Toronto District School Board > Find your... > School > Out-of-Area Admissions (tdsb.on.ca))

GINGERBREAD FAIR!!!

We are so looking forward to the return of the Gingerbread Fair! The event will take place on **Friday, December 16th from 3PM – 7PM.**

Please read the messages that have been sent from your classroom parent representative. We need everyone's help to make this exciting event a success!

POPCORN AND JERSEY DAY

To celebrate and to cheer on our Canadian Men's Soccer team, students are invited to wear a jersey of their choice on **Thursday, Dec. 1st**. Popcorn will be available to students during morning recess for \$1.00 a bag!



PIZZA DAY

Our first pizza day of the year is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 8th. Order forms were sent home on Nov. 24th and are due in the office on Thursday, Dec. 1st.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

As of Monday, November 28th, the students will have access to more of the back yard of the school including, the primary play structure, the picnic table area, the blue basketball courts, the new basketball courts beside Exit 4, the asphalt area in front of the portables and the field. This is very exciting as progress is being made on this massive project.

Please note: The forest area, the hill and the Dovercourt entrance remain out of bounds and fenced.

The installation of the Junior Play structure, and completion of the board walk through the forest will be completed in the spring. Weather permitting, the construction crew continues to work and to move the project forward.

Beginning Monday, December 5th, students in Gr. 1 – 6 will enter the school at the beginning of the day and be dismissed at the end of the day from the back of the school.

Students and parents can access the back of the school in two ways: Via the laneway from Ossington Avenue which is just south of the school or via the Churchill Steps which connect Churchill Avenue to the play yard. **Students will no longer enter through the front doors of the school.** Please allow additional time to walk to the back of the school at the beginning of the school day and at dismissal. The bell rings at 8:40AM for entry and at 3:20PM for dismissal.

There will be no changes to the routine for kindergarten students. JKSK students will continue to enter the school yard in the front of the school at the beginning of the school day. Dismissal will also be from the front via Exit 2. It is imperative that students enter the school through the gate at the front of the school as staff are checking each student in upon arrival.

ANTI-BULLYING INTERVENTION/PREVENTION

The week of Nov. 21st is Anti-bullying Intervention and Prevention Week and we have focused on anti-bullying strategies and messages and promoted the power of kindness through the daily announcements.

In December, students in Rooms 18 and 20 will be participating in sessions with Child and Youth workers to

explore a variety of themes including peer-relationships, anxiety, and self-esteem. With a focus on finding strategies to improve relationships, reduce anxiety and build self confidence and self-esteem, while promoting kindness and a positive school culture, students will hopefully gain knowledge and develop strategies that they can use when navigating challenging situations

OOOPS CARD PROJECT

Students have been learning about Giving Tuesday, which is on Tuesday, Nov. 29th this year. The Junior students were asked to reflect on the following statement: ***If I could wave a magic wand, I would change....*** As you can imagine, the students had a lot of ideas/concerns specifically about climate change and water and food insecurity.



All students in the school have been drawing trees to contribute to the OOOPS Card Project. Students have been working hard to create drawings showcasing a tree that can be found in our neighbourhood. The students are focusing on trees because trees can have a positive impact on issues of climate change and food insecurity.

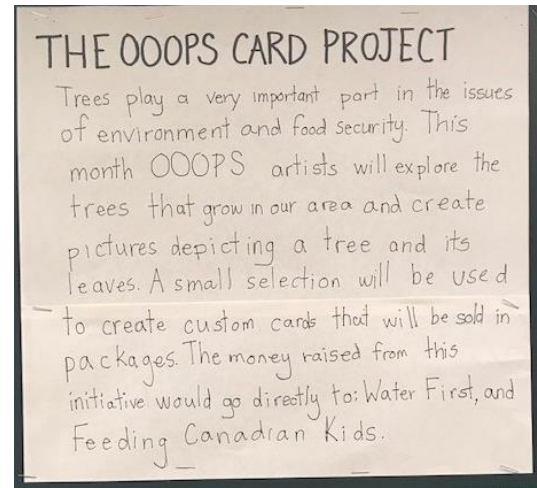
The student artwork will be used in our **OOOPS Card Project**. The Card Project is an art-based fundraising activity that uses children's art to make custom greeting cards. Two student illustrations from each class will be selected and transformed into custom made greeting cards. On Monday, Nov. 28th, all the student artwork will be on display and 20 pieces will be selected for the Card Project. **On Monday, Nov. 28th at 3PM, the student artwork selected for this exciting project will be announced at school!**

We are selling these cards in packages for the holidays. These cards can be sent to friends and family during the year. Cards are a way we communicate care, and in this case, also a way for our students to share and spread the idea that to change our society, we'll need to build a habit of generosity. The money raised from this initiative will go to the charities chosen by the students; *Water First* and *Feeding Canadian Kids*.

The cards are now on sale! Please visit <http://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com/> to order your cards.

DUE DATE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

During the last two weeks, the students in Room 18 have taken the lead in informing our students (presenting to classrooms, making announcements) about how the contribution of their art will help raise awareness and money for *Water First* and *Feeding Canadian Kids*.



RUNAWAY SNOWMAN MUSICAL!

Rehearsals are underway for our school musical! Over 75 students are attending rehearsals and are excited about participating.

Students have been given an information page and a form to complete and return by Dec. 5th. The information provided in the completed form will help us to schedule auditions for the lead roles.

All students will participate in the chorus and if students wish to audition for a larger role, auditions will be scheduled during the week of December 12th. Scripts, lyrics and recordings of some of the songs will be posted to the Homeroom Google Classrooms so that students can practice.

