

FEBRUARY
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Orchard Park Public School

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KINDNESS IS FREE, SPRINKLE THAT STUFF EVERYWHERE.



Be a rainbow in someone else's cloud

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We hope all students have settled into their school routines now as we head into February. A few events to touch on moving forward into the next month including our Junior and Intermediate Science Fair taking place on Wednesday February 7th and Thursday February 8th, Toonie Tuesday begins to help raise funds for our families in need and our grade 8s are selling candy grams in the name of friendship.

We want to encourage our students to get active and find alternative ways to get to school such as, walking, biking and scooters (in warmer weather), etc. The benefits can be immense such as improving student physical and mental health as well as the environment!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2024

Online registration for kindergarten will end on 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!

TOONIE TUESDAY

We are excited to announce we will begin our Toonie Tuesday fundraiser during the week of February 12th to help raise funds for TVDSB's Caring Fund!

If you are interested in donating, please look to School Cash Online or have your child bring cash to school on the designated days.

The Caring Fund supports families across the valley by addressing hunger, providing shoes, offering co-op clothing and aiding from house fires and other family tragedies.

Small Change can make a BIG IMPACT!

SCIENCE FAIR

Parents are invited to visit on February 7th and 8th from 10:35-11:50 a.m. and 12:55-2:10 p.m.

Feb 7th - Intermediate students and Mr. Coppard's class

Feb 8th - Junior students

FRIENDSHIP CANDY GRAMS

The grade 8s will be selling friendship candy grams to help raise money for their year-end trip. They will be delivered to friends on February 14th.

Upcoming Dates:

February 5th -

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

Wednesday/Thursday

February 7-8th -

Junior and Intermediate Science Fair

Wednesday February 14th-

Spirit Day - Wear **RED** and **PINK**

Thursday February 15th -

International Angleman Day - Wear **BLUE**

Monday February 19th -

Family Day

Wednesday February 28th -

Anti-Bullying Day - Wear **PINK**

Thursday February 29th -

Rare Disease Day

- This is a globally-coordinated movement to raise awareness about people living with rare diseases and the need for social equity and healthcare. Some of our classes will be learning about students at OP living with rare diseases.

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ORCHARD PARK VOLLEYBALL

Our Boys and Girls volleyball teams have been working hard and showing immense skill and spirit when competing against various schools in the Thames Valley. Both teams will continue their regular game schedule until the end of February, when Regionals will take place. Let's go Bears! Keep up the good work!

The Orchard Park Girls Volleyball Team enjoyed an evening tournament at A.B. Lucas SS on Thursday January 8th. The girls had a fantastic run to the playoffs but came up a little short! Great job girls! Their current record in league play is 3-2. Looking forward to a strong finish to the season.

-Mr. Suiter, Girls Volleyball Coach



FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH -

The theme in TVDSB is Leaders of Today: Building Tomorrow

This month we look to honour the legacy and celebrate the achievements of Black Canadians. A chance to educate students on noteworthy individuals who have impacted history and made significant change in our society and community.

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION AND SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Monday, February 5th, 2024 @ 6:30pm Home & School and School Council Meeting (School Library)

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'

The Home & School Association would like to thank everyone that donated to our **Music Program Fundraiser** either via a direct donation or through the White Elephant Sale. We were able to raise over \$6,470 that will go directly to buying new instruments for our amazing music program. If you were unable to donate before Christmas, but would still like to make a contribution to the music program, please contact our treasurer Lili Dang at ophomeandschool@outlook.com and she will be able to assist you in making the donation.

A special shoutout to Ms. Gorbasew for orchestrating a mesmerizing Holiday concert and heartfelt appreciation to Mrs. Knight for her dedicated efforts in organizing the White Elephant Sale. Your individual contributions have truly made a difference!

Now, as we march forward with enthusiasm, we're delighted to announce the Fun Fair on May 30th. Parents interested in getting involved can reach us at ophomeandschool@outlook.ca. Let's come together to make the Fun Fair a resounding success and continue supporting our Orchard Park community!

Save the Date: Fun Fair will be Thursday May 30th, 2024

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

Home & School is selling the following food items on the days specified. We offer Subway Tuesdays, Dominos Pizza Wednesdays and Marble Slab Thursdays.

Please note that you must place your order by noon the Sunday before the delivery date.