



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 4th. If your child was born in 2015 and you live in our district, please phone the school to make an appointment to register between February 4-8. You will need to bring the following documents:

- 2 proofs of address (property tax form, phone/cable/utility bill, income 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 as well 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.

Unfortunately, we are unable to register children living outside our catchment area as our enrolment is closed.

LEGACY GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING

Our next meeting for the committee which is focusing on the grounds restoration projects will take place February 21st at 6:30 p.m. New members are welcome to join! Childcare and pizza will be available.

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.

DANCE-A-THON Our Dance-a-thon will take place on **Thursday, 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! Parents are very welcome to join us! All funds raised will go towards special programming and resources (E.g. Guest Speakers, Artists; Storyteller; computers etc.)

CREATIVE MOVEMENT AND DANCE

Creative movement and dance continues every Friday with Sarah Murray who is working with our youngest students (K-2). Thank you to our School Council for supporting this enriched opportunity for our students!

LUNCH AT OOOPS

A reminder to parents that students who eat lunch at school must remain on the premises for the duration of lunch (11:30-12:30). Students may not go out for lunch alone or with friends as it becomes almost impossible to track students' whereabouts and this is a serious safety issue. Parents wishing to take their child out may do so by signing him/her out in the office. In the spring, permission forms will be sent home to parents of grade 6 students, allowing them to go out with a group of students on specified dates. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH

On February 19th, 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!

On Thursday, February 21st, a visiting Storyteller from Arts Express will be visiting OOOPS, presenting Viola Desmond Won't Be Budged, by Jody Nyasha Warner. In Nova Scotia, in 1946, an usher in a movie theatre told Viola to move from her main floor seat to the balcony. Viola knew she was being asked to move because she was black. Viola's determination inspired her community – she is an unsung hero! This literary presentation will help start conversations about socially complex topics, in this case students will learn about racial segregation in Canada.

On Wednesday, February 13th, our gr. 4-6 students will be participating in a spoken word workshop with Logik!

An assembly to celebrate African Heritage will be held on Thursday, Feb. 28th at 10:30 a.m. It promises to be a very exciting event with student presentations and student performers. Thank you to Lasandra Conliffe for her tremendous leadership in putting this initiative together. Parents are most welcome to join us for the assembly.

MARKER RECYCLING PROGRAM

As mentioned in October's Apple Seeds, OOOPS has a **MARKER RECYCLING PROGRAM**. Instead of throwing out your old/used markers, please bring them to your child's classroom. All types of markers are accepted for recycling.

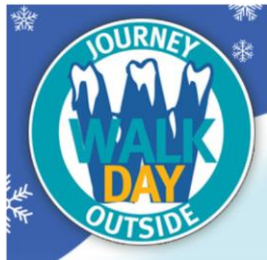
GUNG HAY FAT CHOY ~ CHINESE NEW YEAR

On Tuesday, February 5th, many of our families celebrated Lunar New Year, also known as the Spring Festival. According to the Chinese 12-year animal zodiac cycle, year 2019 is the year of the PIG. Lunar New Year is 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.



WINTER WALK DAY 2019

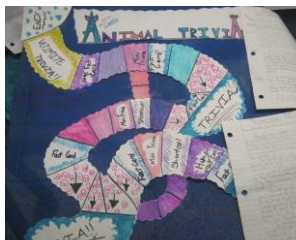
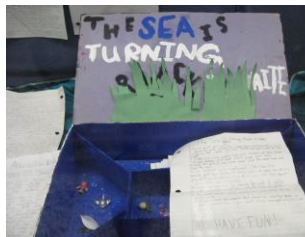
Wednesday, February 6th was Winter Walk Day at the TDSB and across Canada! Travelling actively to school is a great way to get daily physical activity any time and contributes to a healthier environment and safer streets. So, bundle up, walk to school and enjoy the winter season!



SCHOOL CASH ONLINE So far, 167 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.

SCIENCE IN ROOM 18

Mr. Ramsay's students have been very busy over the past few months studying Human Organ Systems (Gr.5) and Biodiversity (Gr.6). Research, note-taking and reports resulted in several outstanding board games like: "The Game of Fish", "Broken Hearts", "Body Adventure", "The Sea is Turning Black and White", "The Bite" and "Animal Trivia", to name a few. Can you think of an animal that has a beard, but is not human? What are invasive species? How do heart attacks affect the organ system? Have you ever wondered how music can enter your ear and have an effect on your body? And many more intriguing questions!! Next steps: students are studying their research and determining what they can do to help



make positive changes.

