



APPLE SEEDS



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SCHOOL COUNCIL

We will not be holding a School Council meeting in December, but we hope to see everyone at the Gingerbread Fair on Dec. 4th. The next Council meeting will take place in January at 6:30 p.m. in the staffroom. Child care and pizza will be available. If you would like to add anything to January's agenda, please contact Kira at kira@myooops.com or Abigail at abi@myooops.com. Please note that the Council meeting agenda and minutes may be found posted to the notice board.

SEVERE WEATHER

As mentioned in October's Apple Seeds, in the event of severe or rapidly deteriorating weather conditions, please keep children at home, if possible. The decision to close schools is made by the Director of Education. Listen to the radio or television for school closures and cancellation of transportation services before the opening of school – cancellations will be announced from 6:30 a.m. onward on the following stations/websites: NEWSTALK 1010, FAN 590, TSN Radio 1050, CFTR 680, AM 640, CBC 99.1, CHFI 98.1, VIRGIN 99.9, CHUM 104.5, KISS 92.5, THE EDGE 102.1, Q107, Z103.5, FLOW 93.5, BOOM 97.3, The Weather Network, CP24, Global TV, CTV, CITY-TV, OMNI, Rogers TV, www.globaltv.com, www.thestar.com, www.cp24.com, www.tdsb.on.ca. Should schools close during the school day, announcements will be made on the radio stations above by noon and posted on the TDSB website. If there is no announcement about school closing by noon, school will remain open for the day. Please be prepared



to pick up your child or make arrangements for your child, if required, should schools close early. Please ensure that we have an emergency number where you, or a responsible adult to whom you are willing to entrust the care of your child, can be contacted. Grade 6 students should have returned the SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS – PERMISSION TO LEAVE SCHOOL form to their classroom teacher – the form went home on October 1st.

IN-DOOR RECESS Weather conditions sometimes warrant that indoor recesses, lunch periods and pre-entry periods be considered necessary for student and staff safety. When temperature and/or wind chill factor indicates -20 to -28C, recesses may be shortened to 10 minutes and lunch recess is 20 minutes depending on local conditions – this is up to the principal's discretion. Recesses will be cancelled when the temperature and/or wind chill factor indicates -28C or colder.

LATES Students should be at school by 8:40 a.m. If not, please come to the office for a late slip. With the inclement weather upon us, please be sure to give yourself extra time in the morning to get to school. A reminder that we have 3 staff on yard duty at 8:25 a.m.

GINGERBREAD FAIR

The countdown to Gingerbread Fair 2015 is on! Planning and plotting is well under way for a truly magical night, but there's still much to do. Please check in with your Class Reps to see how you can help out and consider volunteering your time cooking or baking. If you have any questions, please contact Alison Liphardt at aligee@sympatico.ca



REMEMBRANCE DAY I would like to thank the students and staff who participated in our Remembrance Day ceremony and a special thank you to Ms. Grierson for organizing the service.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress Reports will be sent home on Thurs., Dec. 10th. Please watch for them.

SYRIAN REFUGEE FAMILY SPONSORSHIP

As per the email that was sent by parent Virginia Johnson on behalf of School Council on November 18th, OOOPS has decided to partner with Givins and have chosen the First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto as our Sponsorship Agreement Holder. They have the expertise and experience of settling Syrian families. Donations will be eligible for tax receipts. We are looking for 40 families to give \$500 from OOOPS, however, any donation of any amount is much appreciated and all of it helps. Cheques, payable to First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto, can be handed to your child's teacher or the office. Please put "Givins/OOOPS Welcomes Refugees" in the memo line. If your family decides to participate in this school initiative, please go to our campaign page www.1000schools.ca/OOOPS . Thank you for your support!

POPCORN DAY TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR SYRIAN FAMILY SPONSORSHIP

We held our first popcorn day on November 24th and raised over \$666.40 in sales and donations! Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser and to parent volunteer Pippa Leavy and her son Otis for popping and selling all day long.

URGENT We are in need of temporary lunchroom supervisors. If you are available to work as an occasional lunchroom supervisor (11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.), please speak to me.

WASHROOMS A reminder to parents, volunteers and caregivers that our student washrooms are for children only. Adults may use the visitor's washroom across from Room 15. The key is in the main office.

LOST AND FOUND Our lost & found box (located in the main foyer between the double doors leading to the schoolyard) has quite the collection of clothing and lunch boxes. Please be sure to check it periodically to claim your lost items.

ANAPHYLAXIS As mentioned in the email that was sent home on November 2nd, we have a number of students with life-threatening food allergies to peanuts and other nuts, eggs, fish and shellfish, seeds and foods containing seeds (strawberry, raspberry), dairy (milk, cheese, yogurt), sesame and foods containing sesame, chickpeas and kiwi. Although this may or may not affect your child's class directly, we ask that you do not send foods containing peanuts and other nuts. We also ask that you check with your child's teacher before sending food to school for birthdays, bake sales or other special events. Please label all home-made baked goods with a list of ingredients. We also ask that you speak to

your child about not sharing food, utensils or containers and the importance of hand-washing before and after meals and snacks.

WINTER MUSICALE

The 2015 *Winter Musicale* is coming soon! Come celebrate the achievements of Ossington/Old Orchard's performing ensembles in a night of music!

When: Thurs., Dec. 17, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Where: the gymnasium

Who is performing: ALL students in grades 3-6 who are in the Grade 3 Choir, the Junior Choir, the Band, the Strings Ensemble and the Steel Pan Ensembles. Please note that ALL students in grades 3-6 are involved in the Musicale and that the concert is a required part of their learning – all students are expected to attend. If for some reason your child cannot attend, please communicate this with his/her instructor as soon as possible. We will also be holding a 50/50 draw where the proceeds will support the music programs at OOOPS! Please keep in mind that seating is EXTREMELY limited. In order to ensure everyone has a place to sit, only immediate family members should attend. We hope that you will be able to attend and celebrate with us. *We are planning a concert in May where the whole school (JK to 6) will be performing.



PIZZA DAY Our last pizza day for the term was on Thursday, December 17th. New forms will be sent home on January 4th for the next term (January to March, covering 6 pizza days).

JOIN THE CLUB Thanks to our dedicated staff, the following extra-curricular activities/clubs will be offered in December: Library, Eco, French, Choir. In addition to these clubs/activities, please watch for the following in January: Skipping, Games, Cantonese, Zumba, Badminton, Yoga, Art (sketching) and Crochet. We will also be offering intramural and other sports' activities. Students are encouraged to listen to the morning announcements for details on when and where these activities take place.

COMING EVENTS (subject to change)

Please mark these dates in your calendar:

December 1	Pizza forms and payment due
December 3	Pizza Day
December 4	Gingerbread Fair
December 10	Progress Reports sent home
December 15	Pizza forms and payment due
December 17	Pizza Day (last one for the term) Winter Musicale at 6:30 p.m.
December 18	Distribution of December's Apple Seeds Last day of classes