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Orchard Park Public School

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KINDNESS IS FREE, SPRINKLE THAT STUFF EVERYWHERE.



WELCOME BACK!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy New Year! We have some new staff starting at Orchard Park this January. We want to welcome Ms. Liz Gonser as the Acting Principal, Ms. Meredith Duggan as the Secretary and two new Educational Assistants, Amira Ali and Laura Sutton. We are looking forward to the continuation of positive successful school year!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2024

Online registration for kindergarten will take place from Monday January 15th to Friday February 2nd, 2024. Children must be four years of age by December 31st, 2024 to be eligible for registration. Upon completing the online form, the school will require proof of address (ex. current utility bill, lease/purchase agreement, etc.) and proof of birth (ex. birth certificate, passport, etc.) to complete the registration process.

Welcome to Orchard Park Public School!

SENIOR BAND

Senior band begins next week. We have a full term filled with musical opportunities. Students in 6/7 Coppard or 7/8 M who are interested in Junior band there is an information meeting next Monday. Mrs. G wants to thank our Home & School and community for all your support of our music program. The fundraiser was a huge success and the students will greatly benefit because of your generosity.

-Ms. Gorbasesw, Music Teacher

ORCHARD PARK VOLLEYBALL

Our Boys and Girls volleyball teams have begun practicing for the upcoming season. Let's go Bears!

First Boys Game: Wednesday January 10th at Orchard Park Public School 4:00 p.m.

First Girls Game: Thursday January 11th at Orchard Park Public School 4:00 p.m.

Upcoming Dates:

Friday January 12th -

Colourhouse Leadership Team
Building Activity

Monday January 15th -

Kindergarten Registration 2024
Opens Online

-Home & School and School
Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday January 18th - Spirit

Day: Hawaiian Day

Friday January 19th - PA Day

Thursday January 25th - Brass
Concert Grades 6/7-8 at 11:00 a.m.

Milk Program:

Tickets are \$23.00 for 20 tickets;
payment is made via School
Cash Online. Please see Ms.
Duggan at the office to pick up
tickets. Proceeds to grad / grade
8 trip.

Pizza Days:

Pizza lunches are available every
Wednesday. To order, click on
the LunchBox link in your School
Cash Online account or go to
lunchboxorders.net; order by
noon the Sunday before.
Proceeds to Home & School
Association.

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION AND SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Monday, January 15, 2024 @ 6:30pm Home & School and School Council

Please join us if you are interested in joining our Association. All are welcome to attend both meetings.

Home & School Contact: Email ophomeandschool@outlook.com;
Facebook 'Families of Orchard Park Public School

FOOD ORDERS, GO TO SCHOOL CASH ONLINE, LUNCHBOXORDERS.NET

Home & School is selling the following food items on the days specified. Please note that you must place your order by noon the Sunday before the delivery date.

KERNELS POPCORN FUND RAISER FOR GRADE 8 JUNE TRIP

Grade 8 students are planning several fundraisers to raise money for their June field trip. Every Friday, for the next five months (mid November 2023 to end of April 2024) they are selling Kernels popcorn.

There are four delicious flavours available: Buttersalt, Salt & Vinegar, Low Fat Caramel and White Cheddar.

Payment for popcorn is via School Cash Online only; there will be no cash sales. The cost is \$2.75 per bag. The payment system is like our milk program in that you will purchase a sheet of five tickets for \$13.75. Mrs. Ayres and grade 8 students will ensure your child receives their popcorn.

GRADE 8 SECONDARY SCHOOL INFORMATION

[HTTPS://WWW.TVDSB.CA/EN/SCHOOLS/SECONDARY-SCHOOL-
GRADE-8-INFORMATION-NIGHTS.ASPX#](https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/schools/secondary-school-grade-8-information-nights.aspx#)

This is a link to all secondary school grade 8 information nights. Grade 8 parents are invited to learn more about the secondary schools and the programs they have to offer by going to their secondary school's website, Guidance, Information for Grade 8 Students. Most parent information includes a special presentation about the high school, its programs, and the registration process. Parents and their child can access this information now; be sure to check in regularly as information is continually updated.

VOLUNTEERS

Do you want to volunteer for your child's field trip? Or maybe you want to help in the school? You must have both documents below on file at the school to do so. Please understand that once you have submitted a VSC, it is good for the elementary career of your child; however, you must complete an Offence Declaration each school year.

1.VULNERABLE SECTOR CHECK (VSC) AKA POLICE RECORD CHECK

2.OFFENCE DECLARATION

TVDSB policy states that all volunteers must have a vulnerable sector check (i.e. police record check) and a current Offence Declaration on file at the school. Offence declarations must be signed each school year.

Vulnerable Sector Check
You can obtain a VSC by visiting the London Police website and following these instructions. Cost is \$16.95 (inc tax).

Once you have your VSC, please submit it to the school for our file. We will make a copy if you wish to keep the original.

Offence Declaration

As stated, you must have an offence declaration on file for each school year. For this school year, you must have completed one after September 6, 2023. You may obtain one by contacting the office.