INSPIRATIONAL MATH!

Inspirational Math continues with weekly assemblies in the gym. Students have been investigating new math problems and engaging in math talks and collaborative problem solving. If you would like to learn more about *Inspirational Math Week 4*, please visit <http://youcubed.org>

TRAFFIC SAFETY TIPS:

HELP MAKE THIS A SAFE WINTER SEASON

While traffic safety is an important matter all year long, winter is a particularly good time to review what we can do to keep students safe. The need to be aware and alert at all times, on any road, and even in the most routine circumstances is key to traffic safety. This applies to students and drivers alike. Road conditions can be challenging in the winter months. So, to those of us who drive, please take extra care on the roads and in parking lots, especially in areas where children might be present. Below are some tips that might be helpful to review.

- Stop, look and listen for traffic.
- Only cross at corners and crosswalks.
- Make eye contact with drivers.
- Walk on the right side of the crosswalk.
- Wear appropriate footwear to reduce the chances of slipping.
- Never run into the street.
- Obey crossing signals.
- Cross only if clear.
- Walk on sidewalks.
- Where there are no sidewalks, walk as far away from traffic as possible, facing traffic.

SCIENCE FAIR IN ROOM 19

Mr. Panamsky's students were very proud to hold a class science fair on January 11th. The Gr. 4's displayed their amazing dioramas which depicted many of the Earth's natural habitats and the animals and plants which reside within them. Their beautiful displays also contained important ideas on what we can do about climate change. The Gr. 5's showcased the different body systems in humans. They made full-scale models complete with fascinating experiments and provided very insightful information. Classes were invited to visit, enjoy and learn about what the students had discovered. Excellent work Room 19!



THANK YOU FROM CHRISTIE REFUGEE WELCOME CENTRE

We received a card from the Christie Refugee Welcome Centre thanking us for the many generous donations of winter clothing and gift cards. The centre currently has 76 clients in residence today and, thanks to your generosity, the centre’s cupboards are well stocked with warm winter clothing. The gift cards helped many families in need who have moved out of the centre but are still vulnerable.

IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

The Immunization of School Pupils Act in Ontario requires all children attending school to be properly vaccinated against Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio, Measles, Mumps and Rubella or have a valid exemption on file with Toronto Public Health (TPH). If your child is overdue for any of these, you will receive a Suspension Notice from TPH and Principals are obliged to enforce the suspension. To avoid suspension, please report your school-aged child’s vaccines to TPH. Your doctor does not necessarily report the information after each vaccine. You may update your child’s immunization record online at Toronto.ca/health or by fax at 416-338-2487. Questions? Please call 416-392-1250 or email immunization@toronto.ca



OOOPS FOOD DRIVE – submitted by Hazel B., Sadie M. and Kyla K. – Members of the Student Leadership Council

From February 14 to 28, students will have a chance to bring in non-perishable food items to donate to a local food bank. As the drive begins on Valentine’s Day, this is a great way to promote friendship, community and sharing. We will be accepting all non-perishable foods which include (but are not limited to): dried or canned beans, canned fish, canned vegetables or fruit, dried pasta, canned soups, dry cereal, oatmeal, baby food and much, much more. Boxes for donations will be placed in the main foyer. We hope you will take the time to donate!



DATES TO REMEMBER *(subject to change)*

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| February 4 | Inspirational Math Assembly at 9 a.m. |
| February 6 | Winter Walk Day |
| February 11 | Inspirational Math Assembly |
| February 12 | Report Cards sent home |
| February 13 | Spoken Word with Logik |
| February 14 | Parent/Teacher Interviews Dance-a-thon Food Drive begins |
| February 15 | P.A. Day – no school Parent/Teacher Interviews |
| February 18 | Family Day – no school |
| February 19 | Special Guest Speaker Zanana Akande |
| February 21 | Grounds Restoration Committee-6:30 p.m. |
| February 21 | Viola Desmond Presentation – all day |
| February 28 | Pizza Day African Heritage Assembly at 10:30 a.m. Food Drive ends |
| March 10 | Spring forward – turn clocks ahead 1 hr. |
| March 11-15 | March Break – no school |
| March 28 | Pizza Day |
| April 11 | OOOPS State of Mind: An Exploration of the Global Competencies |

SAVE THE DATE! – THURSDAY, APRIL 11

OOOPS State of Mind: An Exploration of the Global Competencies

This is a school-wide celebration of learning and promises to be a very engaging and exciting evening. Please put the date on your calendar!