



APPLE SEEDS

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Welcome back! I hope you had a wonderful break, are well-rested and ready for the next school term.

ROSENEATH THEATRE VISITS OOOPS

We are very excited to welcome Roseneath Theatre's production of, "Birds of a Feather" to our school on Thursday, January 25!

SEVERE WEATHER

The decision to close schools is made by the Director of Education. Listen to the radio or television for school closures and cancellation of transportation services before the opening of school – cancellations will be announced from 6:30 a.m. Should schools close during the school day, announcements will be made on radio stations and posted on the TDSB website. Please ensure that we have up to date contact information, including an emergency contact person and number.

OPTIONAL ATTENDANCE

Please note that our school is listed as Limited for Optional Attendance. **Optional Attendance forms must be submitted to the school office by Friday, February 16, 2018.**

PARENT NOTE – DISMISSAL

Parents, please pick up your children from the outside. You are welcome to walk through the school. If you arrive early, please proceed outside by 3:15 pm. This will ensure that the front hall is not crowded and will allow for a safe dismissal of students. Thank you for your cooperation.

SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

A reminder to parents to please phone the school when your child is absent or late. This helps us account for students faster, and is imperative when doing our Safe Arrival Program. We thank our parent volunteers for their dedicated work every morning in making sure that your child is safe. Thank you to our volunteers: Alex, Michelle, Monique, Melissa and Raquel.

THE GIVING TREE and FOOD DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to our Food Drive and Giving Tree! Your donations are very much appreciated.

LATES

Please make a concerted effort in getting to school on time. Whether it's setting the alarm 10 minutes earlier, going to bed earlier or getting things organized the night before; punctuality is a good habit for all of us! When students get to school on time they benefit and so does the entire class!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR IN-DISTRICT FAMILIES FOR SEPTEMBER

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 – more information to follow.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR OUT-OF-DISTRICT FAMILIES FOR SEPTEMBER

After we have registered in-district families and if space permits, we will be registering out-of-district families through Optional Attendance. Optional Attendance forms are due on February 16th. Please note that space is extremely limited and if the number of students on our waiting list (through Optional Attendance) exceeds the number of spaces available, we will be holding a lottery. Out-of-district registration will take place by appointment on March 26, 27, 28 and 29. You will need to bring the following documents:

- child's birth certificate or passport
- child's immunization record
- child's health card

GUIDED TOUR OF OOOPS

Families who are considering registering their children at OOOPS in September 2018 and would like to learn more about our school may wish to attend our Guided Tour on February 2 at 9 a.m.

HEAD LICE SCREENING DAY

Our second head lice screening day will take place on January 31st. A reminder to parents to check your children often. If your check reveals the presence of lice or nits, do not send your child to school. Please inform the school right away and we will send a letter to the children in your child's classroom. Students with head lice will not be identified in order to maintain confidentiality. Thank you to the Lice Squad and parent volunteers who work diligently and to School Council for covering the cost.

EXTRA-CURRICULARS

A MESSAGE FROM THE GR.6 GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM: *This has been our best basketball season yet – getting up early in the morning to do our best! Thanks to Ms. Dina for supervising us – without her, we wouldn't have a basketball team at all. We also wanted to appreciate Coach Kelly for giving up her mornings to make our team the team it is today. Coach Kelly and team-mates: you all made our last year special! All the hard work and effort paid off from Grade 4-6. Ms. Dina and Coach Kelly have been coaching us for 3 years and you have helped us improve our skills. This message is just a thank you for the memorable year that we'll never forget!*



GR. 6 BOYS' VOLLEYBALL – submitted by Mr. Koumentakis: *Congratulations to the Boys' Grade 6 Volleyball Team for a great season and reaching the Conference Finals. They worked extremely hard to improve their skills and demonstrated great sportsmanship both on and off the court!*



PIZZA DAYS



Our very popular pizza days will continue this term (January 18, February 1 and 15, March 1 and 22). Pizza forms and payment are due no later than January 16th.

MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

In order to assist parents of grade 6 students who are looking for grade 7 schools for their children next year, below are Information Night/Open House dates that we've received:

- 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 16 – **Essex P.S.** – 6:00 p.m. – 50 Essex Street
- January 17 – **Delta Alternative** – 6:00 p.m. – 301 Montrose Avenue – gymnasium
- January 18 – **City View Alternative** – 7:00 p.m. – 38 Shirley Street (Dundas/Brock)
- January 25 – **Alexander Muir/Gladstone** – 12:50 p.m. – 108 Gladstone Avenue (our Gr. 6 students will be attending as a class)
- January 30 – **Quest Alternative** – 6:30-8:30 p.m. – 25 Bain Avenue – 3rd floor of Withrow P.S.
- January 31 – **Spectrum Alternative** – 6:00 p.m. or 6:45 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. – 43 Millwood Road (in Davisville P.S.)

OOOPS MARLIES DAY

Our school choir will be performing at the Toronto Marlies vs. Rochester Americans hockey game on Saturday, February 24th. The game will be played at the Ricoh Coliseum at 4 p.m. All families are invited to attend. OOOPS has reserved 100 tickets (first come, first served) at a discount price of \$18 each (regular price at game is \$23). Students in the choir should have received a ticket order form. More forms are available in the office. All forms are due in the office no later than January 31st.

COMING EVENTS (subject to change)

Please mark these dates in your calendar:

January 16	Pizza forms and payment due
January 18	Pizza Day
January 19	P.A. Day - no school
January 25	Roseneath Theatre
January 31	School-wide Lice Check by Lice Squad
February 1	Pizza Day Junior Choir to TDSB Music Festival
February 2	Guided Tour of OOOPS at 9 a.m.
February 5-9	In-District Kindergarten Registration
February 13	Report cards sent home
February 14	Dance-a-thon
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	OOOPS Marlies Day – Game at 4 p.m.
February 26	Right to Play Assembly
February 28	School Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**THE DANCE-A-THON WILL
RETURN ON FEB. 14TH**



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