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# Orchard Park Public School

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



**NO MATTER HOW LONG THE WINTER,  
SPRING IS SURE TO FOLLOW**



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

April has been an exciting month at Orchard Park. We have had Earth Day activities, the Orchard Park Talent Show and of course the Solar Eclipse. Students were also able to participate in Badminton tournaments and a dance festival.

Again, I would like to thank the community and staff for their wonderful welcome to Orchard Park. The current plan is for me to continue for the remainder of this school year, and I am thrilled to be here as your interim principal.

I have had to address a concern around cyber safety at the school. Students used their phones to contact adults that they did not know, and this could have been a serious situation. I know that schools have different policies around student access to personal devices at school. At my previous location, all devices were collected at the beginning of the day and returned at the end of the day. Part of this was for personal safety and we know from research that if a device vibrates or rings there is a distraction period of up to 30 minutes. This distraction has a definite impact on learning. Please speak to your child(ren) if they bring devices to school to remind them that they are not to be used during the day and that they should never text people that they do not know.

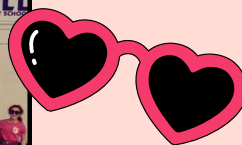
As we look forward to May many students are looking forward to year-end excursions and activities. Please let us know if you have any financial concerns related to these experiences. No student will be left behind for financial reasons. We will find a way to support families.

Thank you again for your amazing support! We have many exciting events planned for May and June and I look forward to meeting families at these events.

**-Mr. Richmond, Interim Principal**

## ORCHARD PARK - DANCE FEST 2024

Our students represented Orchard Park PS at the annual TVDSB Dance Fest at the TVDSB Board Office on Tuesday April 16th. They showed immense skill, talent and school spirit. A big **THANK-YOU** to Ms. Renders, Mrs. Knight and Ms. Sellers.



## Upcoming Dates:

**Wednesday May 1st -**  
Caribou Math

**Thursday May 2nd -**  
Caribou Math

**Monday May 6th -**  
Band Exchange

**Tuesday May 7th -**  
Band Concert

**Wednesday May 8th -**  
OP Track & Field Meet

**Thursday May 9th -**  
Visual Art Festival

**Movie Night 4:00 p.m.**

**Monday May 20th -**  
Victoria Day

**Wednesday May 22nd -**  
TVDSB Regional Track & Field Meet

**Friday May 24th -**  
Colour House Colour Day

**May 27th - 30th -**  
**Grade 8s Camp Celtic**

**Wednesday May 29th -**  
Ontario Science Centre

**Friday May 31st -**  
PA Day

## **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.

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EARTH DAY



When you are not using them



## EARTH DAY AT ORCHARD PARK

Earth Day was on April 22nd, the theme this year was Planet vs. Plastics. This aims to bring attention to how plastic pollution harms nature with an initiative to reduce plastic production by 60% by 2040. Orchard Park is apart of the solution!



## ORCHARD PARK BADMINTON

The badminton team had a successful season and immensely improved their skills. The boys badminton team went to the regionals with a FIRST place finish by H. Park and A. Rao as well as a THIRD place finish by K. Huang and G. Chopra. Both these groups represented Orchard Park at the TVDSB Finals on April 23rd, with a Top 10 finish. They showed incredible school spirit and representation. Way to go Bears! - **Mr. Suitor**



## ORCHARD PARK GIRLS SOFTBALL

Ms. Renders is back as the girl's softball coach again this year. Coming off of a great season last year, our Bears are skilled and ready to take on the season. The girl's season should be starting up soon, hope to see you at the games.



## ORCHARD PARK TRACK AND FIELD

Orchard Park has been busy preparing for the School Track and Field meet taking place at the school on Wednesday May 8th. The top finishers will be moving on to the TVDSB Regional Track and Field Meet on Wednesday May 22nd. Let's go Bears!



## HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION AND SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Monday, May 6th, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. Home & School and School Council Meeting (School Library).

**We are looking forward to the Fun Fair, Thursday June 6th.**

We are searching for volunteers to help with the event. As well, we are looking for donations for our Silent Auction, which can include experience passes, tickets, artwork, gift certificates, etc. All donations need to be delivered to the school office by May 30th.

### 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.

### Upcoming Dates:

**Every Wednesday** - Dominos Pizza Lunch

**Thursday May 16th** - Marble Slab

**Tuesday May 21st** - Subway Lunch

