



APPLE SEEDS

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RESPONSIBILITY is October's character trait.

What is responsibility?

- Taking care of yourself and others
- Carrying out a task or duty carefully
- Being accountable for your own behaviour

What might responsibility look like?

- Completing homework and assignments on time
- Asking for help when needed
- Being organized by using an agenda to keep track of homework, dates and deadlines
- Taking responsibility for your own actions and not blaming others

SAFE ARRIVAL

Parents are reminded to please phone the school office when your child will be absent or late – this is part of our Safe Arrival Program. It is extremely critical to account for a missing child quickly. If you arrive to school late, please come to the office for a late slip before entering class.

LOST & FOUND Please have a look in our lost and found box and claim your items! The box is found on the main floor by exit #3.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

We will be holding a Remembrance Day Assembly on Friday, November 9 at 10:30 a.m. in the gym. Parents are welcome to join us.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you to everyone who attended our School Council meeting on September 25. Our next Council meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 24 at 6:30 p.m. Babysitting is available and everyone is welcome!

FALL BACK Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 4th. Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night.



PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent/Teacher interviews will take place next month. Teachers will be contacting you soon to make an appointment. Please note that our rotary teachers, Mr. Koumentakis (Health and Physical Education), Ms. Grierson (Music) and Ms. Lundy (French) will also be available to discuss your child's progress.

DOGS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

Please remember that dogs are not permitted on school property during school hours (7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.). Our expectation is that parents will not bring dogs onto school grounds – even if they're on a leash. Everyone's cooperation in following this policy will help to ensure the safety of our students. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at the school.

TERRY FOX WALK

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Terry Fox Walk on September 26th. The weather cleared up nicely and we were raring to go! Thank you to Ms. Giguere and Mr. Koumentakis for organizing the event and thank you to everyone for your generous donations!

MARKER RECYCLING PROGRAM

OOOPS is an Eco-School and we have started a new initiative, a MARKER RECYCLING PROGRAM. Instead of throwing out your old/used markers, please bring them to your child's classroom. All types of markers are accepted for recycling.

IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

The Immunization of School Pupils Act in Ontario requires all children attending school to be properly vaccinated against Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio, Measles, Mumps and Rubella or have a valid exemption on file with Toronto Public Health (TPH). If your child is overdue for any of these, you will receive a Suspension Notice from TPH and Principals are obliged to enforce the suspension. To avoid suspension, please report your child's vaccines to TPH. You can update your child's immunization record online at Toronto.ca/health or by fax at 416-338-2028. Questions? Please call 416-392-1250 – TPH nurses are available to help with medical questions or to assist with individual student issues.

FSL – EARLY FRENCH IMMERSION

Early French Immersion (Senior Kindergarten students in Sept. 2019) registrations will be available soon. On-line applications only: www.tdsb.on.ca/pars

Timelines are as follows:

Early French Immersion application opens October 29, 2018 and the deadline is Thursday, November 26, 2018.

*Information for Junior Extended French (Grade 4 entry) to follow.

ARTICLE ABOUT 'THAT' KID

Please find below a link to an article that a parent shared with me...

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/answer-sheet/wp/2014/11/14/teacher-to-parents-about-that-kid-the-one-who-hits-disrupts-and-influences-your-kid/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.39bf0d6d2285

HALLOWE'EN SAFETY TIPS

On Wednesday, October 31st, we will (weather permitting) have a Halloween Parade. Parents are very welcome to join our parade beginning at 12:35 p.m.!

Halloween provides an opportunity for parents and children to spend time together creating costumes, carving pumpkins, planning trick or treat activities and participating in family parties. Halloween is also a time for students, parents and schools to take extra care to ensure safety and security. If parents are concerned about trick or treating, here are some basic safety rules to follow:



- Have your child carry a flashlight.
- **NEVER** go into a stranger's house.
- **NEVER** trick or treat with people you do not know.
- Trick or treat only at homes you do know.
- Children should always stay in groups if no parent is present.
- Younger children should **ALWAYS** be accompanied by an older person.
- If you cannot accompany your child, know the route your child will take.
- Flame resistant (retardant) costumes are in order. Keep costumes short and remind children to stay away from pumpkins with candles in them. Face paint is better than masks.
- Remind children to stay away from pets they do not know.
- Remind children of road safety rules. Cross only at corners. Do not criss-cross the road. Go up one side of the road and down the other side. Never cross between parked cars. Walk facing on-coming traffic if there is no sidewalk.
- If adults are driving their children, drive slowly, with lights on and be cautious when pulling to the side of the road.
- Children should **NEVER** eat any treats until parents have had a chance to go through them and inspect them. Parents should look for tampering of packages and discard any they believe to be unsafe.
- Children should wear their own shoes when trick or treating. Wearing costume shoes/boots can be uncomfortable and even dangerous.
- Remind children that not everyone celebrates Halloween and to avoid any homes that have no lights on. Also remind children not to run through neighbours' yards or gardens.
- With older children, be sure to know what other events (such as parties) they plan on attending.
Set time limits when children should return home.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress Reports will be sent home on Tuesday, November 13th. Please watch for them. Please also watch for an invitation to schedule a time to meet with your child's teacher for parent/teacher interviews.

