



APPLE SEEDS

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HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thank you to the amazing Harvest Fest Planning Committee and the army of volunteers who helped at the event! The weather could not have been better and the day was a huge success! The students enjoyed the activities so much. It is so amazing that we are able to offer these extended opportunities to the students at our school. I am so grateful for such an amazing school community! Thank you.



Sun Catcher Artwork



Thankful Tree



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Please join us for our next Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 6:30 PM.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/97547310706?pwd=bVptOWN3OXp0dHNSc3B1UFpieG9kdz09>

Meeting ID: 975 4731 0706

Passcode: 843428

PHOTO RE-TAKE DAY!

Students who were absent during the original photo_day or students who want a new photo opportunity are invited to come to school ready for a retake on Friday, Nov. 15th.

KINDNESS ASSEMBLY – OCTOBER 20

Students in room 16 organized and presented a school-wide assembly to promote kindness and a caring school community. It was such a successful event! Thank you so much Sasha, Surya, Isla and Ruby!



PROGRESS REPORTS CARDS

On Tuesday, November 15, your child will be receiving either their Kindergarten Communication of Learning (KCL) report, or their Progress Report, if they are in Grades One through Six.

If you are a new family to the TDSB, the November reports contain comments and indicators regarding your child's academic growth and development to this point in the school year, but they do not contain grades or marks. The Term 1 Report Cards, which go home in mid

February, will have letter grades, for students in grades 1-6.

This year teachers have been learning to use a new electronic application for writing report cards. There have been some glitches and growing pains along the way, but we are navigating as best as we can.

Because of complications with learning and utilizing the new platform, the report cards will focus on a few areas of strength and areas for growth and next steps. The report card will not be as robust as in the past. However, this is temporary for this reporting period only.

All parents are welcome and encouraged to meet with their child's teacher(s) during the week of November 14th when interviews will be scheduled. The evening of Thursday, November 17 and the morning of Friday, November 18 are specifically identified as interview times for teachers and parents.

As always, please reach out to the teacher if you have concerns or if you would like to schedule an appointment.

THE RUNAWAY SNOWMAN!

We are so excited to get started on *The Runaway Snowman*. This short musical is based upon a snowman who becomes friends with the children in the neighbourhood and then eventually he/she becomes famous. Unfortunately, life as a celebrity becomes lonely for the snowman and he/she decides to run away. The musical focuses on the importance of friendships and kindness.

Students in Gr. 2 – 6 are welcome to join the musical choir rehearsals which will begin on Monday, Nov. 14th.

Rehearsals will take place twice each week

- **Day 2's during lunch recess (beginning Nov. 14)**
- **Wednesday at 8AM (beginning Nov. 16)**

Students who are interested in auditioning for a lead role in the musical will have an opportunity to learn the music in November during the rehearsals. Auditions will be scheduled for December.

The Runaway Snowman Musical will be performed in early March 2023.

If you have questions, please reach out to Ms. Nelani or Ms. Jamieson.

SPORTS AT OOOPS!

It was a highly productive start to the Fall season for OOOPS. We had a huge turnout for Cross-Country, and a number of students made it to the second round! Our Girls Soccer team had a great time at their tournament, but unfortunately came up short against the eventual City Champions. The Boys Soccer team made it all the way to the Conference Semi-Finals, and our Co-ed Flag Football team brought OOOPS a banner as Conference Finalists! Congratulations to all the athletes for trying-out and sharpening their skills. Next up is Girls Basketball and Boys Volleyball. A HUGE thank you to all the parent volunteers! These opportunities would not have been available without your time and effort!



EARLY FRENCH IMMERSION

Early French Immersion Begins in Junior Kindergarten. Students who are entering JK in September 2023 who wish to register for FI, must register on-line. Registration for FI begins Oct. 31 and ends Nov. 22, 2022.

Please note that Ossington Old Orchard PS does not have a FI program. Students who attend FI programs attend other elementary schools throughout the area.

Apply Online at www.tdsb.on.ca/french

REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Friday, November 11th, students and staff will observe Remembrance Day. Ms. Graham and the students in Room 19 will be taking the lead with this important assembly.

WINTER CELEBRATION

Parent council is in need of parent volunteers to help plan a winter celebration, school fundraiser and food drive at OOOPS this December. **At this stage, we are in need of parent volunteers to help plan and lead this event.**

No event experience is necessary, and everyone is welcome - we're seeking creative types with a vision, organizers, planners, effective communicators and those simply interested in connecting with fellow OOOPS parents to bring some joy to our school community.

If you are interested in joining a committee to organize the winter event please send a note to oopsparentcouncil@gmail.com.

Funds raised at the event are used to enrich our students' experience at OOOPS through extra programming and new equipment and food donations will support our community.

Help us to create a memorable experience for our kids & the community.

Thanks for your help. If there is anything we can do, please don't hesitate to reach out.

OOOPS CONSTRUCTION

The Field is Open!

The field is green, it is lush, it is ready for action. During Harvest Fest, the students were able to use the field for first time since June! The field was entirely excavated and rebuilt to improve drainage and maximize every inch for play. Students will access the field during school hours by walking along a dedicated path which hugs the south side of the schoolyard.

The students are also able to use the primary play structure and the area in front of the terraced gardens including the blue basketball courts. We are slowly getting access to our restored yard.

With asphalt still to lay, a new basketball area to install, a boardwalk to build (and more!), construction continues.

What is next?

The tremendous construction team is working as quickly as they can to prepare more sections of the grounds for play. We have regular site visits from the landscape architects and Toronto District School Board to make sure things are progressing and to solve any impasses. I will update you as soon as I know about the next phase of opening.

Read on for history:

It's been four decades since OOOPS' outdoor infrastructure was last improved.

This OOOPS Greens project was four years in development, is informed by parent, student and community input and supported by tremendous fundraising.

We are now:

- preserving the great trees, and planting more than two dozen new ones;
- addressing the perennial flooding issues caused, in part, by the not-to-be-forgotten [Garrison Creek](#);
- making the whole terrain more accessible, sustainable, and safe; and,
- adding features to promote outdoor education and play including more seating, a theatre platform, basketball hoops, and a path around the field.

Still have questions?

Please feel free to reach out to me or to Zoë von Nostitz-Tait [zvnt@hotmail.com], an OOOPS Greens parent rep, if you'd like to know more about the design, and how we got here.

INDOOR SHOES

Please make sure your child has footwear for inside the school. To avoid bringing a lot of mud into the classrooms and gym, students are asked to switch into their inside shoes when they come inside. Please make sure to label the shoes with your child's name.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES

November 8	School Council Meeting
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 14	Runaway Snowman Rehearsals Begin
November 15	Progress Reports sent home
November 17 and 18	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Nov 18	P.A. Day – Parent/Teacher Interviews