



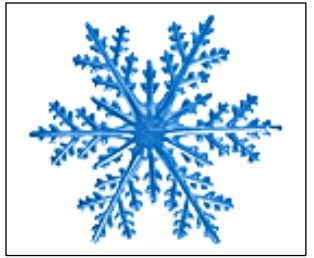
# APPLE SEEDS

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## INSPIRATIONAL MATH!

This winter all students will participate in a math initiative called, *Inspirational Math!* Each week, for a total of 5 weeks, students will investigate a new math problem and will engage in math talks and collaborative problem solving. In addition, students will learn, practice and discuss strategies that will help them to be successful and confident while learning and exploring mathematical concepts. If you would like to learn more about *Inspirational Math Week 4*, please visit <http://youcubed.org>

## OPTIONAL ATTENDANCE

Please note that this year our school is listed as **Closed** for Optional Attendance. - **this means that we will not be able to register any students who live out of district.**

## PARENTS/CAREGIVERS AND DISMISSAL

Parents and caregivers, 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 p.m. 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. Students who arrive late must come to the office for a late/admit slip. Students are considered late if they arrive after the **2<sup>nd</sup> bell at 8:45 a.m.**

## CREATIVE MOVEMENT K-2

Students will be participating in a creative movement project with movement artist, Sarah Murray. Sessions will begin this Friday and will continue throughout January and February. Each JKSK – Gr. 2 class is scheduled for 6 sessions. Students who have worked with Sarah in the past are very excited about her return to OOOPS!

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR IN-DISTRICT FAMILIES FOR SEPTEMBER

This year, Kindergarten registration is only for families living in our district and will take place the week of February 4<sup>th</sup>, if registering in person or for validating information. You also have the option of registering online at [www.tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten) Regardless of which method you select (in person or online), you will be required to visit the school to validate the registration information. If your child was born in 2015 and you live in our district, please phone the school to make an appointment to register in person between February 4-8, or to validate your registration information. You will need to bring the following documents:

- 2 proofs of address – one government and one non-government (ie: driver's license, phone/cable/utility bill, tax form, rental lease, bank statement, income tax statement)
- child's birth certificate or passport
- child's immunization record
- child's health card

## 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:

**-Horizon Alternative Open House** – January 15 at 6:20 p.m. – Auditorium – 570 Shaw St. (near Ossington and Harbord) – 416-393-1298 – [www.horizonalternative.ca](http://www.horizonalternative.ca)

**-E.A.S.T. (East Alternative School of Toronto) Open House** – January 24 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (rotating 30-minute tours) – 21 Boulton Avenue (at Blake Elementary School) – 416-393-8442

**-Quest Alternative Sr. P.S. Guided Tour** – January 29 from 6:30 to 7:25 p.m. (student-led tours every 10 minutes) and 7:30-8:30 p.m. (presentation in gym) – 25 Bain Avenue (3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Withrow P.S.) – <http://schools.tdsb.on.ca/quest>

**-City View Alternative School Open House** – January 17 at 6:30 p.m. – 38 Shirley Street (Dundas/Brock) – <http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/cityview>

**-Delta Alternative Open House** – January 16 at 6:15 p.m. in the gym – 301 Montrose Avenue – 416-393-9730

### **GINGERBREAD FAIR**

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who participated in this year's Gingerbread Fair. Many hands helped to make it a magical night, so thank you to our organizers, cooks, room parents, set-up crew, musicians, bakers, singers, money collectors, poster makers, vendors, donors, solicitors, shoppers, artists and clean-up crew. Thank you to our caretakers, staff, to our Council Treasurer Michelle and everyone who worked so tirelessly behind the scenes to make the day a huge success.

### **THE GIVING TREE**

Thank you to everyone who generously donated coats, hats, mitts, gift cards and other items to help the Christie Refugee Welcome Centre meet their goals this winter season. Your donations were greatly appreciated and will assist many families.

### **GROUNDS TASK FORCE COMMITTEE**

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our initial meeting to discuss upgrading/improving our grounds. We had a wonderful discussion and many creative ideas were shared. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Wed. Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** If you would like to join the team, we would love to have you attend our meeting!

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

On Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, to help observe African Heritage Month, a visiting Storyteller from Arts Express will be visiting OOPS, 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.

### **DANCE-A-THON – WE NEED YOUR HELP**

We're looking for help with this year's Dance-a-thon. Do you know a DJ who would volunteer his/her time with equipment, lighting and music for our Dance-a-thon on February 14<sup>th</sup>? Please phone the school if you have a contact...thank you.

## **THE DANCE-A-THON WILL RETURN ON FEB. 14<sup>TH</sup>**



**...more information to follow...**

### **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.

### **COMING EVENTS (subject to change)**

*Please mark these dates in your calendar:*

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| January 11   | New Chess Club session begins   |
| January 14   | Inspirational Math Assembly Week 1  |
| January 16   | Grounds Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.   |
| January 18   | P.A. Day – no school  |
| January 21   | Inspirational Math Assembly Week 2  |
| January 23   | School Council Executive Meeting  |
| January 28   | Inspirational Math Assembly Week 3  |
| January 31   | Pizza Day   |
| February 4   | Inspirational Math Assembly Week 4<br>In-district registration – by appointment       |
| February 5-8 | In-district registration – by appointment   |
| February 11  | Inspirational Math Assembly Week 5  |
| February 12  | Report Cards sent home  |
| February 14  | Parent/Teacher Interviews – if requested by teacher or parent<br>Dance-a-thon         |
| February 15  | P.A. Day – no school<br>Parent/Teacher Interviews – if requested by teacher or parent |
| February 18  | Family Day – no school  |
| February 20  | School Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.   |
| February 21  | Special Presentation - Viola Desmond Won't be Budged                                  |
| February 28  | Pizza Day   |
| March 10     | Spring Forward – turn clocks forward 1 hr.  |