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Dear Parents,

Welcome back!! I would also like to extend a warm welcome to all our new families at Lescon. We are very excited to welcome your children into your school on Tuesday.

This year we are excited to welcome back Ms. Didier as our FDK teacher, Mr. McCaughey as our 4/5 teacher and Ms. Gafoor as our 4/5 teacher.

We would also like to welcome Ms. Soda as our kindergarten teacher, Ms. Khan as our 4/5 teacher and Ms. Cresswell as our grade ½ teacher while Ms. Mamdani remains on leave.

Our ELL students will be very happy to be supported by Ms. Karaflos this year and we are also excited to have a full-day Special Needs Assistant, Ms. Boucher, who will be at Lescon to help support all students.

A special thank you to Mr. Buchanan and our new caretaker Mr. Johnson for all their hard work throughout the summer preparing our school for your students. It looks fantastic!

A fond farewell to Ms. Sue who has been at Lescon supporting your children during the lunch hour. We are welcoming Ms. Mahmoud to our school as our temporary Lunch Supervisor.

Looking ahead to this new school year sparks some excitement for a fresh start, new faces and building new partnerships and relationships. We are grateful to be entrusted with your most precious gifts, your children. We look forward to partnering with you as we nurture their minds and watch them blossom throughout the year.

Some essential steps to help your child develop skills throughout the year and reach his/her full potential are:

1. Punctuality and Attendance – start a regular routine now so that your child does not miss out on class time. Please arrive on time!
2. Daily reading – Ensuring that your child reads every day and even reading together with him/her to foster a love of reading will help him/her be successful.
3. Bedtime routines – Children need sleep to be able to access their learning throughout the school day. Start a bedtime routine.
4. Healthy snacks and lunches – pack your child's lunches the night before so that mornings are not a rush. Please DO NOT order Uber Eats to our school. It is disruptive to our very busy office.
5. Kindness – Have regular conversations with your children about appropriate behaviour and consequences. Model kindness and help them to develop global citizenship. It is important to be respectful and kind to everyone.

I look forward to seeing you all soon and I hope that everyone enjoys a wonderful long weekend,

Yours in Education,  
Shauna Small





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## School Council Meetings

Monday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>

Monday Dec 4<sup>th</sup>

Monday Feb 5<sup>th</sup>

Monday April 8<sup>th</sup>

Monday June 17<sup>th</sup>

6 pm in the library

All are welcome

Reporting



Absences

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

Get involved and join our School Council.

Elections will be on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Please see the attached information about School Council Elections.

### Safe Arrival Program

Student well-being and safety are top priorities at our school. One important measure we take is our Safe Arrival Program, which helps to ensure students have arrived at school safely and when expected.

If your child is going to be late or absent for any reason, it is important that you contact the office immediately and report the reason for the absence.

At the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) we have an automated call-out system. If your child is late or absent, without informing the school ahead of time, the call-out system will attempt to contact you.

The system call-out will work as follows:

Parents/guardians identified in TDSB's Student Information Systems, who have access to student records, and emergency contact with priority 1 or 2 will receive a call.

When you receive the call, you are required to listen to the entire message and follow the prompts accordingly. You will be asked if you are aware or unaware of your child's absence.

If unaware, you will be asked to call the school immediately.

If you are aware of the absence, you will be asked to enter the reason for your child's absence. The following options will be provided for you:

- o Illness
- o Doctor Appointment
- o Dentist Appointment
- o Family Matter
- o Weather
- o Other

With this in mind, it is important that your contact information on file at the office is current and up-to-date. Please let the office know immediately if your contact information changes at any time throughout the school year.

We recognize that regular attendance is essential to the safety, academic success, and well-being of all students. Thank you for your continued cooperation to keep your child safe and accounted for.

