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LES CON

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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

I hope that everyone has had a great week. The highlight of our week was learning that there will not be any “reorganization” necessary at Lescon so students will not need to move classes. Students are settled into their homeroom classes and there is a lot of exciting learning happening.

Everyone enjoyed running yesterday for the Terry Fox run. Together we also raised over \$500 for Cancer Research!! That also means that Ms. Gafoor, Mr. Buchanon, Ms. Concessao, Ms. Wei, Mr. McCaughey and ME will all be getting buckets of water on our heads on Tuesday!!!

On Monday we will begin our Nutritious

Snack program. All classrooms will be given a snack bin that students can take from to supplement their snack.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Yours in education,

Shauna Small

Our students learned about Growth Mindset and created an incredible display of positive thinking. You can see their rainbow of positivity in the hallway outside of our gym. Here it is.



Electronic Forms for “Start of the Year” were emailed electronically. These are important to submit as soon as possible so that we have current health information about your child. Please look for the email from the Board and complete them electronically.

Please remember to go over the forms booklet and sign and return them. You should also review the Code of Conduct document with your children.

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. Road Safety

It's back to school time and we would like to remind drivers to slow down in school zones.

In recent years, TDSB staff has been working closely with the City of Toronto's Transportation Services, Toronto Public Health and other community partners to improve road safety for children and youth. In 2017, the TDSB launched its Traffic Safety Program (TSP) which helps schools identify travel issues and develop workable solutions. The TSP program aligns with the City of Toronto's Vision Zero Road Safety Plan, which seeks to reduce the number of traffic-related deaths and serious injuries on Toronto's roads.

Together, we can keep school zones safe! To learn more about road safety, please visit: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Road-Safety>.



Dates to Remember

SEPTEMBER

29th – Pizza Day

29 – Orange Shirt Day –
Truth and Reconciliation

OCTOBER

6th – PA Day

9th – Thanksgiving

Reporting



Absences

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



Our Safe Arrival and Departure Policy 085 states:

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are responsible for communicating any planned student absences, lateness, or change in safe departure plans to the school on a timely basis and for providing the school with complete and current emergency information to enable the school to make any necessary follow-up contacts.

We rely on parents for this information so that we can ensure the safe arrival of all students and locate any missing students in a timely manner. Please help us by always reporting your child's absence.

Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that can be life threatening. This medical condition can cause a severe reaction to specific foods or other materials, and can result in death within minutes. Although foods such as peanuts, milk, eggs, and sesame seeds are the most common cause of anaphylaxis, insect stings, medicine, or latex can also cause a reaction. In recent years, anaphylaxis has increased dramatically among students. The TDSB, in partnership with Toronto Public Health, is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy learning environment for all students and staff.

As required by Sabrina's Law, the TDSB has established policies and procedures to prevent and manage anaphylactic reactions and to reduce the risk of exposure to anaphylactic causative agents in classrooms and common school areas.

Although this may or may not affect your child's class directly, we want to raise awareness about this life-threatening condition. Students who have severe allergies to such food substances are exposed to a severe health risk when such products are consumed in their environment or shared with them. As prevention is the best approach, we ask that you speak with your child about not sharing their snacks or lunches with other students and please do not send any snacks or lunches with your child that contain peanuts.

If your child has health problems of any kind, please inform your child's teacher or office staff immediately so that the necessary health protection steps may be taken and to ensure everyone's co-operation for a safe learning environment.

School Council Meetings

Monday Oct 2nd

Monday Dec 4th

Monday Feb 5th

Monday April 8th

Monday June 17th

6 pm in the library

All are welcome

Congratulations to **Ms. Gafoor's** class for earning the first Golden Garbage Can award for the year.



Pedestrian Safety Tips

Children under ten should be accompanied by adults or older children when crossing the street. At this age, their judgment and perceptual skills are still immature, yet they often eagerly try to cross streets on their own in order to demonstrate some independence. Learn more <https://bit.ly/2ETzMO5>.

Teach your children the rules of the road – start when they're young. Think of it as gradually training your children about safety until all the connections are in place. By the time your child reaches age ten, and can act independently, the road safety rules will be second nature.

Teach children how to cross the street safely. Teach them to stop (before stepping onto the road), look left, right and left again, and listen for traffic before stepping out into the street. Teach children to wait until the street is clear and to keep looking until they have crossed the street. They should also look the driver in the eye before crossing.

Teach children to recognize pedestrian crossing signals but not rely on them. Before crossing, children should also be sure the traffic has stopped. Remind them to continue across if the light changes to "Don't Walk" while they are in the crosswalk.

Teach children to be extra alert when crossing at a corner with no traffic lights.

Teach your children to stop at driveways, alleys and areas without curbs and to never run out onto the street.

Teach children about the dangers of crossing the street between parked cars or when not at a corner. Children should cross only at corners and pedestrian crosswalks, not diagonally or between parked cars.

Teach children to respect the role of the crossing guard and to understand his/her signals.

Teach children that wherever possible they should walk on the sidewalk. In areas without sidewalks, teach children to walk as far away from the road as possible, facing approaching traffic (when there is no choice but to walk on the road).

Teach children that playing games at railway crossings or around trains can be deadly. Teach children that the only way to cross railway tracks is to use designated railway crossings.

Follow the same rules that you want your child to follow. You may want to cut across the street in the middle of the block, but you want your child to learn to cross at the intersection. Be a good role model.

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

Orange Shirt Day
National Day for Truth &
Reconciliation Commemoration
September 29th



Saturday, September 30 marks the 10th anniversary of Orange Shirt Day and the third annual National Day for Truth & Reconciliation. The TDSB will be honouring this day, on Friday Sept 29th. [Truth and Reconciliation Week will take place Sept 25-30](#). Visit the [Urban Indigenous Education website](#) for more information about events happening across the TDSB for staff and students.

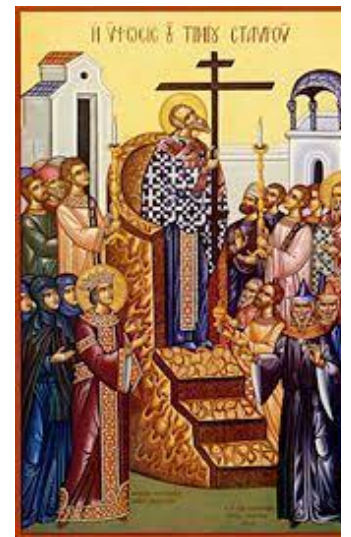


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Kathina Festival
(Buddhist)



Elevation of Holy Cross

