



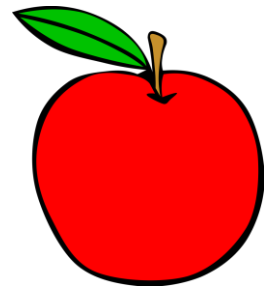
APPLE SEEDS

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OUT-OF-DISTRICT KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

As mentioned in my previous newsletters, 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.

STUDENT NUMBERS FOR SEPTEMBER

In order to assist us with actual student numbers, if you know that your child **will not** be returning to OOOPS in September (ie: moving, French Immersion, etc.), please let us know as soon as possible, as we have several students on our waiting list hoping to get in for September.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Kindergarten Orientation (for newly registered Kindergartens for September 2018) will take place in June – date to be determined – more information to follow.

MARCH BREAK

This year's March Break will take place from March 12th to 16th. We wish everyone a safe and relaxing break.

SPRING FORWARD

Please remember to turn your clocks forward one hour on Sunday, March 11th.



DENTAL SCREENING

Toronto Public Health's Dental Team (dental hygienists) will be visiting OOOPS between March 27-29 to identify students with oral health problems. The hygienists will use sterilized instruments and assess the need for topical fluoride, scaling, sealant and any other obvious dental needs. If you do not wish your child to be screened, please let the office know a.s.a.p. Please see attachment.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

There is no Council meeting scheduled for the month of March. Our next Council meeting will be for the Executive and will be held on April 11th at 6:30 p.m.

EXTRA CLOTHING

If your child has outgrown his/her pants, please consider donating them to the office (sweat pants and leggings work especially well as they are stretchy). These come in handy to lend to students when accidents occur. With the wet weather upon us, extra socks would be appreciated too!

DANCE-A-THON

Our Dance-a-thon was a huge success – we had such fun! Many thanks to John Santos (Olivia's Dad) for providing the DJ and gear. Thanks to your generous pledges, we raised just over \$6000 for the school which will go towards technology.

MARLIES GAME

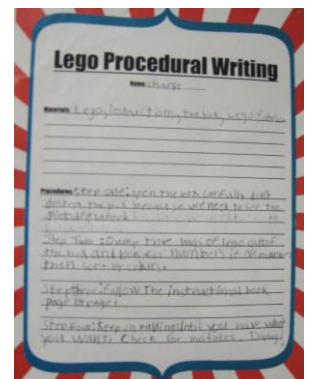
A reminder to families that the OOOPS Marlies game is scheduled to take place on Saturday, March 3rd. Our Junior Choir will sing in the 2nd intermission. Tickets were sent home with students on February 27th.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION FOR GRADES 4-6

On the morning of March 6th, our Community Officer, Police Constable Paul Gribbon (14 Division) will be speaking to our Grade 4-6 students on cyberbullying and inappropriate use of social media.

PROCEDURAL WRITING

The students in Mr. Di Fonzo's 2/3 class, with the assistance of their student teacher, Mr. Khaskin, completed a unit on Procedural Writing (a step-by-step list of directions on how to do something), focussing on "Lego". If you haven't already done so, please have a look at the awesome work in the display case.



ILLNESS

Parents, please keep your children at home if they are sick or unwell. Many students have come to school ill, only to have to be picked up by parents. Please also remind your children to wash their hands regularly and sneeze/cough into sleeves and not their hands.

We have also had a few cases of strep throat, scarlet fever and pink eye. Although pink eye is more easily detected (the eye is pink and discharging), strep throat and scarlet fever are not. Parents, please let the school know if your child has a contagious illness and keep him/her at home until the doctor has given the "all clear".

Working together, we can hopefully stop the spread of germs to other students and staff, and provide a safer environment for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation.

ABSENT OR LATE – PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL

Parents, please remember to phone the school if your child will be absent or late. This helps us to account for absent students and focus our attention on students who are missing and unaccounted. Thank you to everyone who diligently calls on a regular basis and thank you to our Safe Arrival Parent Volunteers (Alex, Michelle, Monique, Melissa, Raquel) who help to keep our kids safe and accounted for.

