

APRIL
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Orchard Park Public School

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KINDNESS IS FREE, SPRINKLE THAT STUFF EVERYWHERE.



A kind word is like a spring day

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our days continue to be busy and filled with learning opportunities in and outside of the classroom. Our Orchard Park Science Fair was an excellent opportunity for our grade 5, 6, 7 and 8 students to showcase their skills and informative projects. Many students also did an exceptional job representing OP at the Science and Engineering Fair at Brescia College.

Divisional Awards

Vir Chopra (Aluminum Foil Illumination) - Silver Medal in Engineering

Jessie Zhou (Snake Game AI) - Bronze Medal in Engineering

Ethan Shen (Calm Bear) - Bronze Medal in Life Science

Jamie Ho & Marcus Jean (Infill Patterns: Which is Best?) - Bronze Medal in Physical Science

Specialty Awards

Ethan Shen (Calm Bear) - Beckett Smith Memorial Award

Sajjad Jafari (Mobile Single-Axis Solar Tracker with Arduino for Energy Storage) - OES-Inc Excellence Award

Excitement continues to build as the past many weeks have been filled with preparations and practices for the upcoming school show, The Little Mermaid. We are excited to invite everyone into the school the week of April 22-24 to see our students shine on stage.

-Mrs. Tait, Principal

ORCHARD PARK PS *presents*

Performance Dates:

Tuesday April 23rd 2:15 & 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday April 24th 4:30 p.m.

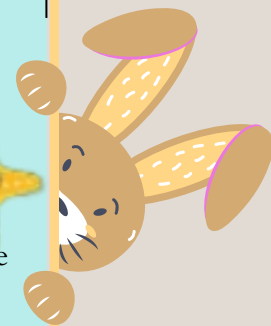
Disney THE LITTLE MERMAID



The Little Mermaid cast, and crew are working hard to prepare for our upcoming shows.

Tickets are now available on school cash online. Tickets will be sent home with students April 7th.

If you're interested in sponsoring our show, please contact Mrs. G or Ms. Renders. We look forward to seeing you at our shows.



Upcoming Dates:

Monday April 7th -

Home & School Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Friday April 10th -

Spirit Day - Wild Hat Day

Friday April 11th -

PA Day

Friday April 18th -

Good Friday

Monday April 21st -

Easter Monday

Wednesday April 23rd -

"The Little Mermaid" 2:15p.m.
& 7:00p.m.

Thursday April 24th -

"The Little Mermaid" 4:30p.m.

Monday April 28th -

Scholastic Book Fair Begins

Next Hot Lunch Dates:

Wednesdays:

Dominos Pizza Lunch

Thursday April 17th:

Marble Slab

Tuesday April 22nd:

Subway Lunch



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BADMINTON

Badminton Season has Begun!

The team has been practicing tirelessly and are looking forward to the games ahead.

Good luck Bears!

-Mr. Sutor



ORCHARD PARK HOME & SCHOOL

Next Home and School Meeting:
Monday April 7th, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Save the Date! Orchard Park Fun Fair

Mark your calendars! The Orchard Park Fun Fair is tentatively scheduled for May 29, 2025! This much-anticipated event is a highlight of our school year, bringing together families, friends, and our community for an unforgettable day of fun, games, and festivities.

We are looking for silent auction items to be donated. If you or anyone you know owns a small business and would like to donate please contact Home and School at the email below.

For more information or to get involved, please reach out to ophomeandschool@outlook.com.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

April
28th - May 1st

CHARACTER TRAIT STUDENT RECOGNITION

Each month at Orchard Park Public School, teachers nominate two students from each class who display the character traits of that month.

These nominated students are recognized with certificates at our monthly assembly.

April's Character Trait is

INTEGRITY



ART CONTEST WINNERS!



Two of our Orchard Park Bears, Emma S. and Lilia S. were the finalists in the Kindness Online Art Contest. As the winners of the contest, both visited our Mayor at City Hall to have their artwork displayed in the Mayor's office for a year.

Congratulations!



Bullying Prevention in Action: Stress Management

Week of March 31, 2025

Spring is a time for new beginnings, making it a great time to take care of our mental well-being. Stress is a normal part of life, especially when things are uncertain. Changes in routines, schoolwork, social challenges, and personal experiences can make stress worse.

As parents and caregivers, you may notice changes in behaviours and emotions that could be potential signs of a mental health concern. Ask yourself:

- Are these behaviours and emotions out of character for my child?
- Are they making it hard for my child to enjoy everyday life?
- Are they impacting our family life?
- Are they getting in the way of my child's progress at school?
- Are they happening more often?
- Are they more intense?
- Are they lasting longer?



Seek Support:

By Your Side Toolkit
Community Supports
School Mental Health
Ontario for Students

