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WHAT'S NEW AT THE ZOO!
E D U C A T O R S ' E D I T I O N

NEW! Virtual Programs at the Toronto Zoo

This school year, we're bringing the Toronto Zoo right into your classroom: join us for **new Classroom Connectionz virtual tours, linking curriculum concepts to real world natural examples**. Our Virtual School Workshop includes a 30-min private tour of a section of the Zoo packed with information covering a chosen topic, classroom resources to enhance student learning, and an additional 10-min Q&A session for students to ask their own questions to our animal experts!

Want something shorter? Consider a Virtual Meet & Greet where an animal ambassador will make a 10-minute special appearance for your class, alongside a guide who will be available to answer any questions. You can request the type of animal ambassador you'd like to appear, and your class may have a hippo say hi or a giraffe say good day!

Whether you're learning from home or in the classroom, check out our virtual learning opportunities in the below video.



Current Hours: 9:30 am – 4:30 pm
(Tuesdays-Fridays)
Weekends: 9:30 am – 4:30pm

School Group Admission

Rates:

Child Care Centre*:	\$9
Elementary:	\$9
Secondary:	\$10
Post-Secondary:	\$11

*Child Care Centres must be licensed with the Ontario Ministry of Education to receive the \$9 admission rate. A minimum of 10 children required. Excludes school holidays.

School Group Supervision

Ratios:

PreK – 3:	1 : 5
4 – 8:	1 : 10
9 – 12:	1 : 20

Book Your School Visit!

Contact Information

School Programs:	416-392-5944
Guided Tours:	416 -392-5942
Admissions only:	416 -392-5932



Brizicam- A New Interactive Camera Featuring Our Giraffe Family

We are happy to share that ***we have launched a new, interactive camera with our giraffe family!*** This new camera, called "Brizicam" is a group-controlled camera, so desktop users can opt to move the camera in a specific direction and the camera will follow what the majority "vote" to focus on.

Subscribe and explore "Virtual Keeper Talks" with your students at 2:00 pm on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays. These talks will be live and interactive, where viewers can ask questions while also viewing our giraffe cam. Additional talks are provided on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays at 10:00 am and 5:00 pm by Toronto Zoo Volunteers.

The next animal to be featured on Twitch will be our western lowland gorilla troop. Help us reach our goal of 200 subscribers in order to open a 3rd animal habitat to explore on-stream!



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NEW Drive-Thru Boomobile!

Nestled in the heart of the Rouge Valley, the Toronto Zoo is one of the most picturesque spots in the city to enjoy the beautiful fall colours, all from the comfort of your vehicle! Join us on Friday and Saturday evenings until October 31st to experience our Drive-Thru BOOMobile - a spooktacular, family-friendly drive-thru event.



On this adventure, you and your family can enjoy the beautiful fall foliage and festive decor while listening to Halloween-themed commentary. Learn about the ghosts that haunt the Zoo, and be sure to keep your eyes peeled because you might just see one along the way! Learn about how the animal kingdom has contributed to Halloween traditions in a special Halloween themed podcast. It is up to you to choose to take these tales as fact or fiction!

You will also pass by our Hay-lloween town, a special exhibit featuring hay bale masterpieces created by our very own Zoo staff, volunteers, and community partners.



This family friendly adventure lasts approximately 30 minutes and is suitable for children and adults of all ages. *Please note that animals will not be viewable during this experience.*

Price per car: \$25.00 - Members & \$30.00 for Non-Member

DID YOU KNOW?

You Can Shop Smart This Halloween With Sustainable Palm-oil Candy Options!

You can make a difference by following this guide when buying tasty treats for trick-or-treaters. These companies are committed to using certified sustainable palm oil, helping to save wildlife including orangutans, tigers, and hornbills.

Shop SMART this Halloween.

Choose treats that protect rainforests!

Palm oil is an ingredient found in over half of the products we use daily, such as chocolate, margarine, detergent, and shampoo. Use this list to help YOU make sustainable choices when buying tasty treats for the trick-or-treaters this Halloween season. These companies are committed to using certified sustainable palm oil and helping to save wildlife including orangutans, tigers, and hornbills.

Here are some examples of sustainable palm oil treats:

Mars • Twix • 3 Musketeers • M&M's • Snickers • Dove • Skittles Hershey's • Reese's • Turtles • Whoppers • Twizzlers • Jolly Rancher	Ferrero • Kinder • Tic Tac • Ferrero Rocher Frito Lay • Lay's • Ruffles • SunChips • Tostitos • Cheetos	Kraft Heinz • Kraft caramels Quaker • Chewy granola bars • Crispy minis Lindt & Sprugli • Lindt • Lindor
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CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS:

Primary

Language– What animals come to mind when you think about Halloween? Get students to write down as many as they can think of in 3 minutes. Extra points for correct spelling!!

Junior

Language– Brainstorm a class list of vertebrates and invertebrates that your students associate with Halloween. Encourage students to write a short story or poem featuring 2-3 of them.

Intermediate

Geography- What is palm oil? Where is it grown around the world, and what are the social and environmental impacts of this industry? Is it sustainable?

Secondary

Gr.11 Media Arts- Encourage students to use a variety of strategies to generate innovative ideas educating consumers to purchase sustainable palm oil products. Students should explore a wide range of traditional and emerging technologies, tools, and techniques to produce an effective media art work. [Click here](#) for general information about palm oil and the Toronto Zoo's position regarding this product.

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