

# Newsletter

**September 8, 2023**



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## School Update

Our Welcome Back assemblies on Wednesday allowed for the introduction of staff, and the review of school practices. Because it is important for students to understand what I do as a principal, I had the chance to share my role. It is my job to ensure that children **feel safe** at school, and that you as parents feel safe sending them. When people don't feel safe, learning is not possible. My second priority is to ensure that **we are learning**. We are all learners at Orde Street, and I suggest that you as parents and caregivers reinforce that by asking your child each and every day to share with you something they have learned at school. Finally, once we are feeling safe, and we are learning, we want to build an environment that is **fun**. It is important to enjoy the place we come to every day, and to have fun, and laugh with the people around us. While not everything we do can be or will be fun, we as a staff work hard to make FUN a big part of the equation.

During the course of our assembly we viewed some short videos, and discussed how their key messages connect with what we want for our own community. Our key messages were:

- No matter how big or how small, we are all leaders in making our school community the best place it can be.
- We are always stronger and better together.
- We all have the power to change people's lives every day by our small actions, so be thoughtful, be generous and be kind.
- Don't make judgements about people until we know their full story
- Be true to yourself

Being together in the same room to share a message of community, kindness and care was the best way to start a school year, and brought me great joy. We look forward to many more assemblies and school wide events this school year.

In addition, every homeroom teacher reviewed (in child friendly language) our school Code of Responsibility. It is included here as a link and I encourage you to review it with your child.

[Orde Street Code of Responsibility](#)

## Start Up Forms

Start up forms were sent to all families electronically. It is important that you complete these forms as soon as possible as they include vital information. If you require a hard copy please grab a package in the office.

## Snack Program

Our school offers a daily snack. All students are invited to participate in this free, in-class program offering a morning meal of three food groups: dairy, grains and fruit or vegetables. Snack begins Monday, September 11th.

## Lost and Found

The lost and found will be cleared and donated on the last Thursday of every month. However, to manage the backlog of items currently left over from last year, the lost and found (located outside the main office) will be cleared next Thursday, September 14th at noon. I suggest you come by and take a look before then to reclaim all belongings.

## International Languages

Mandarin and Arabic Language classes will be offered at Orde Street this school year. Classes run every Monday from 3:15 - 5:45. Interested families can register online at [www.ileprograms.ca](http://www.ileprograms.ca) or you can register in person starting on Monday, September 18th in the Orde Street lobby. See flyer below. You will need to bring your child's

- OEN Number
- Health card number
- Emergency Contact Name and Number
- \$20 Material fee



# 2023-2024 International Languages Elementary and African Heritage Programs

## Orde Street Public School

18 Orde St, Toronto, ON, M5T 1N7

This fall we will be offering the following languages at our school:

### Arabic Mandarin Simplified

Classes run every Monday  
From 3:15 – 5:45 pm

Minimum of 23 registered students are required to open a language (new or existing) class.

#### Registration Information: 2 Ways to Register

1. Now to September 14, 2023:  
Online - Avoid the lineups and reserve your spot!  
Link: [www.ileprograms.ca](http://www.ileprograms.ca)
2. Starting from September 18, 2023 and on:  
Manual Registration (in person):  
Every Monday, 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm  
Location: Main Lobby

#### Please bring:

- Child's OEN number  
(on student's report card)
- Health card number
- Emergency contact name and phone number.
- The \$20 materials fee may be paid by cheque  
(payable to 'TDSB-Int'l Languages') or  
Credit Card (VISA or MasterCard only)

**First day of class:** September 25, 2023

**Contact number:** 416-948-5567

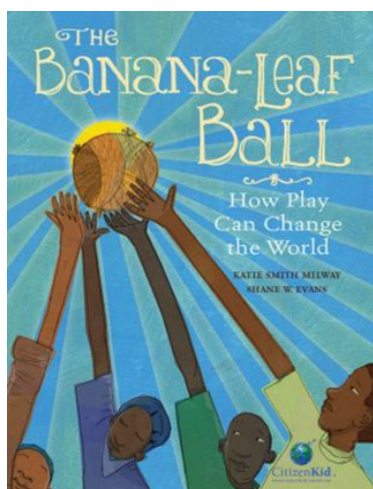
For other available locations/language, please visit:  
[www.ileprograms.ca](http://www.ileprograms.ca) or write to [ile\\_ah@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:ile_ah@tdsb.on.ca)





# Book Nook

Here are some books in the Orde Street library to begin our conversations around “belonging which is our school-wide focus this year. We will start with the guiding question, “What does it mean to belong?”

