

MARCH  
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# Orchard Park Public School

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**KINDNESS IS FREE, SPRINKLE THAT STUFF EVERYWHERE.**



Kindness. It costs nothing, but means everything.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Hello March!

Orchard Park continues to be a busy place as we learn and grow together each and every day. Over the past few weeks, we've enjoyed celebrating Valentine's Day, Pink Shirt Day, the 100th Day of School, and participating in the Forest of Reading. Cheering on Canada throughout the Winter Olympics was super exciting too! Our students have also taken part in rich learning experiences focused on Black History Month, Equity, Inclusion, and the importance of kindness.

A heartfelt thank you for your generous contributions to Toonie Tuesdays. Together, we raised over \$500 for the TVDSB Caring Fund, which supports students in emergency situations by providing essentials such as food, clothing, and other necessities.

As March begins, we look forward to the OP Science Fair, the start of Badminton season, and the excitement building toward our school show!

Wishing everyone a wonderful March Break spent with family and friends.

Jennifer Tait  
Principal



## Upcoming Dates:

**March 2<sup>nd</sup> - March 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Food Drive

**Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup> -**  
Home and School Meeting  
at 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup> -**  
**EQAO Literacy Webinar** for  
Parents 12:00 p.m. - Focus on  
Reading

**Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup> -**  
Graduation Photos

**Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup> -**  
Science Fair

**March 16-20<sup>th</sup> -**  
MARCH BREAK

**Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup> -**  
**Spirit Day** - Dress like an Athlete  
**EQAO Literacy Webinar** for  
Parents 12:00 p.m. - Focus on  
Writing

# SCIENCE FAIR!

Students from grades 5 through 8 will be participating in the Orchard Park Public School Science Fair.

Students will have an opportunity to provide an entry to the Thames Valley Science and Engineering Fair at the University of Western Ontario  
March 20th-22nd.  
[www.tvsef.ca](http://www.tvsef.ca)



## SCHOOL SCHEDULE

School Starts	9:00 a.m.
Morning Recess	10:20-10:35 a.m.
Lunch	11:55 a.m. - 12:55 p.m.
Afternoon Recess	2:15- 2:30 p.m.
Dismissal	3:30 p.m.

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# VOLLEYBALL

Our **Girls Volleyball** season came to an end this month, and what a season it was! The girls fought hard in every game, showed incredible growth, and improved so much along the way. Most importantly, they demonstrated teamwork, resilience, and extreme school spirit each time they stepped on the court. We had the best time working with this amazing group of athletes and are so proud of their effort and commitment all season long. Way to go, girls!

- Ms. Kleuskens & Mrs. Forester, Girls Volleyball Coaches

Our **Boys Volleyball** season finished strong at the TVDSB playoff tournament. The boys volleyball team had a great season! They flourished in skill development. What a great group of boys to coach!

All the best to the Grade 8 boys moving on to high school! I am looking forward to working with the grade 7's next season.

- Mr Suitor, Boys Volleyball Coach

# ORCHARD PARK

## Home and School Association

**Next Meeting:** Monday March 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

### Hot Lunch Days:

**Thursday March 12th** - Marble Slab

**Every Wednesday** - Dominos Pizza

**Tuesday March 24th** - Subway Lunch

We are busy preparing for the **Fun Fair on May 28<sup>th</sup>**. We are accepting donations for the silent auction. Please contact [ophomeandschool@outlook.com](mailto:ophomeandschool@outlook.com).

### -Orchard Park Home and School Association

# EQAO

EQAO is quickly approaching. To help prepare, please check out one of the webinars offered by EQAO.

#### Mar 4, 2026 - Focus on Reading

[https://eqao.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_d5doLU\\_HSVad0Jmb\\_V7skQ](https://eqao.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_d5doLU_HSVad0Jmb_V7skQ)

#### March 25, 2026 - Focus on Writing

[https://eqao.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_F3XF343SQve5ZGR6fEfLoA#/registration](https://eqao.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_F3XF343SQve5ZGR6fEfLoA#/registration)

## A Healthy Start to Kindergarten

This comprehensive resource provides reliable, evidence-based information on:

**CLICK HERE**



- **Immunization and Reporting** – staying up to date with routine immunizations and submitting records to the Health Unit.
- **Staying Healthy and Preventing Illness** – common childhood illnesses and how to prevent them.
- **Nutrition** - tips for packing nutritious lunches.
- **Safe Travel to School** – information about car seats and booster seats.
- **Dental and Vision Screening** – building healthy habits and accessing local services.
- **Screen Time, Sleep and Mental Wellness** – strategies for consistent morning, and bedtime routines, and supporting mental well-being.
- **Parent Resources** – links to public health and community supports.

# Toonie Tuesday!

Thank-you to all that donated to the valuable resource. We appreciate your support!

The Caring Fund supports students' basic needs, contributes to helping a student attend or stay engaged with school, and supports students who want to participate in a school activity where lack of funds prevents them from doing so.



## MARCH CHARACTER TRAIT

This month, we are focusing on the character trait of

# PERSEVERANCE AND RESILIENCE

An individual who is persistent when facing a difficult task. They see the value in working hard, as well they can adapt and face adversity when confronted with a difficult situation.

# Annie JR.



# SHOWTIME COME WATCH!

Dress Rehearsals on April 10th and 13th

#### April 14th Performances:

10:30 a.m. - Performance for a visiting school

1:00 p.m. - Kindergarten to Grade 3

- Parents are welcome

#### April 15th Performances:

1:00 p.m. - Grades 4 to 8

- Parents are welcome

7:00 p.m. - Parents, Guardians, and other guests