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Welcome families to the beginning of another school year! I hope that you enjoyed a restful summer and feel energized for the excitement that school brings to staff and to the students. As the second week of school begins, the children are getting used to the routines and are engaged in new learning. It has been wonderful to see so many familiar faces and I look forward to meeting all of you in the near future.

Our Curriculum Night is scheduled for **Thursday, September 27th**

6pm – Mix and Mingle Reception

6:30 – 8:00 – Formal welcome followed by classroom visits. This will be a great opportunity to connect with parents, meet your child's teachers and to learn more about the program. I hope you will be able to attend.

Our first School Council meeting will be **Wednesday, September 26th at 6:30 p.m.** Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Please see attached letter for more information.

I am excited about serving you as Principal of OOOPS and look forward to working with you in partnership!

Sincerely,
Diane Jamieson

NEW STAFF MEMBERS

I would like to welcome our new staff members to OOOPS: Carmela Maia (Grade 3 in the Portable), Nick Panamsky (Grade 4/5) and Nicole Graham (Grade 5/6). If you haven't already done so, please take a moment to introduce yourselves and welcome them to the school.

FIRE DRILLS AND LOCKDOWN PRACTICES

The TDSB requires that we hold 6 fire drills and 2 lockdown practices per school year. Please talk to your children about these drills in order to alleviate any fears.

SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

One measure of keeping students safe is ensuring students have safely arrived at school. Please remember to phone the school if your child will be absent or late.

Students arriving late must report to the office for a late slip before entering class. **Please remember that the entry bell rings at 8:40 a.m. and it is expected that students be on time for school.**



At the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) we have an automated call-out system that will attempt to contact you if your child is late or absent and the school has not been informed or notified of a reason for absence/late.

The system call-out will work as follows: Parents/guardians identified in TDSB's Student Information Systems who have access to student records, and emergency contact with priority 1 or 2 will receive a call. When you receive the call, you are required to listen to the entire message and follow the prompts accordingly. You will be asked if you are aware of your child's absence. **If you are unaware, please call the school immediately.**

If you are aware of the absence, you will be asked to enter the reason for your child's absence.

At the end of the message, you will have to press 2 to confirm you received the message. If you do not confirm receipt, you will receive a call on your mobile phone.

If there is no response from a Priority 1 contact, this same process will be followed for Priority 2 contacts. If there is no contact with either Priority 1 or Priority 2, this entire process will be repeated 3 times in 10 minute intervals.

In the evening, all parents/guardians of students who were late that day will receive a call informing them of their child's tardiness, regardless of whether or not you have informed the school.

With this in mind, it is important that your contact information on file at the office is current and up-to-date. Please let the office know immediately if your contact information changes at any time throughout the school year.

We recognize that regular attendance is essential to the safety, academic success, and well-being of all students. Thank you for your continued cooperation to keep your child safe and accounted for.

PHOTO DAY

Photo day is scheduled for Monday, October 1st.

STUDENT DISMISSAL

A reminder to parents who have given their child(ren) permission to leave the school on their own (without adult supervision), that they must leave the school grounds at 3:20 p.m. Students must not be left unsupervised on school property. Our crossing guards on Ossington and Dovercourt are available for only a short time after dismissal.

STUDENT WASHROOMS

Please remember that the boys' and girls' washrooms are for students only. We have a visitor's washroom across from Room 15 for adult use. The key is in the office. If you need to assist your child with toileting, please use the visitor's washroom.

ANAPHYLAXIS/ALLERGIES

Anaphylaxis is a life threatening allergic reaction. We have several students who are anaphylactic in our school and we need to ensure that **peanuts and peanut/nut products are not brought to the school**. Students are encouraged not to share food or drinks of any kind with any other students and to practice good hygiene. We have students with a variety of other food allergies in our school and several who could have an anaphylactic reaction. We ask that if you bake for our school events, that you please include a **list of ingredients**. Thank you for your cooperation.

PIZZA DAYS

Pizza Days are very popular at OOOPS. This year, Pizza Days will take place once per month (the last Thursday, except for June). Our first Pizza Day is on Thursday, September 27th. Forms will be sent home with students soon. Please return pizza forms and payment to your child's teacher no later than the date indicated on the form. If you are not interested in pizza lunches for your child, simply mark the bottom portion of the form indicating that you do not wish to participate.



VOLUNTEERING IN THE SCHOOL

If you wish to volunteer in the school in any capacity, you must complete a **CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK** form. If you have not already done so, please pick up a form at the office. It is a simple process with a

one-time fee of \$20. If you have already filled out a form, we will be contacting you when it is time to complete your Annual Offence Declaration. All staff and parent volunteers are required to have a Police Reference Check.

EXTRA CURRICULARS

Staff and students are very excited to begin participating in extra-curricular sports, clubs and music opportunities. Students are encouraged to listen to announcements to get permission forms and information.

Cross Country for grade 3 – 6 students will begin Tuesday, September 11th at 7:45 a.m. Students must bring completed and signed permission forms to the first practice. Soccer and Girls' Basketball is also beginning soon.

TORONTO PUBLIC HEALTH - IMMUNIZATIONS

Did you receive a letter from Toronto Public Health?

- ✓ See your doctor if your child needs any vaccines
- ✓ Report your child's vaccination record to Toronto Public Health

🖱️ **Online:** toronto.ca/health/immunizationconnect

416.338.7600 | toronto.ca/health | **TORONTO** Public Health

RESPECT

The TDSB character attribute for September is Respect! As we help our students learn what respect is and how we can show respect to others, here are a few discussion points that you might have with your child.

What does it mean to be respectful?

What are some ways that you can show respect for yourself and for others?

Why is it important to respect our environment?

How can we speak to others with respect?

SOME IMPORTANT DATES!!!

SEPTEMBER 17	SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATION FORMS DUE
SEPTEMBER 19	EARTH RANGERS
SEPTEMBER 25	COUNCIL ELECTIONS (IF NEEDED)
SEPTEMBER 26	TERRY FOX WALK – P.M.
SEPTEMBER 26	SCHOOL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 27 6:00 P.M.	CURRICULUM NIGHT
SEPTEMBER 27	PIZZA DAY
SEPTEMBER 28	ORANGE SHIRT DAY ASSEMBLY
OCTOBER 1	PHOTO DAY
OCTOBER 5	P.A. DAY – NO SCHOOL
OCTOBER 8	THANKSGIVING
OCTOBER 25	PIZZA DAY
OCTOBER 29	PHOTO RETAKES
OCTOBER 31	HALLOWEEN
NOVEMBER 9	REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY
NOVEMBER 13	REPORT CARDS HOME
NOVEMBER 15	PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS EVENING
NOVEMBER 16	PA DAY- INTERVIEWS
NOVEMBER 29	PIZZA DAY
DECEMBER 5	P.A. DAY – NO SCHOOL