

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



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*The character trait for March is **Fairness**.  
Fairness is solving problems so everyone wins!*

## PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Let's hope March comes in like a lion which will ensure that spring is on its way.

The cold has not slowed us down here at LFPS. We have been getting outside as much as possible and when we have to stay inside we are busily playing math and board games with our friends, skipping, drawing or playing basketball!!!

March brings the excitement of the rest and re-charging during March break. Stay tuned for more exciting events happening at Leslie Frost!!

*Mrs. McQuarrie & Ms. Tompkins*



Come and play at the park! Please feel free to play on the playground once dismissal is complete (any time after 3:20). It's a great way to have fun, meet some playmates and enjoy the fresh air! We wish you and your family a wonderful March break.



Please follow us on Twitter @LeslieFrostPS



## SAFE ARRIVAL

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



A huge thank you to our school community for your support with our cupcake fundraiser to support the SPCA. Another Cupcake day success at LFPS! Thank you to all of the staff and parents who provided cupcakes and donations. Thank you to the Me to We group for delivering cupcakes to classes. As a result of the generosity of the LFPS community, we raised \$602 for the Kawartha Lakes Humane Society.

## *When visiting the school*

We welcome your visit to our wonderful school! Parents, guardians and guests are asked to sign in at the office when visiting the school and school staff will assist you.

Parents dropping off students are reminded that only busses are permitted in the bus ramp and main driveway during entry and dismissal times. Please

ensure student safety by not walking in-between busses in the bus lane. If the pylons are up please do not drive into that area.



**Pylons out = students entering and exiting**



### **Battle of the books**

Battle of the Books teams will face off after the March Break in preparation for the area level junior battle tentatively taking place on April 16th and Keep reading!



**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.



### **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.



**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

- 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

### PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Please join us for our next school council meeting on Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the school library.

### Upcoming School Council events

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

Upcoming events:

Dance a Thon- March 6

Culture Night - April 25

Spring Fling - June 6

Please see below for contacts for subcommittees for LFPS School Council (each subcommittee will also have a school administrator on it):

Spending - Beckie and Lisa

LFPS constitution - Lisa and Meredith

Culture Night - Beckie and Lisa (and student)

Spring Fling - Lisa, Beckie and Amanda

Emails for school council members can be found in our minutes of the October meeting.

Thank you to Westerby Entertainment for the donation of your services for our annual Dance a Thon!

### 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
- Robotics
- Chess



TLDSB Chess Championships will take place April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 at JD Hodgson ES in Haliburton. Team members names are to be submitted March 8<sup>th</sup>.



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



### Kindergarten Registration Now Open!

Parents of any new Leslie Frost Lions should pick up a registration package at the office or register online.



### Speeches

Congratulations to all of our school competitors. And a huge shout out to Mac Plaunt as our overall winner. We are proud of your accomplishments!



### Robotics

There are a dozen teams busily building robots to earn a spot in the Robofair. The turnout this year has been incredible, let's keep the momentum going! More details regarding the Robofair will be forthcoming.



### Basketball News

Junior Basketball is underway. The tournament is on April 4th. Thank you Mme Osborne for coaching. A huge thank you to Peter Brohman for helping to coach our team!!!



### Dance-a-thon

Thank you to our School Council for organizing the Dance-a-thon for Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup> and a big thank you to Westerby Music for arranging the rocking tunes.



### Mental Wellness Fitness

"Collect" positive emotional moments - Make it a point to recall times when you have experienced pleasure, comfort, tenderness, confidence, or other positive emotions.



### DID YOU KNOW?

The deepest one-day snowfall ever measured is 145 centimetres at Tahtsa Lake, in BC's Coast Mountains north of Tweedsmuir Park.