NEW OOOPS WEBSITE

Our NEW OOOPS website is now live. Thank you to Ms. Grierson for all her work and expertise – it looks great! Please visit:

<http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/ossingtonoldorcharde>

PIZZA DAY

Our last pizza day for term 2 will take place on March 22. New forms for Term 3 will be sent home on March 26. The forms have slightly changed, giving everyone (K-6) the option of 1 to 3 slices.

LOST AND FOUND

Thank you to Rodrigo and Adriano for displaying our lost and found items (which were overflowing in the bin) on the tables in the main foyer. Please take a minute to go through these items and claim your belongings. Anything left over will be donated to charity over the March Break.



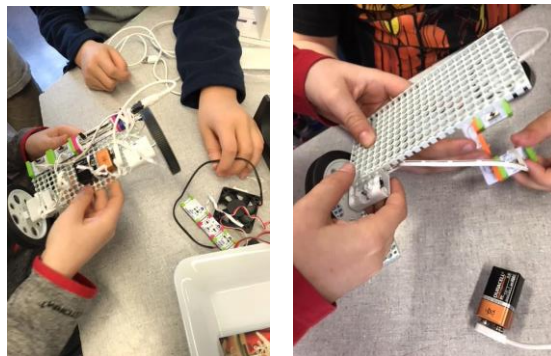
DAY OF PINK – April 11

Students, staff and parents are encouraged to wear **PINK** on April 11 to celebrate diversity and fight bullying. We will also be holding a **PINK BAKE SALE**, so be sure to bring your spare change. More information to follow.



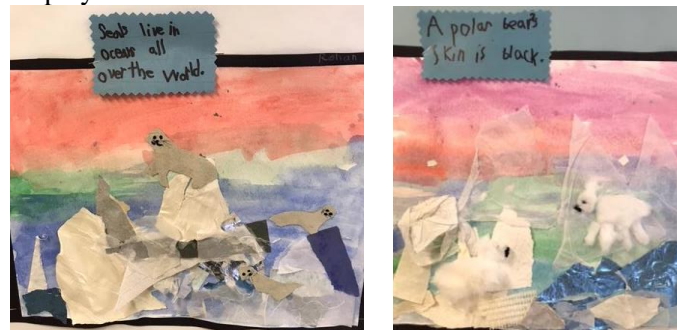
LITTLE BITS

Thank you to Ms. Lundy who has been working with several classrooms, experimenting with LittleBits (electronic modules that snap together with tiny magnets so kids can invent anything). Below are some photos of Ms. Maia's classroom inventions...



ARCTIC ANIMALS

Room 11 completed a unit on Arctic Animals. Students' incredible artwork (which includes interesting facts) is displayed outside their classroom.



AFTER SCHOOL STEM PROGRAM AT OOOPS

We're excited to announce a new after school STEM (Science/Technology/Engineering/Math) program at OOOPS for Grade 4-6 students! If you want your child(ren) to learn to: code, improve their math skills or just spend a bit more time on homework, then this program is for you! OOOPS has partnered with Central Toronto Academy and CODEZILLA to provide 6 after school sessions of Math Coaching and Coding Workshops starting Wednesday, March 28th (see attached poster for details). **SPACE IS LIMITED**, so don't wait to register for this innovative new program designed to foster learning, development and greater academic success!

COMING EVENTS *(subject to change)*

March 1	Pizza Day
March 3	OOOPS Marlies Day
March 6	PC Gibbon presentation for Grades 4-6
March 7	Guest Speaker: Zanana Akande
March 12-16	March Break – no school
March 20-22	The Kindness Program
March 22	Pizza Day
March 26-29	Out-of-District Kindergarten Registration
March 27	Dental Screening
March 28	Dental Screening
March 29	Dental Screening
March 30	Good Friday – no school
April 2	Easter Monday – no school