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Orchard Park Public School

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KINDNESS IS FREE, SPRINKLE THAT STUFF EVERYWHERE.



IF YOU CAN BE ANYTHING, BE KIND.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Orchard Park Families,

We're off to a fantastic start at Orchard Park! Our staff and students have done a wonderful job settling into the routines of the school year, while also taking time to build strong connections and create the foundation for a positive and productive learning environment.

There's so much to celebrate already! Our Terry Fox Run was a huge success and we're thrilled to share that we raised **\$2800!** Congratulations to Mrs. MacDonald and the Grade 7/8 soccer team on their impressive performance at the annual TVDSB soccer tournament. Way to go, Bears! Best of luck to our cross-country team as they prepare for their upcoming regional meet at Gibbons Park on **October 8th.**

We're also excited to kick off band and choir practices this week. Our first Character Trait assembly was last week, and Colour House activities are in full swing, with Colour Cup tournaments planned for later this month.

Orchard Park truly is a special place to work, play, learn, and grow. Thank you for your continued support and kindness. I look forward to seeing many of you at our **Meet the Staff Night** on **Thursday, October 8th.**

As always, please feel free to reach out to me by phone, email, or in person. I'm happy to connect anytime.

Warm regards,
Jen Tait, Principal



Orchard Park Colour Cup begins on
October 22nd.

Primary - October 22nd
Junior - October 23rd

All students can look forward to participating in a fun filled day of activities and school spirit!

Remember to wear your colours!

E-SCOOTERS

Students should **NOT** bring e-scooters to school. Ontario Ministry of Transportation regulations require riders to be at least 16 years old, and helmets are mandatory for anyone under 18.

Elementary-aged students are **NOT** legally allowed to operate e-scooters and bringing them to school creates safety risks for all students. We appreciate your support in keeping our school community safe.



Upcoming Dates:

October 5-8th:

Scholastic Book Fair

Thursday October 8th:

Meet the Staff 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Family Book Buying Night
Cross Country Regionals

Friday October 9th:

Spirit Day - Twin Day

Monday October 12th:

Thanksgiving Day

Tuesday October 20th:

TVDSB Cross Country Finals

Thursday October 22nd:

Colour House Cup Primary

Friday October 23rd:

Colour House Cup Junior

Monday October 26th:

PA Day

Tuesday October 27th:

Photo Retake Day

SCHOOL SCHEDULE

School Starts	9:05 a.m.
First Break	11:05-11:45 a.m.
Second Break	1:45-2:25 p.m.
Dismissal	3:25 p.m.

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HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION AND SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Hello, Orchard Park families!

We hope you had an amazing summer and are excited to welcome everyone back for another school year!

We're pleased to introduce a new monthly lunch option from Green Window.

Orders can be placed through Lunchbox on SchoolCash Online and must be submitted by noon on Sunday for the following week.

You may have also noticed some changes on the playground. Thanks to your support of our fundraising efforts, we've been able to add tables that can be used for outdoor learning, the first step toward creating a more usable and inclusive outdoor space for our school community.

We look forward to seeing you at **Meet the Teacher and at our first Home and School meeting on the first Monday in October.** Membership is \$25 per individual or family and allows members to vote on important issues. We'll also have plenty of volunteer opportunities throughout the year.

We're looking forward to another wonderful year of working together to support our students and strengthen the Orchard Park community!

Next Meeting: Monday October 5th at 6:30 p.m.

**FOOD ORDERS:
GO TO SCHOOL CASH ONLINE
[LUNCHBOXORDERS.NET](https://lunchboxorders.net)**

Tuesday October 20th: Subway
Tuesday October 27th: The Green Window
Wednesdays: Dominos Pizza
Thursday October 15th: Marble Slab

Orchard Park SOCCER

A huge **congratulations** goes out to the Orchard Park soccer team for the success at the tournament on September 22. During the Round Robin games, they had two 3-0 wins against Stoneybrook and Centennial, taking them to play Riverside in the quarter finals, where they won 3-2. Despite a tough loss in the Semi Finals, Orchard Park finished 4th out of 13 teams this year. Every player should be extremely proud of how well they played, both individually and as a team. You showed hard work, determination, and supported each other to get to where you did! A special **congratulations** to Khalid, Mason, Miles, Leila, Kareem, and Lane for scoring this season's goals! Fabulous job Bears!

-Mrs. MacDonald and Miss Young



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Many of our grade 4-8 students have been training to prepare for the **TVDSB Cross Country Regional Meet on October 8th.**

Please wish our runners **GOOD LUCK** as they race to place and participate in the **TVDSB Cross Country City Finals on October 20th.**

Let's go Orchard Park Bears!

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

- Attach reflective tape or bring a flashlight/glowsticks
- Walk on sidewalks and cross at corners/crosswalks
- Avoid eating treats until a parent/guardian is able to check over and inspect them
- Children under 12 should be supervised by an adult