

# Leslie Frost P.S. News

*Les Nouvelles de Leslie Frost Grandissons et apprenons ensemble Growing and learning together...*



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*Character Trait for January is **Trustworthiness**. Trustworthiness means that you behave in an honourable manner. Your words match your actions.*

## PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We hope that you enjoyed a fabulous holiday with your family and friends and found the time to rest and recharge. We wish all of our LFPS families a very Happy New Year! Our character trait for December was Compassion and many of our students participated in a variety of kind gestures to members of our community. Our Christmas 25 cent sale was a huge success. Students had a great time shopping for members of their families. Thank you to all who donated items, wrapping paper, tape and their time. A huge thank you to the School Council who organized volunteers for setting up the store and helping students wrap their items. The grade 6s took on a big leadership role by assisting the younger students with their shopping and helping with wrapping. It was a wonderful way to bring our school community together. Thank you for your donations of unwrapped new toys to the Kinsman Toy Drive. We know that our Leslie Frost Lions know how to pay it forward and make someone's Christmas a little brighter! Thank you!

We had a total of 7 Christmas concerts at LFPS which certainly helped us all get into the Holiday spirit. Thank you to the many educators who assisted with the preparations for our concerts. January is often a time of new beginnings. Our staff is excited to continue our professional development journey in the areas of numeracy, literacy and well-being. We are looking forward to working together as a community to meet individual student needs and creating a sense of belonging for all of our students.

With the crisp temperatures upon us we realize that we have finally hit the winter months and we look forward to playing in the snow, laughing with our friends and learning alongside of each other. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the cold temperatures. Please send your child to school with hat, mitts, snow pants and boots so they can enjoy our wonderful Canadian winter.

*Mme McQuarrie & Mrs. Medhurst*



## **LFPS Outdoor Space: Relax, Explore, Learn**

### **Outdoor space committee update:**

- Committee meeting in December
- List of needed items generated
- Powerpoint and list sent to head of maintenance for suggestions/guidance
- Meeting scheduled with head of maintenance for January 2019



### **SAFE ARRIVAL**

**Please call the school if your child is going to be late or absent from school. (705) 324-5602**



### Street safety

When parking at the church across from the school please ensure that you walk down to the cross walk and do not jaywalk. We have been notified by our local police that there have been complaints from drivers regarding adults with their children crossing directly in front of on-coming traffic. Please model for your children safe crossing of streets by using the cross walk with the crossing guard.

Reminders:



### DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP

#### STUDENTS

- Only school vehicles are permitted to enter the LFPS driveway during entry and dismissal times
- Only LFPS staff and students are permitted on the yard during arrival, dismissal and instructional times
- A 'Drop Zone' is set up at the gate next to the portable at the south end of the school where students can be dropped off to be supervised by the staff on the yard with safety vests.
- If your child is not independent enough yet to leave you at the gate please feel free to bring them to the office and we will ensure that they get to their appropriate class
- If you are arriving late, the front gates will be locked and you will have to report to the office to ensure that your child is signed in and has arrived at school safely

• In addition, only students are permitted through the gates of the adjoining paths coming from streets west of the school

• We welcome your visit to the school but we kindly ask that you sign in at the office and receive a visitor's badge before proceeding through the school. This will ensure your safety as well as student safety within the building.



### WHAT TO DO ON SNOW DAYS

If the weather dictates that the busses are cancelled, Leslie Frost Public School will remain open unless the radio or Board website report otherwise.

#### Bussed Students

If your child is bussed to school and the busses have been cancelled your child will not be marked absent. We will **not** make our safe arrival call. You do not need to call.

#### Boys & Girls Club Bus

When the busses are cancelled the Boys & Girls Club bus is also cancelled. If your child would have come to school on this bus please contact the school to let us know that your child will not be attending.

#### Walkers

If your child walks to school and you deem it unsafe for your child to walk or would prefer to keep them home on weather days please contact the school to let us know that they are staying home.



If buses are cancelled on a pizza day, pizza will be ordered the next regular school day that week.



### Baby News!!!!

Congratulations to Mrs. McCaffrey and Mrs. Addison and their families on the arrival of their new baby Girls! We are so excited to welcome two new Lions to our school community.



### Professional Activity Days = NO school

- Friday February 1, 2019
- Friday April 5, 2019
- Friday June 7, 2019
- Friday June 28, 2019




Please join us in pumping up our school spirit

- Jan 25<sup>th</sup> Plaid Day
- Feb 14<sup>th</sup> Red, white & pink Day
- March 8<sup>th</sup> Beach Day
- April 26<sup>th</sup> Sports Jersey Day
- May 31<sup>st</sup> Wild hair Day
- June 21<sup>st</sup> School colours Day
- June 27<sup>th</sup> Canadian gear or Colour Day



### LATE STUDENTS

Let's start off the New Year right by being on time for school! We want to greet our students' smiling faces on the yard between 8:35 and 8:50 AM. It makes for a smooth and calm start for children and adults when we start on time. The students are to be in class for attendance by 8:50 a.m. If a child is late getting to school they must be signed in at the office and then an office staff will ensure your child gets to their classroom. Please make every effort to have your child arrive on time for school each day.

**PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**  Please join us for our next school council meeting on **Wednesday February 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm** in the school library.



**Come and play at the park!** Please feel free to play on the playground once dismissal is complete (any time after 3:18). It's a great way to have fun, meet some playmates and enjoy the fresh air!



### Mental Health Fitness

Share humour - Life often gets too serious, so when you hear or see something that makes you smile or laugh, share it with someone you know. A little humour can go a long way to keeping us **mentally fit!**



### Volleyball Team

The gym is very busy with the junior volleyball team practicing their skills. The team has been working hard to prepare for their first games. Thank you to all of the coaches.

### Clubs and activities currently taking place at Leslie Frost PS:

- Battle of the Books Club
- Junior Choir
- Band
- Bell Choir
- Games Club
- Me to We
- Volleyball