



October 6th ,
2023

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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

We are looking forward to greeting you at Lescon this coming Thursday October 12th during our Curriculum night. Our doors will open at 5:30 pm until 7 pm. There will be a brief presentation in the library by our ELL teacher, Ms. Karaflos at 6:30 pm. Teachers will be in their classrooms to greet you and share some curriculum information at 5:30 pm and 6 pm.

Come meet our new School Council Chair, Claudia Diaconescu and learn how you can get involved with Lescon’s School Council. Claudia would be happy to meet you that evening.

Congratulations to our Cross Country runners who represented Lescon with pride yesterday at the Area Cross Country meet. They all did well and worked up a sweat! Our grade 2 students are looking forward to their trip next week to Forest Valley and our Grade 3 students will be getting ready for the Gifted Screening in the next couple of weeks.

Please remember that ALL adults coming into our building must come to the office to check in first. Please DO NOT walk by the office and accompany your child to their classrooms. This is a safety concern and we cannot have people wandering in our halls during the school day. When bringing your child to school late, you must come to the office, sign in and your child can go to class independently. We appreciate everyone’s cooperation with this.

I am sad to share that Ms. Cresswell will be leaving our staff this week. She has been a valued member of our team and she has been dedicated and committed to the achievement and well-being of her grade 1 and 2 students. Fortunately for her, she will begin a new contract role at another school this week. We will miss her and thank her for all her hard work.

Last week’s first Walking Wednesday was a great success. We had a big group walking together and having fun. I hope I will see more of you this coming Wednesday at 8:25 am at Nymark and Shaughnessey.

I wish everyone a wonderful thanksgiving and an enjoyable long weekend with the family.

Yours in education,

Shauna Small

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Early French Immersion (Junior Kindergarten Entry) Application Deadline

For families interested in the Toronto District School Board's system-wide French Immersion Program, we offer an online process to apply for Early French Immersion (begins in JK). To apply to the Early French Immersion Program for September 2024, applications must be completed online between **November 6 and December 1, 2023**. Families with an older sibling currently in an Early French Immersion program are still required to complete an online application for the new student. For more information, please visit: [Early French Immersion](#) or the [Application Process](#).

International Languages Elementary and African Heritage

Open to all students from Kindergarten to Grade 8, the International Language Program offers language learning with engaging activities like games, songs and dance. Activities will be focused on building students' abilities in oral communication, reading and writing and no language background is necessary to participate. The African Heritage Program connects students, from Kindergarten to Grade 8, to the contributions of people of African descent, their histories, cultures and traditions, through inquiry and experiential learning.

[Visit our program page for more information including registration details.](#)

Learn4Life – Adult General Interest Community Program

Fall registration is still open for our Adult General Interest Program with courses in business, languages, art, music, sports, dancing, and more! Open to adults 18 years of age and seniors, the Learn4Life program offers a unique and valuable opportunity for individuals to pursue their interests, expand their knowledge, and engage in lifelong learning with a wide range of courses and activities designed to cater to diverse interests and passions.

[Visit Learn4Life's program page for more information.](#)

Dates to Remember

OCTOBER

9th – Thanksgiving

12th – Curriculum Night

NOVEMBER

2 – Picture Day

14th – First Day of Afterschool Program (NEW DATE)

15 – Progress Reports go home

16/17 – Parent/Teacher interviews

17 – PA day

DECEMBER

8 – PA day

Dec 25 – Jan 5 Winter Break



Please
inform the
school if
your child
will be late
or absent!



School Council Information

Welcome our New School Council Members

Claudia – Chair

Alex – Treasurer

Shama – Secretary

Member at Large – Nina, Tatiana, Neil, Christine and Tsholofelo

STAY TUNED FOR SOME INFORMATION ON HOW YOU TOO CAN GET INVOLVED!

School Council Meetings

Monday Dec 4th

Monday Feb 5th

Monday April 8th

Monday June 17th

6 pm in the library

All are welcome

Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) Renewal

We want to hear from you! Please complete the [MYSP online survey](#) and share your thoughts about what the TDSB's priorities should be for 2023–2027. Learn more about how to contribute at www.tdsb.on.ca/MYSPrenewal.

Congratulations to class for earning the first Golden Garbage Can award for the year.



Parents and Caregivers as Partners Conference - October 21 & 22, 2023

Join us at our annual Parents and Caregivers as Partners Conference on October 21 and 22, 2023. Parents, guardians, and caregivers are invited to participate in a weekend of learning, connection, and engagement and to learn strategies to support your child throughout the year.

Last year, we partnered with the TDSB's Outdoor Education team and the City of Toronto to bring a unique experience to the conference. All of the in-person sessions are scheduled between 2:00 and 3:30 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. Transportation from central sites is available to all venues, leaving the location at 1:00 p.m. and returning at 3:30 p.m. More information will be provided as we approach the date.

The virtual conference includes a keynote address on Saturday, October 21, 2023, by Dr. Gholneskar (Gholdy) Muhammad, an Associate Professor of Literacy, Language, and Culture. On Sunday, October 22, 2023, Sarah Baldeo, an accomplished neuroscientist, technologist, corporate strategist, and a successful entrepreneur, will be our keynote.

Visit www.parentsaspartners.ca to register and for more information.

"At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents."

Jane D. Hull



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*We wish all our staff,
students and families a
meaningful holiday!*

Happy Thanksgiving
to you and your family.
May all the good things of
life be yours throughout
the coming year.

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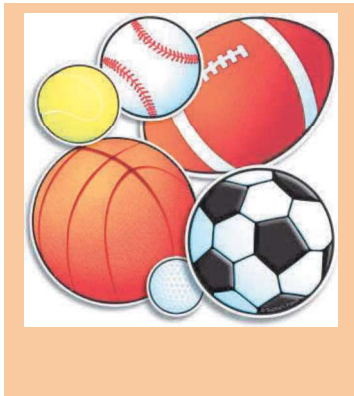


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Bandi Chhor Divas

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THE TRUE GURU IS GIVER OF FREEDOM FROM BONDAGES AND
MAKES THE DETACHED ONES LIBERATED IN LIFE.





Lescon's Afterschool Program Grades 3 - 5



- Board Games
- Crafts
- Cooperative games
- Social skills
- sports

Tuesdays

from 3:15 – 4:30

Sign up here:

[Afterschool Program Registration](#)

Program begins on Tuesday November 14th until December 19th

Registration open until November 1st (space limited)

Students MUST be picked up at 4:30 by an adult.