



# Apple Seeds

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe that we are in the month of October and heading into the Thanksgiving weekend! Life at school has been very busy and energetic and time passes so quickly. Staff is working hard to engage the students and the students have been amazing at adjusting to the new schedules and routines with the on-going construction.

Later this month we will be having school-wide assemblies! These will be the first assemblies for students since before the pandemic began in the spring of 2020! The theme of the assemblies will be creating a kind and caring community. Grade 6 students will work with Mrs. Jamieson to prepare and present the assemblies.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our school council met in September, and we are so grateful to the parents who have stepped up to serve and lead the important initiatives of the council. The School Council exists to support the school and to enhance the educational experiences of all students in our school.

### School Council Executive 2022-2023

Co-Chairs: Lindsay McKenzie and Julie McCambley

Treasurer: Holly McLellan

Secretary: Cathy Benevides

Ward Rep: Deepi Jatana and Gail Klein

Garden: Alison Liphardt; Sophie Lynge

Please join us for our next School Council Meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM. Mark your calendars!

Everyone is welcome to attend School Council Meetings.

## KAEJA D'DANCE

What an amazing experience it has been to work with professional dancers from Kaeja d'Dance! All our students from JK – Gr. 6 have participated in three one-hour dance and movement sessions. With a focus on creative movement, form and collaborative work, students have been engaged in a very comprehensive and exciting project that has encouraged students to improvise, be expressive and to work as a team.

On Thursday, Oct. 6, each class shared their dance creations. It was so amazing so watch students perform with confidence and pride. I have never seen so many happy and engaged students in one place. There was a lot of energy in the gym, but the spirit was positive and encouraging. The original intention was to have this Sharing Session outside and to invite parents. However, this was not possible due to space restrictions because of the construction.

At the end of the classroom sharing session, students were treated to a dance performance by dance instructors Mateos and Charlotte! This was then followed by a Flock Landing which involved all students dancing together.



## HARVEST FEST – Oct. 27, 2022

This event will be for students during school hours. Students will attend either in the morning or afternoon with their class. The day will be filled with entertainment, arts and crafts, a visit from outdoor education, snacks and games.

### **We are looking for parent volunteers to help support the event.**

- Morning Set up crew 8am-9am. 2-3 parents required
- Morning Session with students from rooms 9, 10, 11, 21 and 22 from 8:40 – 11:30am 8-12 parents required
- Afternoon Session with students from rooms 12, 16, 18, 19 and 20 from 12pm – 3pm 8-12 parents required

-Clean up Crew/Family Session 3:00 – 4:30pm 4-6 parents required

We encourage you to sign up to help via our google form [here](#). Questions? Please contact [lindsaymckenziecpa@gmail.com](mailto:lindsaymckenziecpa@gmail.com)

Families will also be welcome to join us at 3pm for snacks and refreshments.  
Stay tuned for more information.

### **CONSTRUCTION and the BACK YARD**

As you can tell, our back yard is still heavily under construction. I am working hard with the construction company and with the TDSB project managers to move this project forward as fast as possible.

We hope that we will have access to the field during lunch recess by the end of October. We also are anticipating having access to the primary play yard by mid-late October.

During recesses and lunch periods we continue to use the front of the school, the JKSK play yard, the picnic area at the back of the school and the park across the street. The logistics are complicated but hoping we will have access to more space soon. It will certainly be an amazing school yard when this is completed. We are anticipating an exciting spring with a lot of planting including seeds, shrubs and trees! We are already planning the Big Dig for May 2023.

### **EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Students in grades 4-6 have been actively participating in Cross Country, soccer practices and co-ed flag football. Coding Club is offered on Days 2 and 4 and Dance club happens on day 3 during the lunch hour.

Lego Club is open to primary students (Gr. 1-3) and will take place on Day 3's beginning Tuesday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>.

Plans are under way for a winter musical. Stay tuned for more information to come soon!

### **SNACK PROGRAM**

The JKSK Snack Program will begin during the week of Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. Each day kindergarten students will have access to a healthy snack (E.g., fruit, yogurt, cheese, whole grain etc.).

Thank you to the numerous parents who have contributed to the Kindergarten Snack Program. Your support is gratefully appreciated.

### **ITINERANT MUSIC INSTRUCTION**

We are so pleased to be able to bring back the Itinerant Music Program this year. Grade 6 students will be participating in either band or strings this year. Students will meet the instructors next week and will have the opportunity to request the instrument preferences. Band and string classes will occur on Days 1 and 3 at 2:20PM.

### **WATER FILLING STATIONS**

The TDSB has installed 2 water bottle filling stations at our school. Students should bring a labeled and filled water bottle with them to school in the morning and use the water filling station when needed.

### **INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES – Elementary/African Heritage 2022 – 2023 Program (In-person) Program Information**

OOOPS will once again be offering Portuguese classes for students on Mondays after school. Please see link for more information and to register.

[View a list of school locations and language classes.](#)

For details, please see

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/Beyond-the-Classroom/International-Languages-Elementary-and-African-Heritage/ILE-AH-2022-2023>

### **MATH HELP ON-LINE**

TVO has a platform that offers free tutoring to students in Gr. 4 – 12. To learn more about this, please visit: <https://TVOMathify.com>

### **UPCOMING DATES**

<b>DANCE RESIDENCY</b>	<b>Sept. 26 – Oct. 6</b>
<b>DANCE RESIDENCY SHARING SESSION</b>	<b>Thursday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> - 12:45 PM</b>
<b>PD DAY</b>	<b>Friday, Oct. 7</b>
<b>THANKSGIVING</b>	<b>Monday, Oct. 10</b>
<b>CROSS COUNTRY MEET at SUNNYBROOK PARK</b>	<b>Thurs. Oct. 13</b>
<b>SOCCER TOURNAMENT</b>	<b>Monday, Oct. 17</b>
<b>CO-ED FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT</b>	<b>Tuesday, Oct. 18</b>
<b>AUTHOR VISIT</b>	<b>Wed. Oct.19</b>
<b>IEP'S GO HOME</b>	<b>Wed. Oct. 19</b>
<b>PHOTO DAY</b>	<b>Fri. Oct. 21</b>

<b>HARVEST FEST</b>	<b>Thurs. Oct. 27</b>
<b>HALLOWEEN</b>	<b>Mon. Oct. 31</b>
<b>REMEMBRANCE DAY</b>	<b>Friday, Nov. 11</b>
<b>PROGRESS REPORTS</b>	<b>Tues. Nov. 15</b>
<b>PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS</b>	<b>Nov. 17 and 18</b>
<b>PD DAY</b>	<b>Nov. 18</b>



