



# APPLE SEEDS

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope you enjoyed a relaxing and fun Holiday break with family and friends. Wishing you all a very happy and healthy 2023!

We are all very grateful to be able to come to school each day in person and to work with your children. This winter term will be very busy but exciting. We have much to look forward to including extra-curricular activities, staff professional learning and special events and programs.

Please read on for important information and to record important dates in your calendar.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our school council is comprised of a number of parents who are very dedicated to contributing to the work of the school. Many of the special events that take place throughout the school year are coordinated and supported by parents. The School Council is critical to the vibrancy of our amazing school, and we are very grateful for the continued parent support.

The School Council meets monthly. The next scheduled meeting is **Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM**. All parents/guardians are welcome. Please join the meeting as your ideas and contributions are appreciated.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/93666212508?pwd=QnhNYzl6a1ZlMlVwcUVhaG42ZEhuUT09>

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## GINGERBREAD FAIR

Thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time and donated items to make this year's Gingerbread Fair a HUGE success! The turnout was amazing and it was so nice to see so many parents and students enjoying the festivities.

Families were also extremely generous as they contributed to our school toiletry drive. These donations were delivered to Oasis Women's Shelter where they were greatly appreciated. The incredible generosity of

our parents who are always willing to give freely of their time and to donate and support our extended community is both heartwarming and appreciated.

## OOOPS CARD PROJECT

The Card Project that the students worked on for Giving Tuesday was a huge success!

Congratulations to all students for the amazing artwork.

20 pieces of art were selected to make customized greeting cards which were sold to parents/families.



This initiative raised a lot of money and two charities (Water First; Feeding Canadian Kids) will be receiving a donation of \$1000.00 each to support their important work. Thank you for supporting our project and for caring about the earth and each other.

A special thank you to Ms. Lidya who coordinated the project and to Damon Crate who helped with the graphic design.

## OUT-OF-AREA ADMISSIONS

Optional attendance is now referred to as *Out of Area Admissions*. 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 OOOPS 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.

If your child will be applying to a school for September 2023 under the Out of Area Admissions Policy, please be sure to read the detailed information on the Board's website. The Registration Form for Out of Area Admissions (formally Optional Attendance Form) is **now an on-line form**, and the process will be managed centrally. [Out-of-Area Admissions Policy \(P013\)](#).

The Elementary application is available on the [Elementary Out-of-Area Admissions web page](#).

The Elementary application will close on Friday, February 10, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

Please make sure you submit Out-of-Area Forms before the deadline. It is advisable that Elementary Forms be submitted by January 30<sup>th</sup>. Grade 6 students often apply to attend schools under Optional Attendance for Grade 7. Please make sure you do this before the deadline.

### **SCIENCE FAIR – ROOMS 18 AND 20**

Students from Mr. Panamsky's and Ms. Gang's classes will be displaying their science projects on **Thursday, Jan. 12 from 2pm – 3pm in the Gym**. Parents are most welcome drop by.

### **THE RUNAWAY SNOWMAN!**

Rehearsals will resume for the Runaway Snowman Musical this week. Auditions were completed before the holidays and the cast list has been posted! Over 75 students are involved and because of the incredible interest in this opportunity, we have decided to double cast the lead roles for the show. There will be performances held on March 1<sup>st</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup>. All students will perform on both nights. The lead roles will feature Cast A on March 1<sup>st</sup> and Cast B on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please hold these dates in your calendar and more information will be available soon.

### **REHEARSALS COMING UP:**

#### **Day 2's – Lunch Recess – FOR ALL STUDENTS**

Wed. Jan. 11  
Thurs. Jan. 19  
Thurs. Jan. 26  
Thurs. Feb. 2  
Thurs. Feb. 9  
Thurs. Feb. 16

**Day 5's – Lunch Recess – Selected groups** of students will be called to rehearsal (e.g., Lead Roles; Robin's Friends; Police etc.). **A comprehensive rehearsal schedule will be posted each Friday for the upcoming week. Students will need to check the schedule regularly.**

There will be additional rehearsals during the week of Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>.

More information will be provided at a later date.



### **LUNCHTIME BOARD GAMES – Gr. 1 - 3**

Beginning on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, primary students are invited to join the Board Game Club. Interested students should come by Room 11 at morning recess every Monday to sign up for the lunchtime club. The games will change weekly, and attendance is limited to 20 students.

### **EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS**

- Gr. 5/6 Boys Basketball – Monday and Thursdays mornings at 7:50AM.
- Gr. 5/6 Co-Ed Floor Hockey – AM Recess
- Gr. 6 Girls' Volleyball – Lunch Recess (Day1,3,4)
- Intramural Games Gr. 4 -6 – PM Recess

### **LEGO CLUB – Gr. 1 - 3**

The Lego Club will resume on Day 3's during the lunch hour beginning next week; Friday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>.



