



APPLE SEEDS

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IN-DISTRICT KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for families living in our district will take place the week of February 5th. If your child was born in 2014 and you live in our district, please phone the school to make an appointment to register between February 5-9. 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

Online registration for in-district families will be available beginning February 1st and can be accessed at www.tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten, however, you will still need to come in with your documentation. A video tutorial for parents is also available on the website.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

As mentioned in my previous newsletter, we will be registering out-of district students, if space permits, at the end of March. Student names will be chosen from our Optional Attendance forms, lottery style, by priority. Parents of students whose names are chosen will be contacted by phone to make an appointment to register on March 26, 27, 28 or 29. Parents must inform us of acceptance no later than March 23rd.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next Council meeting takes place February 28th at 6:30 p.m. Childcare and pizza will be available.

LUNCHTIME ROUTINES DURING WINTER

Gr. 1 – 6 students come to the gym to eat lunch at 11:30. They come with their winter clothes on (snow pants, boots etc.) so that they are ready for recess. However, they are NOT required to keep their coats, hats, scarves etc. on while they eat. Many children remove some of their clothing while eating. Lunch recess for Gr. 1 – 6 is between 11:55 – 12:30.

JKSK children enjoy recess before eating (11:15 – 11:40). They remove all of their winter clothing before heading to the gym to eat. Eating time is between 11:55 – 12:20.

STUDENT WASHROOMS

Parents, caregivers and adults are reminded that student washrooms are for children's use only. If parents need to use the washroom, please remember to borrow the visitor's washroom key from the office. Under no circumstances are adults to use student washrooms – not even when picking up your children from daycare.

PORTUGUESE CLUB

Beginning February 6th and on consecutive Day 1s, Ms. Maia will be offering Portuguese Club in the Library at lunch recess (11:55 -12:30). The Club will focus on conversational Portuguese, vocabulary, culture, songs, discussing and sharing, and is open to all students, (Portuguese and non-Portuguese speaking), grades 1-6. There is no fee, however, students are asked to attend regularly so that they can be exposed to the language and build their skills.

DANCE CLUB Dance Club is being offered at OOOPS to Grade 4-6 students every Day 2 at morning recess. Ezekiel and Carolyn (two of our very talented students) will be teaching dance moves, focussing mainly on jazz and hip-hop. The plan is to choreograph a routine to be performed at this year's Talent Show. Another student (Yoshio) will be our DJ, providing all the tunes. All this will take place under the supervision of Ms. Furfaro.

ROSENEATH THEATRE – Birds of a Feather

On January 25th, Roseneath Theatre visited our school to perform the play, "Birds of a Feather". Through character exploration, students learned about compromise, believing in yourself and that family – in all its varieties – is made up of the people who love you. The play also touched upon the themes of diversity, imagination and identity.

DANCE-A-THON Our Dance-a-thon will take place on Wednesday, February 14th throughout the day. Please submit your permission/pledge forms to the office no later than February 14th. The classroom that raises the most funds will be treated to pizza!

WINTER WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

In order to promote daily physical activity, a healthier environment, safer streets, making friends and having fun, February 7th has been declared Winter Walk to School Day – so bundle up, walk to school and enjoy the winter season!

OOOPS MARLIES DAY

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, the OOOPS Marlies Day scheduled to take place on Saturday, February 24th has been rescheduled. The NEW DATE is **Saturday, March 3rd**. Hopefully, the date will work out for families who have already purchased tickets. If not, please contact the school. All OOOPS families are invited to purchase tickets for the game. Let's make this a fun school community event! Ticket order form is attached.

COLDS AND FLUS

With flu season upon us, a reminder to parents to please keep their children home if they are sick and not feeling well. This helps eliminate the spread of germs to other students and staff. Please remember to phone the school when your child will be absent or late. Parents should also remind their children to wash their hands frequently and cough/sneeze into their sleeve/elbow and not their hands.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

To kick-off Black History month, Duane Gibson (Canadian rapper, motivational speaker and author, aka D.O.) will be performing for our students on February 7th at 12:45. The presentation specializes in Black Canadian History. Duane will speak about Viola Desmond who stood up for her rights by sitting down at a movie theatre in Nova Scotia. He will also talk about freedom fighter Josiah Henson – a slave who travelled the Underground Railroad for freedom in Canada, became a land owner, and helped others to flee and empower others. The presentation will be interactive, including rap, a music video about Black Canadian achievements and a game of “name that tune” to highlight black music contributions.

On February 15th, we are privileged to have Zanana Akande (grandmother of Levi, Frances and Ezekiel) visit our school to speak to our students and staff. Zanana is a former politician in Ontario. She was a member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario from 1990 to 1994 who represented the downtown Toronto riding of St. Andrew-St. Patrick. Zanana served as a cabinet minister and was the first black woman elected to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, and the first black woman to serve as a cabinet minister in Canada. She was also a teacher and a school principal for the former Toronto Board of Education!

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~ CHINESE NEW YEAR

On Friday, February 16th, many of our families will be celebrating Chinese New Year, also known as the Spring Festival. According to the Chinese 12-year animal zodiac cycle, year 2018 is the year of the dog. The celebrations will last for 23 days, ending on the 15th day of the first lunar month (the Lantern Festival, the 2nd of March 2018). It's a time for families to be together. The New Year's Eve dinner is called “reunion dinner”, and is believed to be the most important meal of the year.



DANCE CLASSES This month we welcome 2 visiting artists to our school. Sarah Murray will be working with our youngest students (K-2) every Friday leading dance and movement sessions. We welcome Sarah back to OOOPS this year for this highly anticipated addition to our arts program.

Our older students (Gr.3-6) will work with dance educator, Janice Pomer. Students will participate in several sessions with Ms. Pomer to explore the dance/movement curriculum.

Thank you to our School Council for supporting this enriched opportunity for all of our students!

VIDEO GAMES

We know that many of our students enjoy exploring the internet, using apps and playing video games. Parents, please ensure you supervise your children when they are doing this as there are many unsafe and violent games available. There is a lot of research that suggests that some games, in particular *Grand Theft Auto* and *Call of Duty*, are extremely violent and are not appropriate for children. The links below are stories from the UK that you may find interesting.

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/567057/Parents-who-don-t-stop-children-playing-Call-of-Duty-to-be-reported-to-POLICE-warn-schools>

<http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/parents-who-let-children-play-call-duty-grand-theft-auto-will-be-reported-police-1494070>

DATES TO REMEMBER (subject to change)

February 1	Jr. Choir to TDSB Festival
February 1	Pizza Day
February 2	JK Guided Tour of OOOPS at 9 a.m.
February 5	Gr. 4 – 6 trip to TSO
February 5	Mindfulness Workshop Series begins 7 p.m.-8 p.m. at OOOPS
February 6	Band students to TDSB Festival
February 7	Winter Walk to School Day
February 7	Duane Gibson Assembly K- 6: 12:45 p.m.
February 13	Report cards go home
February 14	Dance-a-thon
February 15	Zanana Akande Assemblies 9:10 a.m. – Grade 1- 2 10:15 a.m. – Grade 3 - 6
February 15	Pizza Day Parent/Teacher Interviews
February 16	P.A.Day/Parent/Teacher Interviews Optional Attendance Forms due
February 19	Family Day – no school
February 23	Popcorn/Crazy Hair and Hat Day!
February 28	School Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.
March 1	Pizza Day
March 3	OOOPS Marlies Day
March 12-16	March Break – no school
March 22	Pizza Day
March 30	Good Friday – no school
April 2	Easter Monday – no school