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# Orchard Park Public School

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NO ACT OF KINDNESS, HOWEVER SMALL, IS EVER WASTED

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Orchard Park Families,

We are off to an amazing start! Our Orchard Park staff and students have been doing a great job getting back into the routines of the school year while spending quality time getting to know one another and establishing the essential conditions for learning.

There are so many great things happening at OP! **Our Terry Fox run was a huge success, so much fun and we exceeded our fundraising goals, raising over \$2700.** Mr. Vanderheide ended up having two ice buckets poured on him! 😊 **Congratulations** to Mr. Suitor and the grade 7/8 soccer team for their success at the annual TVDSB soccer tournament. Way to go Bears! We wish our cross-country team the best of luck as they prepare to compete at their regional meet at Gibbon's Park on October 8th. We are excited to have band and choir practices starting this week as well as basketball tryouts. We have had our first Character Trait assembly, and our Colour House activities are ongoing with a Colour Cup tournament planned for later this month.

Orchard Park truly is a wonderful place to work, play, learn and grow! Thank you for your ongoing support and kindness. I look forward to having an opportunity to reconnect with many of you on Thursday at our Meet the Staff night.

Please feel free to reach out to me at any point via phone, email or in person.

Thanks,  
Jen Tait

## ORCHARD PARK HOME & SCHOOL

Welcome to the new school year!

**[Our first Home and School meeting will be on Thursday, October 3rd, at 6:30 pm.](#)**  
**[We'll be discussing the proposed budget and plans for the year.](#)**

The Orchard Park Home and School Association fosters a strong connection between parents, the school, and the community, creating opportunities to enhance students' education beyond the classroom. By joining, members help improve the health, safety, and well-being of students while working alongside educators and decision-makers to advocate for "The Best for Each Student." Together, we create a more supportive and engaging learning environment for all students at Orchard Park. We also help run the hot lunch program. This year, we're excited to offer weekly Domino's, and monthly Subway and Marble Slab orders. Hot lunch orders can be placed through **Lunchbox Orders via School Cash Online**. Be sure to place your order by noon on the Sunday before the hot lunch day.

While everyone is welcome to attend meetings, membership allows you to vote on Home and School matters. The membership fee is \$20 for both individuals and families (the more, the merrier!). For more information about the benefits of joining, please see this [brochure](#). If you're interested in becoming a member but can't attend our first meeting, feel free to email us at [ophomeandschool@outlook.com](mailto:ophomeandschool@outlook.com).

Best,  
**Mikki Caplan**  
Orchard Park Home and School President



## Upcoming Dates:

- Tuesday October 1st -**  
School Photo Day
- Thursday October 3rd -**  
Meet the Staff Night 4:30-6:30 p.m.  
Home & School/School Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday October 8th-**  
Regional Cross Country Meet
- Thursday October 10th -**  
Jersey Day - United Way Fundraiser
- Friday October 11th -**  
PD Day
- Monday October 14th -**  
Thanksgiving Day
- Thursday October 16-17th -**  
Caribou Math Contest
- Friday October 18th -**  
Colour House Cup Tournament
- Tuesday October 22 -**  
Cross Country Finals
- Wednesday October 23rd -**  
Morris 7/8 Field Trip
- Friday October 25th -**  
Red Shirt Day - United Way Fundraiser
- Wednesday October 30 -**  
Photo Re-take Day
- Thursday October 31 -**  
Halloween

## 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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## 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.

October's Character Trait is

# RESPONSIBILITY

## ORCHARD PARK CROSS COUNTRY

Our Orchard Park Bears have been training hard preparing for the TVDSB Regional cross country meet taking place October 8th at Gibbons Park.

Let's wish our Orchard Park Bears GOOD LUCK!

**-Mrs. Riehl, Mrs. Bojmelgrin &  
Mrs. Elliott (Cross Country Coaches)**



# TERRY



## ORCHARD PARK TERRY FOX RUN

**Orchard Park exceeded their goal of \$2000!**

**Way to go Bears!**

CONGRATULATIONS to Emma K. and Charlotte J. who were our outstanding fundraisers this year!

**Save the Date: BOOK FAIR NOV 4-8TH**

Looking for materials for our Maker Space: Scrape book paper, Bristol Board (any colours), Velcro, duct tape, disposable cups, pipe cleaners, string/yarn, brown paper bags, ziplock bags.

OP loves readers and Mrs. Elliott would like you to "catch your child reading at home".

Take a photo and email it to [kelly.elliott@tvdsb.ca](mailto:kelly.elliott@tvdsb.ca). These will be displayed on the Library window.



**-Mrs. Elliott, Teacher-Librarian**



## REGIONAL SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Our Orchard Park Bears participated in the Regional TVDSB Soccer Tournament on September 24th.

The team showed immense spirit and skill in spite of the rainy weather.

**-Mr. Sutor,  
Soccer Coach**



## BASKETBALL IS IN THE AIR

We are excited to offer an intermediate basketball team at Orchard Park, playing against other schools in the northwest division. The season takes place this fall. The team is playing in the boys' division, but **ANY** student in grade 7 or 8 is encouraged to try out.

**\*\*\*Students and parents**, as the season gets underway please pay attention to the letter about team expectations and tryouts. There is a page to sign and return before tryouts.

**-Mrs. Corsaut & Mr. Kuiack, Basketball Coaches**



## ORCHARD PARK MILK PROGRAM

Our milk program operates on a ticket basis. Children bring their ticket to the office, put it in the container, and take a white or chocolate milk. Tickets are \$25.00 for a sheet of 20 tickets.

<https://tvdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>



**PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR CHILD TO THE OFFICE TO PICK UP THEIR MILK TICKETS.**

## Halloween safety tips

- Have an adult with you while trick or treating
- Carry a flashlight or glowsticks to make you visible to others
- Be careful when crossing streets
- Check over treats before consuming
- Visit only well-lit areas and homes with lights turned on
- Make sure costume fits properly to avoid accidents