EYE HEALTH – Source: Cdn. Assoc. of Optometrists

Did you know that 1 in 4 school-age children may have a vision problem that could affect their ability to learn? An eye exam is the best way to help detect a vision problem and it is covered by OHIP every year for children and youth age 19 and under. Some signs that your child may be having difficulty seeing include:

- squinting or holding objects close up
- turns or tilts the head when viewing objects or covers one eye
- excessive blinking, rubbing or itching eyes
- complains of blurry or double vision

To find an optometrist near you visit www.optom.on.ca. For more information, visit Toronto Public Health [website](#) or call Toronto Health Connection at 416-338-7600 and speak with a Public Health Nurse.

NEW – SCHOOL CASH ONLINE – COMING SOON

OOOPS will soon be launching School Cash Online, an easy to use, safe and convenient way for parents/guardians to pay for their children's school fees, including agendas, yearbooks and class trips – all school fees applicable to your child will be posted on School Cash Online. Once you register, you can choose to purchase the items or activities using a debit or credit card. You will be able to see when the school has a new item posted online for purchase and you will also have the option to be notified whenever your child has a new school event requiring payment. To register for School Cash Online, please visit <https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com> – select “GET STARTED TODAY” and complete the three registration steps. Once registered, you will receive an email notification when items become available online. If you have questions, about the registration process or using School Cash Online, please select the “GET HELP” option on the top of School Cash Online web page. You can also contact the School Cash Online Parent Help Desk at 1-866-961-1803 and parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com. The Parent Help Desk is available to assist parents/guardians with the registration process, password recovery, accessing your account or payment issues.

*PLEASE NOTE THAT OOOPS IS TRANSITIONING TO GO CASHLESS – AT THIS TIME, NOT ALL EVENTS/FIELD TRIPS WILL BE POSTED, THEREFORE, PARENTS MAY STILL HAVE TO PAY CASH/CHEQUES IN THE INTERIM. THANK

YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING.

COMMUNITY HARVEST POTLUCK

We will be holding a COMMUNITY HARVEST POTLUCK on Wednesday, October 17th at **6:00 p.m.** (note change in start time) – please mark your calendars! More information to follow.



EXTRA-CURRICULARS

There are several extra-curricular activities happening at OOOPS – thank you to our staff and volunteers for making this happen! Students are encouraged to listen to the morning announcements to keep themselves informed of practices and events.

KIDS AND FLU – Message from TPH

The flu germs spread when people cough, sneeze or talk. The flu germs can also live on surfaces like toys, countertops, and door handles for up to eight hours. Students can pass the flu germs to each other, to school staff and to family members before they show symptoms. Children under five, seniors and people in poor health are at greater risk of complications from flu. Vaccination is the best protection against flu. It takes 2 weeks for the vaccine to be fully effective so get it early.

Tips on staying healthy this flu season:

- Get your flu shot early.
- **Wash your hands often.**
- Avoid touching face and eyes.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or cough/sneeze into your elbow – not your hands.
- Do not share drinking cups and utensils.
- Disinfect common surfaces like door handles, hand railings, keyboards, cell phones and tablets.

For more information, visit www.toronto.ca/health/flu

*If possible, please keep your children at home when they are sick – remember to phone the school!

EARTH RANGERS

Earth Rangers visited our school on Wednesday, September 19th. During the 45-minute presentation, we

learned about climate change and conservation awareness, like not running the tap too long, picking up litter and recycling batteries. We were visited by animal ambassadors – Kendal the peregrine falcon, Sonic the barn owl (pictured below), Benjamin Button the 9-month old, yellow-footed tortoise and Daisy the skunk.



SPANISH LESSONS

Magic Languages is offering Spanish lessons at OOOPS, after school on Wednesdays. For more information or to register, please visit www.magic-languages.com/ossington-old-orchard-jr-ps/ or call 647-766-2363 or email info@magic-languages.com

COMING EVENTS (subject to change)

*Be sure to visit the Google Calendar in our school's website for a long-range dates and events.

Please mark these dates in your calendar:

October 5	P.A. Day – no school
October 8	Thanksgiving Day – no school
October 17	Community Harvest Potluck at 6:00 pm
October 24	Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
October 26	Pizza Day
October 29	Photo retakes in the morning
October 31	Halloween
November 4	Daylight Saving Time ends
November 7	North Indian Dance Student Performance – More info. coming 2:15 p.m.
November 9	Remembrance Day Assembly
November 13	Progress Reports sent home
November 15	Evening Parent/Teacher Interviews
November 16	P.A. Day – Parent/Teacher Interviews
November 29	Pizza Day
November 29	Festival of Lights Concert!

Happy Thanksgiving!