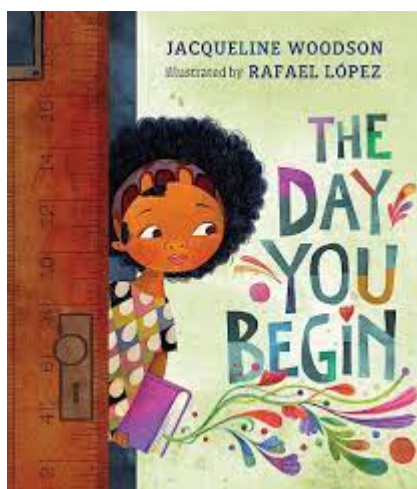


## **The Banana-Leaf Ball: How Play Can Change the World**

By: Katie Smith Milway

“Separated from his family when they were forced to flee their home, a young East African boy named Deo lives alone in the Lukole refugee camp in Tanzania. With scarce resources at the camp, bullies have formed gangs to steal what they can, and a leader named Remy has begun targeting Deo. Then one day a coach gathers all the children to play soccer. Though Deo loves soccer and has even made his own ball out of banana leaves, he's unsure at first about joining in when he sees Remy on the field. But as Deo and the other boys get drawn into the game, everything begins to change. Their shared joy in playing provides the children --- including Remy --- with a sense of belonging.”

**Picture Book**

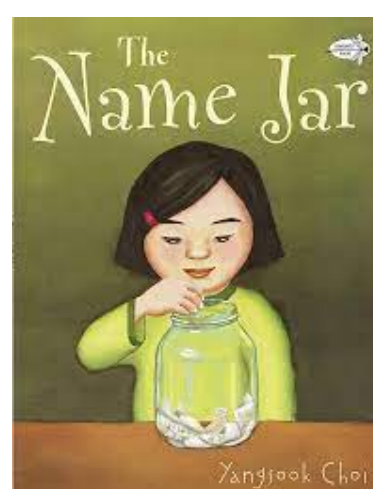


## **The Day You Begin**

By: Jacqueline Woodson

“There are several reasons why some people feel different from others. Maybe it's because of their physical appearance or the way they speak, their food or any other detail. In any case, it's not always easy to take your first steps in an environment where you don't know anyone, and yet it's very necessary. Jacqueline Woodson's powerful text and Rafael López's sumptuous illustrations brilliantly demonstrate that everyone sometimes feels like a stranger and that it takes courage to continue on your way despite this feeling. This album also proves that good things can happen when you finally dare to open up to others!”

**Picture book**



## **The Name Jar**

By: Yangsook Choi

“Being the new kid in school is hard enough, but what about when nobody can pronounce your name? Having just moved from Korea, Unhei is anxious that American kids will like her. So instead of introducing herself on the first day of school, she tells the class that she will choose a name by the following week.

Her new classmates are fascinated by this no-name girl and decide to help out by filling a glass jar with names for her to pick from. But while Unhei practices being a Suzy, Laura, or Amanda, one of her classmates comes to her neighborhood and discovers her real name and its special meaning.

On the day of her name choosing, the name jar has mysteriously disappeared. Encouraged by her new friends, Unhei chooses her own Korean name and helps everyone pronounce it—Yoon-Hey.”

**Picture book**

Attention Orde Street Primary Families,

We are excited to announce that our school library will be introducing brand new book bags for our young readers in Kindergarten to Grade 3! These bags make it easier for students to transport library books to and from school. The primary goal of this initiative is to encourage our budding readers to foster a love for books and reading. By providing them with their very own book bags, we hope to instill a sense of responsibility and ownership regarding their library books. These bags will not only protect the books but also make it more convenient for children to carry them without any hassle.

In addition to serving as a helpful resource for our students, this book bag initiative will also act as a small fundraiser for our beloved library. The funds generated from the purchase of these bags will be used to buy new and exciting books, update our reading materials, and enhance our library space for everyone's enjoyment. These book bags have been carefully selected for durability, ensuring that they will withstand the wear and tear of daily use. A letter with more information will be sent home next week.

Thank you for your support,  
Ms. J. Yon  
Teacher-Librarian

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# Equity Learning and Action

This year, our school wide learning theme is **BELONGING**. Our School-Wide Equity Questions are:

- Currently on >
1. What does it mean to belong?

