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PRINCIPAL NOTES

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Wednesday, January 31,
2024.



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to another newsletter! I'd like to thank everyone for coming out to our Winter Concert, December 21. It was a resounding success with the fantastic turnout we had – in fact it was standing-room only, which is something we have to think about for next year. Perhaps a separate primary and junior concert – in addition to the already separate one we have for kindergarten, is the way to go for next year. It's nice to have a great crowd but not particularly pleasant if you have to stand at the back of the gym for the duration! Nonetheless – every class in the school participated, which was wonderful! This was probably the best attended event I have witnessed since I am at the school, and this is my 7th year!

Our school was featured in Trustee Neethan Shan's newsletter the week of January 22nd. I hope all our families had the opportunity to read it. There is a lot going on at our school and there are lots of opportunities for the students to get involved in athletics, dance, drama, singing, games, gardening, music and the arts. Covid times put an end to a lot of social activities and events and fortunately, now, we are making up for lost time and missed opportunities. Now, there is something for everyone at Lord Roberts!

Student Council – new!

Thanks to Ms Foryda Akhtar, our new ESL/ Librarian, Lord Roberts now has a Student Council:



At Lord Roberts we launched a Student Council. It will facilitate our students to foster skills like leadership, communication, teamwork, organization and public speaking. The whole application process took one month to complete. Our fabulous candidates gave their speech at the Junior Assembly which was a part of their application. On December 6th we had an election. Out of 32 candidates, 12 students were elected to make

the Student Council Committee. Those students will hold leadership positions within our school and are responsible for organizing events, advocating for student needs, and leading service projects. (F. Akhtar)

Presidents: Rahaf A. & Matthew K. & Kavinaya P.

Treasurers: Thaksika M. & Suryanath P.

Secretaries: Karima A. & Melody R.

Public Relations Officers: Gianne B. & Shritan R.

Class Representatives: Azhar S. & Emir E. & Neelima O.

Valentine's Day Dance

The grade 6 students will be organizing a Valentine's Day Dance on Wednesday, February 14. All classes will be given a period during that day to go to the gym and enjoy themselves at the dance. A letter will be forthcoming closer to the date.



English Kindergarten Registration Begins in February

TDSB schools provide a rich learning environment for all children to learn and grow. Registration for English Kindergarten programs begins in February. To attend Junior Kindergarten in September, children must turn four-years-old by December 31. To register for Senior Kindergarten, children must be five-years-old by December 31. Visit the [Kindergarten Registration page](#) to learn more.

Online Tutoring for TDSB Students

Online, on-demand tutoring is available 24/7 for students. **Elementary** students can access homework help and enrichment opportunities in all subject areas and grades through [Brainfuse](#). View the [Brainfuse Poster](#) for more information or contact Brainfuse. **Secondary** students can access tutoring for all courses and grades through [Paper](#). View the [Paper Poster](#) for more information or contact Paper.



Weather Guidelines

Children need an opportunity to get exercise and free play time outdoors, however, weather conditions sometimes warrant that indoor recesses, lunch periods and pre-entry periods be considered necessary for student and staff safety.



Conditions warranting indoor recesses:

1. Rain, thunderstorms, lightning, hail, extreme winds and extreme cold.
2. Cold weather: When temperature and/or windchill factor indicates -28°C or lower children will remain indoors due to risk of frostnip and frostbite.

When an extreme cold weather alert is issued or when temperatures and/or windchill factor indicates -20 to -28°C , recesses may be shortened to 10 minutes and lunch recess be 20 minutes depending on local conditions. Children should be monitored closely for signs of frostnip, frostbite or difficulty breathing.

Other conditions:

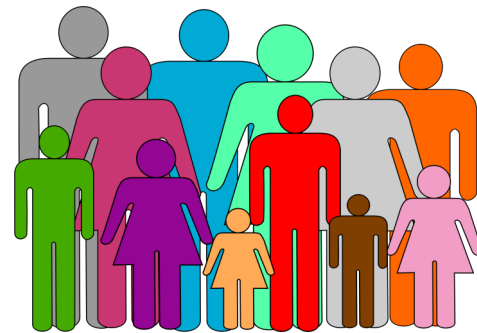
Weather conditions change during the day. When necessary and if the weather is questionable, the school principal will consult the Environment Canada's www.weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca or Toronto Public Health Web sites for information.

Report Cards

Report cards will be sent home on February 12th, barring any technical difficulties in office printing. Parent interviews are on Feb. 15, in the afternoon and early evening and during the morning of February 16th. There is a PA Day on Friday, February 16. Hence, there is no school on that day for our students.



Family Day is celebrated on Monday, February 19, which is also a holiday. Families, in all their shapes, forms and sizes, are at the heart of our communities. In Ontario, a day is set aside to reflect on the importance of families and to celebrate with loved ones. Family Day is a provincial holiday on the third Monday of February, extending the weekend for one extra day. So, February 16 to February 19 is an extra long weekend for you to enjoy with family!



That's all for now... Feel free to call the office anytime if you have questions or concerns at: 416-396-6420.

Sincerely,

T. Dillinger

Principal

Lord Roberts Jr. P.S.

