

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



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*The character Trait for February is Trustworthiness. Trustworthiness means that you behave in an honourable manner. Your words match your actions. Trustworthy people are honest and can be relied on to do the right thing.*

## PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE

### Happy Groundhog Day!

There should be no worry about the "winter blahs" setting in at Leslie Frost P.S.! Every recess students are well dressed to enjoy our Canadian winters...and enjoy them they do! You'll see our students playing winter soccer, sliding down hills, pretending to be action heroes, building forts and playing with the sleds outside. It is wonderful to see the kids so active outside.

We are also keeping active inside. Intramurals are continuing in the gym, games club is well attended at lunchtime in the library, French club is taking place once a week and musical extracurriculars are continuing as well. Junior students have been busily preparing for their speeches.

We want to express our gratitude to the amazing educators and support staff at LFPS. As many of you may have heard, there was a car accident on Angeline Street just outside the school before bell time last Wednesday. There was one minor injury of an adult and no student injuries. Police were on the scene to help divert traffic. Our buses were directed to the nearby church parking lot.

A huge thank you to our Leslie Frost Public School staff who quickly donned safety vests and helped to take children across the road at the crosswalk from the buses to the school. We are also very proud of our students and their conduct in an emergency situation.



Please look for your child's report card on February 15<sup>th</sup>. As a staff we strive to clearly communicate your child's attainment of the Ontario Provincial Standards. Teachers will be happy to discuss the report card if you have any questions. Just call to make an appointment!

*Mrs. McQuarrie & Mrs. Medhurst*



As many of you may be aware, Our Vice Principal Mrs. Cheryl Medhurst will be retiring at the end of February. While we will be sad to see Mrs. Medhurst leave us, we wish her all the best in her retirement. We know she will spend her time outside skating, curling and staying active. Mrs. Medhurst has been the VP at LFPS for a number of years and will be dearly missed by the students, staff and the greater Leslie Frost Community.

We welcome Ms. Angela Tompkins as our new Vice Principal. We are looking forward to welcoming Ms. Tompkins when she begins at our school in February.

**A Message from Mrs. Medhurst**  
**The Final Countdown**

It is with mixed emotions that I write this piece for the February newsletter. I am looking forward to a healthy retirement with Mr. Medhurst, but I am also extremely sad to be leaving Leslie Frost P.S. I am about to celebrate 30 years in education, and an additional 9 years before that, working with children as a program co-ordinator with Scarborough Parks and Recreation.

I have fond memories of so many experiences at various schools but some of my most cherished have been the last eight years here at Leslie Frost working with students, staff, families, and the community at large. It has been a great way to spend my last years in education.

Thanks for the memories. Carry-on being a great community, "*Learning and Growing Together*".



**Picking students up early from school just before the dismissal bell is becoming very challenging!**

We are finding it extremely disruptive to the learning when parents and guardians are picking their children up before the end of the day. Once we are into the final instructional block of the day students and teachers are wrapping up the days learning by jotting things down in agendas, handing out notices and beginning to get dressed and organized for home time. It is extremely challenging to be addressing all of these learning needs when the office is continually calling into the classroom to retrieve a student early.



**We kindly ask that once we have reached 2:30 PM that there are no further requests for children to be signed out early as it is just far too disruptive to the flow of the dismissal routines.**

Thank you for your help and cooperation with this.



**SAFE ARRIVAL**

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



**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 hot lunch day there will be no hot lunch for that day. If you choose to send your child to school on weather days that are a hot lunch day, please ensure to send a lunch with your child.

**Basketball and Intramurals**

Junior Mixed Basketball will be underway next week!  
Coach Osborne

Intramurals are underway thanks to Mr. S and Mme Pavier!

### Battle of the Books

The Battle of the Books program has begun at Leslie Frost PS. Students form teams of 4 and dedicate their time to read 10 books in total. The board competition will take place sometime in April. Good luck to all the participants.



### Baby News!!!!

Congratulations to Mme. Gallwey and her family on the arrival of their new baby Boy! We are so excited to welcome another new Lion to our school community.



### Professional Activity Days = NO school

Friday April 5, 2019  
Friday June 7, 2019  
Friday June 28, 2019



Please join us in pumping up our school spirit


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

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 date to be determined due to the inclement weather day.



**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!



### Volleyball Team

Congratulations to the junior volleyball team who participated in their AA tournament. The team showed great determination and sportsmanship and represented Leslie Frost very well. Thank you to Mme Pavier and Mlle Osborne for coaching the team.

### Culture Night

Save the date for Culture Night on April 25th-more information coming soon!

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

- Battle of the Books Club
- Primary and Junior Choir
- Band
- Bell Choir
- Games Club
- Me to We
- Basketball

- Intramural dodgeball
- French club



### Mental Health Fitness

Treat yourself well - Cook yourself a good meal. Have a bubble bath. See a movie. Call a friend or relative you haven't talked to in ages. Whatever it is, do it just for you!



Kindness message: Kindness counts. Every small friendly word or deed has the potential to make a big difference.

### Bumped Head Bracelets otherwise known as "Headbandz"



During a child's day, accidents may happen. We deal with a variety of injuries in the office on a daily basis, many of which are easily attended to with a band aid or some ice.

Of special concern are injuries to a child's head and as a result we are launching a Bumped Head Bracelet program to "silently" alert adults in the building and parents/caregivers at home that the student has bumped their head.

**Starting Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup> , if your child reports that they have bumped their head:**

- they are sent to the office
- school staff will assess the injury

- a phone call will be made to parents to inform them of the incident
- parents may make the decision to pick the child up from school
- if the student is staying at school they will wear a yellow bracelet for the rest of the day

The yellow bracelet will "silently" alert other adults in the building to be watchful as that child has bumped their head. They will alert the office of any unusual behaviour or concussion symptoms that the student may be presenting. This will provide an added layer of monitoring to protect and support students.

Sincerely,

Darla McQuarrie  
Principal