



APPLE SEEDS

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WEEK OF INSPIRATIONAL MATH: Staff and students will be implementing some of the lessons in this engaging math program beginning mid-October. To find out more about the philosophy/research supporting this program, please visit: <http://www.youcubed.org>

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.

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 10 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 19. Our next Council meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 25th at 6:30 p.m. Babysitting is available and everyone is welcome!

FALL BACK

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 5th. 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 & Computers) and Ms. Lundy (French) will also be available to discuss your child's progress.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress Reports will be sent home on Tuesday, November 14th. Please watch for them.

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.

SICK STUDENTS

Please do not send your children to school if they are sick. To protect your family, Toronto Public Health suggests the following things you and your children can do to help avoid the flu:

- Wash or sanitize your hands frequently and thoroughly.
- Cough or sneeze into your sleeve or a tissue, not your hand.
- Get a flu shot.
- Stay home if you are ill.
- Let the school know the reason for your child's absence – please call us at 416-393-0710.

TERRY FOX WALK

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Terry Fox Walk on September 28th. The weather was fantastic! Thank you to Ms. Giguere and Mr. Koumentakis for organizing the event and thank you to everyone for your generous donations!

HALLOWE'EN SAFETY TIPS

On Tuesday, 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.

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 AND JUNIOR EXTENDED FRENCH

Early French Immersion (Senior Kindergarten students in Sept. 2018) and Junior Extended French (Gr. 4 students in Sept. 2018) registrations will be available soon. On-line applications only: www.tdsb.on.ca/pars

Timelines are as follows:

Early French Immersion application opens Monday, October 30, 2017 and the deadline is Thursday, November 30, 2017.

Junior Extended French application opens Monday, January 8, 2018 and the deadline is Thursday, February 8, 2018.

HARVEST FESTIVAL 2017

Our Harvest Festival will take place on Thursday, October 12th, in the afternoon, right after lunch and oh, what a festival it promises to be! Activities will take place in the schoolyard and will include: a live samba/salsa band and dancing, an instrument-making craft and apples/apple cider for everyone! All students will be participating and parents are very welcome to join us.

COMING EVENTS (subject to change)

Please mark these dates in your calendar:

Oct. 2-5	CCAT Testing for Grade 3 students
October 6	P.A. Day – no school
October 9	Thanksgiving Day – no school
October 12	Pizza Day and Harvest Festival
October 25	School Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
October 26	Pizza Day
October 31	Halloween
November 5	Daylight Saving Time ends
November 9	Pizza Day
November 14	Progress Reports sent home
November 16	Evening Parent/Teacher Interviews
November 17	P.A. Day – Parent/Teacher Interviews
November 22	School Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
November 23	Pizza Day
December 1	P.A. Day – no school

Happy Thanksgiving!



Have a safe and Happy Halloween!