### **PIZZA DAY**

Forms will be sent home soon for Pizza Day, which is scheduled for **Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Forms are due in the office on Thursday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **FEBRUARY IS KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION MONTH**

Registration for all TDSB Kindergarten programs begins in February. We look forward to welcoming you and your child to our school in September 2023! To attend Junior Kindergarten in September, children must turn four years old by December 31, 2023. To register for Senior Kindergarten, children must be five years old by December 31, 2023. For more information about the kindergarten program, registration requirements, and to complete an online registration, please visit: [www.tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten)

This year, Kindergarten registration is only for families living in our district or for students who have siblings already attending our school.

If you have questions about Kindergarten Registration, please contact our OOOPS Office Administrator, [Elizabeth.pindar@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Elizabeth.pindar@tdsb.on.ca)



## **MIDDLE FRENCH IMMERSION**

The entry point to Middle French Immersion for September 2023 is Grade 4.

The application to the Middle French Immersion program will remain an online process managed by the Central French Department and applications must be completed online between **January 9 and February 3, 2023**.

Visit the TDSB website for more information about [Middle French Immersion](#), [Virtual & In-Person Information Sessions](#) or the [Application Process](#).

**HEARTS AND MINDS NEWSLETTER**  
[Hearts Minds Winter 2022.pdf](#)

## **ONLINE TUTORING**

Online, flexible tutoring options are now available for TDSB students through [Brainfuse](#) and [Paper!](#)



TDSB is not operating online tutoring services. This means that TDSB staff will not be present during tutoring sessions.

Parents/Guardians/Caregivers and/or Students (18 years or older) who wish to participate in one of these free online tutoring services should contact the company directly to learn more about their services and the registration process.

## **COMMUNITY-BASED TUTORING**

The TDSB is working with the following agencies to provide free, community-based tutoring services to students in their neighbourhoods.

Parents/Caregivers/Guardians can contact the organizations directly for tutoring.

[Arab Community Centre Toronto](#)

[BridgeTO Youth](#)

[BGC East Scarborough Club](#)

[Parents Engaged in Education](#)

[Rexdale Community Health Centre](#)

[TAIBU](#)

[Tropicana Community](#)

[Trust 15](#)

[YAAACE](#)

## **SUBJECTS OF DESIRE**

Join the Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement for a virtual screening of [Subjects of Desire](#) and conversation with the writer, director, and producer of the film Jennifer Holness!

Subjects of Desire explores the cultural shift in North American beauty standards towards embracing Black female aesthetics and features while exposing the deliberate and often dangerous portrayals of Black women in the media.

Told from the point of view of women who aren't afraid to challenge conventional beauty standards, the film explores the positive and negative portrayals of Black women in media and asks what is the impact today? Register today!

TDSB Families, Caregivers and Community

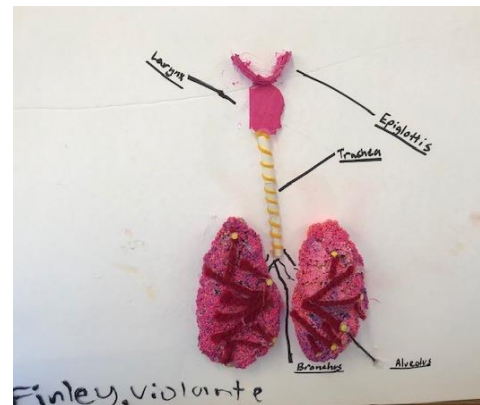
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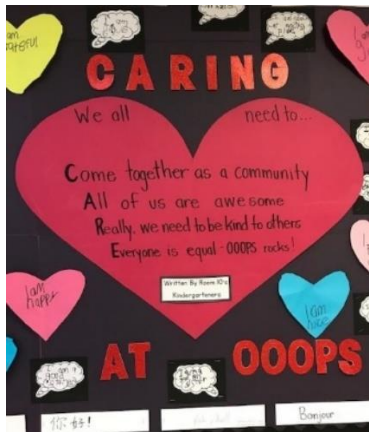
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Register [here](https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3jrbAnxRRLmyfGFL5UCHQw) ([https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_3jrbAnxRRLmyfGFL5UCHQw](https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3jrbAnxRRLmyfGFL5UCHQw))

## **ROOM 18 AND 20 SCIENCE PROJECTS:**



## ROOM 10 BULLETIN BOARD



March 6 - 8	Island School – Grade 6’s
March 13 – 17	March Break
March 23	Ramadan Begins
April 6	Passover Begins
April 7	Good Friday – No School
April 10	Easter Monday – No School
April 23	International Day of Pink
May 1	Children’s Mental Health Week

## COMING MEETINGS/EVENTS (subject to change)

January 12	Rm. 18 and 20 Science Fair 2PM - 3PM - GYM
January 13	PD Day – No school for students
January 17	School Council Meeting – 6:30 PM
January 23	School Support Team Meetings
January 27	Holocaust Remembrance Day
February	Black History Month
February	Kindergarten Registration Begins
February 1	TDSB Winter Walk to School Day
February 3	Middle French Immersion Applications Due
February 10	Out-of-Area Admission Forms Due
February 14	Report Cards go home
February 17	P.A. Day – no school Parent/Teacher Interviews
February 20	Family Day Holiday
Feb. 21/22	Dental Screening
March 1	Runaway Snowman Performance
March 2	Runaway Snowman Performance