



September 2016



Lanor News

Principal: M. Wall-Ryel

Superintendent: S. Tondat

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Welcome! Bienvenue!

Welcome to the 2016/2017 school year! As a new principal, it was wonderful to see the amazing Lanor team in action this week, welcoming our students to a well cared-for building, and making the transition back to school as smooth and positive as possible. I would like to thank our caretakers for keeping our learning environment safe and clean, and to thank our educators and support staff for their thoughtful preparation for a great first week. I have also witnessed how well our community can pull together, as so many families helped each other through our significant busing challenges this week. There will be a letter coming from TDSB regarding the reasons for this issue, and our plans to address it until there is a resolution. Thank you for your understanding, patience, and offers of help to other families.

We look forward to developing new home-school relationships, and continuing to foster those that continue from previous years. Accordingly, we would like to invite all parents or guardians to come out to our first School Council meeting on Thursday, September 15th from 6:30-7:30 in the school library. If you are interested in being the school council chair, please let the office know.

This year we will continue to live and learn by the student-created Lanor values:

*“Be Positive,
Be Creative, and
Take Control of Your Education”*

M. Wall-Ryel
Principal

Welcome to new and returning staff

I would like to welcome back Mrs. Do, Ms. Jackson, and Ms. Card (formerly known as Ms. Ross). We were also allocated one extra teacher this year because of our growing numbers! I would like to welcome Mrs. Wilson, who has a background in Science, Engineering, and Special Education.

For Our Office Records

Safety is a top priority at Lanor. Therefore, it is very important that we keep current and accurate records. On the first day of school students were sent home with a package of forms ranging from media release to medical information. Please read and carefully complete the forms. There are 9 signatures required.

If you have not already done so, please return your child’s signed forms to their teacher by Monday. Thank you!

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**Meet the Teacher / Curriculum
Community Evening
Thursday, September 22nd
5:00 – 7:00 pm**

**School Council
Thursday, September 15th
6:30pm – 7:30pm**

**School Photos
Friday, October 28th
Picture Retakes
Tuesday, November 22nd**

Our School Website – Know the Info!!!!

We are gradually updating our website, and we believe in using many forms of communication at Lanor. We encourage you to visit the school website at:

<http://schools.tdsb.on.ca/lanor>

This website includes news, event information, school newsletters and important forms. It also moves us toward a paperless school and an ecofriendly environment. Check it out!

During Meet the Teacher / Curriculum night on September 24th, homeroom teachers will provide parents with an opportunity to add email contact information to our school list. The list of email addresses may be used to send monthly newsletters, calendars and other important information to our parent community. Please take the time to add your email to our school list and stay up to date with all that is happening at Lanor.

The School Day

Kindergarten

Morning Supervision:	8:35 – 8:50
Lunch	11:25-12:27
Dismissal	3:10

Grade 1-6

Morning Supervision	8:25-8:40
Entry	8:40-8:45
Recess	10:15-10:25
Lunch	11:25-12:27
<i>Entry</i>	<i>12:27-12:30</i>
Recess	2:00-2:10
Dismissal	3:10

Grade 7-8

Morning Supervision	8:34-8:44
Entry	8:44-8:49
Lunch	11:25-12:27
<i>Entry</i>	<i>12:27-12:30</i>
Dismissal	3:06

Entry and Exit Reminders

For a variety of safety reasons, parents/caregivers are expected to bring their child(ren) to the appropriate door. Please do not enter the building when the bell rings. At the end of the day, please wait outside for your child.

Student Agendas

“A goal without a plan is just a wish.”

- Antoine de Saint-Eupéry

The use of agendas or a student planner can be an excellent tool to support children in learning the life skill of planning. It is also a valuable communication tool between home and school. We support the use of student planners at Lanor Junior Middle School.

Students can use the planner to assist with multiple items, such as recording assignment due dates, planning their time to complete homework, and remembering key dates. The agenda can also be a tool to note the date, time, and location of extra-curricular activities, tests, and special occasions.

Parents can make use of the agenda to communicate with their child’s teacher. A short note may be written in the agenda and brought to the teacher’s attention. Thus, the agenda serves many different purposes.

We will be asking for \$6.00 to cover the cost of your child’s agenda. Please send this amount with your child to school by Friday, September 16th, 2016.

Lunch Routines

Students in grades 7 & 8 may leave school property for the entire lunch period if the proper permission forms are signed at the beginning of the school year. If students leave school property, they should not return to the playground until 12:15 pm. Students who eat their lunch in the lunchroom must remain on school property for the entire period.

Grade 6 students who wish to leave the school for lunch must bring a signed permission note each time. Students are reminded that leaving school property for lunch is a privilege that comes with responsibilities. All school and TDSB expectations apply during lunch, on or off the property. Our aim is to keep students safe and to be good neighbours in the community.

We work hard to consider our impact on the environment in all we do. As such, we encourage litterless lunches.

Attendance

Punctuality and attendance for all classes increases student success. Every attempt should be made to be on time and present every day. However, if your child needs to be absent, please call our attendance line at 416-394-7695 x.20135 prior to the start of the school day.

Please note that Middle School students are expected to move between classes quickly and on time. Students loitering in the hallways or washrooms between classes will be marked as late. These lates will be recorded on their report cards. Students returning late from lunch will also have those lates recorded and reported.

Stay tuned for more information to come:

Academic success requires an intentional and critical focus. At Lanor we will continue to utilize STEM, Inquiry and 3-Part Math Lessons as *teaching approaches* for optimal learning. We will also continue to post Learning Goals and Success Criteria as *strategies* to promote student independence and good teaching practice.

1. **STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics): We continue to be a TDSB STEM Centre, and as such, we can access resources and opportunities for exciting learning in this area. Our STEM committee is meeting next week to get started on this year's plans, and we will communicate about these opportunities, events, and learning activities as they develop.
2. **Nutrition Program:** Lanor's nutrition program (snacks delivered to all students in the morning) will continue this year. Budgeting and planning for our school-wide program is currently taking place, and detailed information will be coming soon about the start date and parent contribution.
3. **Volunteer Police Check Process:** TDSB's policy is that all volunteers who work with children will have a clear vulnerable sector screening and are up-to-date with annual offence declarations. As this is a newer practice at Lanor, more detailed information will be coming to our first School Council meeting and then home to all parents. However, if you would like to apply for a police check sooner than that, please don't hesitate to ask me about the process by telephone or at the office. We love having volunteers at Lanor!

You can see the TDSB policy at: <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/Howtogetinvolved/Volunteering.aspx>