2. How can I contribute to a world where all belong?

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# Reminders

## Daily Schedule

8:25 – 8:40 AM	Yard is supervised
8:35 AM	Entrance Bell
8:35 – 8:40 AM	Entry
10:00 – 10:15 AM	Recess for Grades 1 - 8
11:10 AM - 12:30 PM	Lunch for Kindergarten
11:25 AM - 12:30 PM	Lunch for grades 1-8
1:50 – 2:05 PM	Recess for Grades 1 - 8
3:00 PM	Dismissal Bell for KindergartenWe
3:15 PM	Dismissal Bell for Grades 1-8
3:15 - 3:30 PM	Big Field is supervised for Grades 1-8

# Community Supports

## Parent and Community Engagement

The Parent and Community Engagement Committee is pleased to welcome back parents/caregivers, School Council members, Chairs, Co-Chairs, and Vice Chairs to the 2023-2024 school year. We will be hosting a Welcome Back Town Hall for School Council members, parents/caregivers, and Staff who are interested in learning about tools, resources, and upcoming opportunities for School Councils. The conversation will highlight:

- Our Board's standards of operations for School Councils
- School Council Communication Tools
- School Council Funding

Please join us on Thursday, September 28, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. [Click on the link to register.](#) Interpretation is available. If you require interpretation, please indicate this on your registration, no later than, Monday, September 25, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. (noon).

For further inquiries, please contact [PCEO@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:PCEO@tdsb.on.ca).

### A Welcome from Trustee Williams

Please click on the link below to access Trustee William's welcome letter package

[Trustee Williams Welcome Package](#)

## Important Dates

Sept 11: Snack starts

Sept: 13: School Council Welcome Back Breakfast, Kindie yard, 8:45 (in front foyer if raining)

Sept 14: Clear out lost and found

Sept 16: Japanese Heritage classes start

September 18: International Language Registration, foyer

September 25: Truth and Reconciliation Week

September 25: First day of Mandarin and Arabic classes

September 27: School Council Meeting, 6:00 pm

September 29: Terry Fox Run

October 2: Orange Shirt Day

October 5: World Teachers Day

October 6: PD Day

October 12: PHOTO DAY

October 12: Curriculum Night, 6:00 – 7:00

October 26: Lost and found cleared, 12:00 pm

November 6: Treaty Recognition Week

November 10: Remembrance Day Assembly

November 13: Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week

November 16: Photo Retakes

November 17: PD Day

November 30: Lost and found cleared

December 8: PD Day

December 21: Lost and found cleared

December 25 – January 6 – Winter Break

# Have a wonderful weekend!

Jenn

## Orde Street Daycare

Orde Day Care has a hot lunch program, spaces are still available. Please see attached flyer and a sample menu of our lunch offerings. If you are interested please contact [info@ordedaycare.org](mailto:info@ordedaycare.org)

[Orde Daycare Fall Menu](#)

[Orde Daycare Hot Lunch Program flyer](#)

## School Council News

We hope everyone had a wonderful first week back at school and managed through this early September heat wave!

Remember to join us at our Welcome Breakfast on **Wednesday, September 13** in the Kindergarten yard between 8:45 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. You'll have the chance to meet other Orde families and say "hi" to our new Principal, Jenn Zurba.

Watch for more news from School Council as we continue our school year planning.

If you have any questions or feedback, please reach out to the Chair, Jenn Bourque-Lee, at [jennbourque@gmail.com](mailto:jennbourque@gmail.com).

## Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, September 27 | 6:00 p.m.

School Council Elections

Location: School Library

Agenda:

- ❖ Admin update
- ❖ 2022-2023 School Council Summary
- ❖ Election of Council Executive and Representatives

School Council Elections: Nomination Form

If you are interested in joining School Council, please complete the nomination form by September 20. [Nomination Form](#) Paper copies of the nomination form are also available in the school office.

For more information about the available School Council roles, please visit our [School Council Roles page](#).

All parents and guardians of Orde Street students are welcome to attend School Council meetings even if you prefer not to hold an official position.

# Keep in touch with School Council

Our What'sApp group is a great way to meet other parents, stay up-to-date on school news, and get answers to your questions.



Join the group [here](#).



From time-to-time, School Council sends emails to all parents with meeting reminders, School Council updates, and other news. To join our mailing list, please sign up [here](#).



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