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**TORONTO DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**Lescon Public School**  
**2023 - 2024**

**H** Statutory Holiday  
**B** Bd. Designated Brea  
**PA** PA Day

**September**

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Respect

**October**

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Responsibility

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Empathy

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Kindness & Caring

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Teamwork

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Fairness

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Honesty

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Co-operation

**May**

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Integrity

**June**

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Perseverance

**Professional Activity Days:**

1. Friday, October 6, 2023
2. Friday, November 17, 2023
3. Friday, December 8, 2023
4. Friday, January 19, 2024
5. Friday, February 16, 2024
6. Friday, April 19, 2024
7. Friday, June 7, 2024

**First Day of School:**  
 Tuesday, September 5, 2023

**Last day of school for  
 Elementary students:**  
 Friday, June 28, 2024

**Dates to Remember:**

- Labour Day:** September 4, 2023
- Thanksgiving:** October 9, 2023
- Winter Break:** December 25, 2023 - January 5, 2024 (last day of school December 22, 2023; school resumes January 8, 2024)
- Provincial Family Day:** February 19, 2024
- Mid-Winter Break:** March 11 - 15, 2024
- Good Friday:** March 29, 2024
- Easter Monday:** April 1, 2024
- Victoria Day:** May 20, 2024

**Total Instructional Days: 187**

**Dates to Remember**

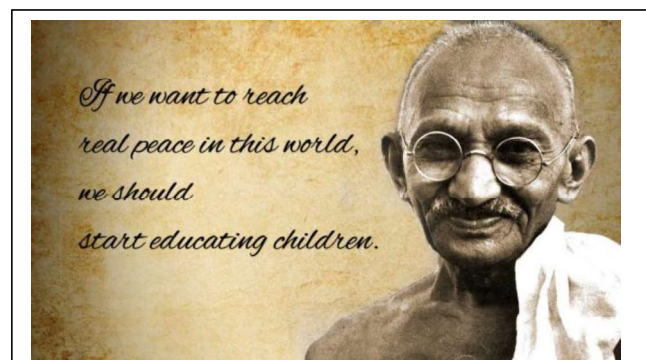
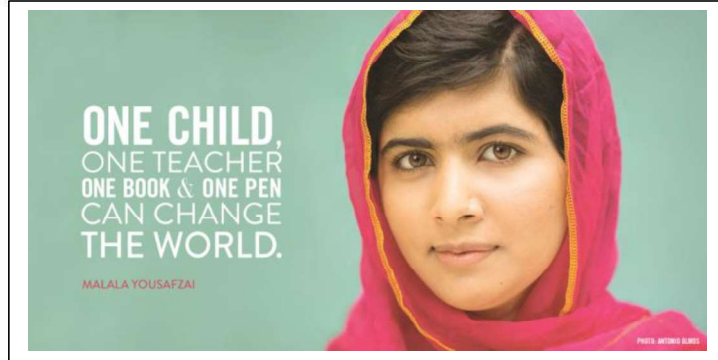
**September**

30- Orange Shirt Day

**October**

6<sup>th</sup> - PA Day

9<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving





Our teachers will be outside their designated entry doors at **8:30 am** on Tuesday morning. You should receive a welcome email or phone call from your child's teacher before the first day of school. Your child shall meet his/her teacher at the designated entry door in the morning. Students will not be permitted to enter the building through the front door this year. They must enter the school through their designated door.

Every morning teachers will meet their classes at 8:43 am and accompany them to their classroom. **Entry doors are closed at 8:45 am and at that time students will be marked late.** They will have to go around to the front of the building and chick-in at the office.

Please work on developing a morning routine with your children to walk to school if possible and arrive on time. As you are aware, Lescon Road becomes very congested in the morning and after school. Our parking lot is for staff use only. If you need to drive your child to school, you should either drop them off and allow them to walk around independently or park on nearby streets and walk a short distance. **Do not park in our bus loading zone in front of the building. Please never make U-turns on the street in front of the building.** We appreciate your support with keeping our students and your children safe by abiding by all traffic laws on Lescon Rd.

#### Entry Doors





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



September 6<sup>th</sup>

