

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 that spring is on its way.

The weather conditions have 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 chatting!!

March brings the excitement of the rest and re-charging during March break. We would like to wish all of our families an enjoyable March break.

Mrs. McQuarrie & Mrs. Griffiths

Labour Updates

Stay informed regarding the ETFO job action by going to the TLDSB board website <https://tldsbc.ca/> for updates and the latest news on work to rule or strike days where the school will be closed.



Kindergarten registration is now open. Please stop by the office to get your registration package. You will need your child's birth certificate, immunization record and proof of address upon return of your completed registration package. When registrations are in early it assists the school with our staffing numbers.



Recommendation to residents of CKL from the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit

To reduce the spread of germs including the flu and the novel coronavirus the Health Unit recommends:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water, or use hand sanitizer
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth unless you have just washed your hands
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your arm, not your hand
- Stay home if you are sick
- If you are ill and must visit a healthcare provider, call ahead or tell them right away when you arrive that you have a respiratory illness and wear a mask while waiting to be seen
- Avoid visiting people in hospitals or long-term care homes if you are sick
- Get your flu shot
- Stay home if you are feeling unwell

During this cold and flu season TLDSB has increased custodial hours and has purchased hand sanitizer for the schools. The use of hand sanitizer by students will be supervised by an adult.

If students wish to bring hand sanitizer to school for their personal use they can do so. However we are still encouraging good hand washing with soap and water.

If you are sending hand sanitizer to school with your child, the Hand sanitizer must be:

- unscented
- come in a travel size bottle (60ml or less)
- not be shared with others
- be stored with your personal items
- be marked with your name



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Please join us at our next meeting on **Wednesday March 4th at 6:00pm** in the school library.



Save the date for the Leslie Frost PS annual Spring Event! This year's event is a Make and Take and will be held on **April 30th from 6-8pm at the School and will be free for the whole family!** Watch for registrations coming home with your child shortly after March Break for more info! See you there!

If you are interested in volunteering for this event please contact Julie White at the office (705) 324-5602.



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!**



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



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 Weather 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. Please also note that on some weather days staff are unable to get to school so students may be grouped together for programming for that day.

Bussed Students

If your child is bussed to school and the busses have been cancelled your child will not be marked absent. They will be marked with an inclement weather day. We will not make our safe arrival 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 you drive your child to school and you are keeping them home on the inclement weather day please call the school and let us know.



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



SAFE ARRIVAL

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



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.



PEDICULOSIS (HEAD LICE)

To reduce the incidence of head lice as the colder weather approaches, please remind your children not to share hats, helmets and brushes and to wear their hair up when possible. If your child has head lice you will be contacted to come and pick up your child from school, treat your child's hair and have your child re-checked at the school in order for them to return to school. Re-checks are done between 8:15-8:35 AM and 3:20-3:40 PM. Volunteers with a current police record check or signed declaration for this school year are always welcomed to come and help conduct head checks at the school on a regular basis.

Please contact Mrs. White at the school office if you can volunteer to assist us with our head inspections.



VOLUNTEERS

Remember, if you would like to volunteer at the school, or accompany your child on a class trip, you must have a current police check on file at the school office and a signed confidentiality agreement. If you have any questions about the police check process, or want to check the status of your latest police check, please call Mrs. White in the school office, 705-324-5602



Please join us in celebrating our awesome school by participating in spirit days. Leslie Frost will be celebrating spirit days on the following days:

March 9 beach day

March 10 sports jersey day

March 11 crazy hair day

March 12 pj day

March 13 Leslie Frost blue and gold day

April 30 crazy sock day

May 29 spring colours day

June 25 Canadian Colours day



Professional Activity Days & Board Holidays = NO school

March 16-20, 2020
Friday April 10, 2020
Monday April 13, 2020
Friday May 1, 2020
Monday May 18, 2020
Friday June 5, 2020
Friday June 26, 2020