If you have questions about the musical, please reach out to Ms. Nelani or Mrs. Jamieson.

SCHOOL GOALS

On an annual basis, staff examine how students are performing academically, socially, and emotionally and create goals to help focus the teaching and learning for the school year. The 2 most important TDSB System Priorities for this year are:

- The importance of joy, engagement and belonging in our schools as a foundation for academic

achievement and student success

- Eliminating disproportionate outcomes for students.

In addition to focusing on these system priorities, our school goals include a focus on Effective Early Reading Instruction and Math and STEM Achievement.

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2022-2023

Thank you to the parents/guardians who have volunteered to participate on this year's School Council. We have an amazing team! Our Executive Council for 2022-2023 is:

Co-Chairs	Lindsay McKenzie and Julie McCambley
Treasurers	Holly McLellan Gina Vanni
Secretary	Cathy Benevides
Ward Rep.	Deepi Jatana Gail Klein
Garden Rep.	Alison Liphardt Sophie Lynge

Thank you to our amazing Parent Class Representatives:

Rm. 9	Helen Pereira Sophie Lynge
Rm. 10	Anika Qursehi
Rm. 11	Sarah Rubenstein Jennifer Hyndman
Rm. 12	Deepi Jatana Daniel Torjman
Rm. 16	Hiral Amin-Sharma
Rm. 18	Cathy Benevides
Rm. 19	Yasamine Jacobs
Rm. 20	Sonya Mennie
Rm. 21	Jen Fillippelli
Rm. 22	Lindsay Hepburn

SAVE THE DATE: Our next School Council Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 10th at 6:30PM**. A link will be provided before each meeting. Please join us. We value your input!

SCHOOL COUNCIL DIRECT ASK

Thank you to the generous donors who have already submitted donations to our School Council Fund.

We wanted to send a reminder that we are looking for donations to support various school initiatives. This year, we will be setting up a Student & Family Equity fund to support families who cannot afford the costs of school trips, and other school initiatives (\$1000). We will also be welcoming scientists and STEM activities

back into our school (\$5000). We will be purchasing portable soccer nets for our new field (\$3500). With the garden being available again in the spring we will also be hosting our BIG DIG (\$2000). Each year, we also give funds to teachers to spend in their class on school supplies and other programs that they feel will enrich students' experiences (\$3000).

We are asking parents to make a direct donation of any amount - \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100 or whatever you can give. (Donations of \$25 or more entitle you to a charitable tax receipt). With many workplaces also hosting Giving Month in November, please see if your workplace can also match your donation.

We want to also acknowledge that financial donations are not the only way to support our school community. Thank you to those who supported Harvest Fest, are working on our Gingerbread Fair, school council members, individuals who are seeking different grants, and everyone else volunteering their talents in various ways. We appreciate your help in enriching the education of our children. If you'd like to share different ways you'd like to help, feel free to reach out to school council oopsparentcouncil@gmail.com

Donations can be made online by using this link : <https://tdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/457/153/false/true?school=1079&initiative=29>

Thank you for your help and participation.

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2022

November 11 was acknowledged by students and staff at a very special assembly. Students in Ms. Graham's class took the lead and shared memories of people who have passed away including extended family members, victims and veterans of war, victims of police brutality, missing and murdered Indigenous women, and marginalized people who have suffered and died prematurely. Their presentation was deeply moving and powerful.

Students in rooms 9, 10 and 11 created poppies, a wreath and mural for the assembly and students in room 21 read poems about peace. Maddie from room 19 read a poem in French and Room 18 students performed a tableau about kindness from the story, *The Girl with the Yellow Dress*.



TORONTO PUBLIC HEALTH MESSAGE:

Vaccination is important for the health of each student and the school community.

Over the past couple of months, Toronto Public Health sent letters to parents/guardians of Grade 1 and 2 students as a reminder to get their child up-to-date on required vaccinations.

Remember to:

- Make an appointment with a health care provider to get vaccinated for free.
- Report your child's vaccinations online at: www.toronto.ca/studentvaccines.
- Contact Toronto Public Health with any questions via email at immunization@toronto.ca or by phone at 416-338-7600.

Now that families have been informed about missing vaccine doses, TPH plans to assess and update student vaccine records for the 2022/2023 school year.

Thank you for your partnership in ensuring that students are protected from serious illnesses and potential outbreaks.

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES:

Alpha II Alternative school is hosting an Open House on **December 7th from 5:30-6:30.**

Please see [website](#), and/or [RSVP for our open house](#).

REMINDER: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2ND IS A PA DAY. There is no school for students on this day.

COMING EVENTS (subject to change)

Thursday, Dec. 1	Popcorn and Jersey Day! \$1.00 for a bag of popcorn. Pizza Forms due today. Girls' Basketball Tournament
Friday, Dec. 2	PD Day
Thursday, Dec. 8	Pizza Day
Friday, Dec. 16	GINGERBREAD FAIR 3PM – 7PM
Wednesday, Dec. 21st	Winter Solstice Spirit Day
Monday, Dec. 26 – Friday, Jan. 6	Holiday Break
Monday, Jan. 9	School Resumes
Friday, Jan. 13	PD Day

Tuesday, Feb. 14	Valentine's Day
Tuesday, Feb. 14	Report Cards go Home
Friday, Feb. 17	PA Day – Parent/Teacher Interviews
Monday, Feb. 20	Family Day
March 1 and 2	Runaway Snowman Musical Performances
March 6 - 8	Island School Trip – Grade 6

OOOPS CARD PROJECT IN ACTION!

