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# Leslieville Junior P.S.

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Thank you Ms. Adams for all of your hard work and for returning for the first few months of school
- Shaune Palmer will be the Acting Principal for December
- A permanent principal will be assigned for the beginning of January

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## Principal's Message

"Together we are better." ~Leslieville School Motto

Dear Parents and Guardians,

because the students, staff and

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the warm welcome I have received upon my return as "acting" principal. It has been a great pleasure and honour to serve Leslieville Jr. P. S. once again. My time is up at the end of November and my good friend, Ms. Shaune Palmer, will be the acting principal for the month of December.



For certain, there will be a permanent principal assigned to Leslieville for the beginning of January and we will know the name of that person by the middle of December. Of course, I will do my very best to ensure that the transition is a smooth one.

parents work together to create the best conditions for teaching and learning.

The staff and I wish you a very Happy Holiday and all the very best for the New Year!

Kind regards,

As I said at the end of June, Leslieville is an amazing school

~Leasa Adams

## Upcoming Events

### Music News

Leslieville's Holiday Concert will be held on Wednesday, December 12th at 7:00pm. This year's concert will feature Classroom Performances (Grades 1-6), as well as performances by the Ukulele Club, Grade 5 Strings, Grade 6 Band the Junior Choir. Be sure to mark this date on

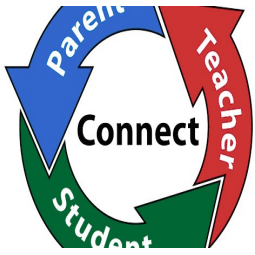
your calendar!

Also, members of the Leslieville Junior Choir will be singing at the Tree Lighting Celebration (and Food Drive) at Greenwood Park on Wednesday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Please come and join in the celebration!

~Ms Spencer



# Parent Council News



Leslieville School Council has some great news to share! We had a lot of support from our school community, tireless volunteers and generous donors, and our

fundraiser on November 9, Parents Night Out at Vatican Gift Shop raised nearly \$4,800!

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the event a success. The funds raised are put toward initia-

tives that benefit all students and enhance all of our kids' school experience. For example, the entire school enjoyed a concert last week with the acapella band, Cadence, and more musical performances will come to the school later this year.

Our next Council meeting will be on December 18 at 6-8pm at the school. All are welcome even if you haven't attended before. Pizza and childcare are available.

On December 19, Council will host a Teacher Appreciation Potluck.

We will need food for the potluck and volunteers to help set up and clean up. If you want to get involved, email Amy - [amylazar@gmail.com](mailto:amylazar@gmail.com) Please follow us on Facebook @leslievillepsparentcouncil or Twitter and Instagram @LJPSCouncil for updates.

We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm with free pizza and childcare.

## Winter Traffic Safety Tips

### Help Make this a Safe Winter Season

As winter approaches, we know that severe weather will be part of our daily lives for the next several months. While traffic safety is an important matter all year long, this is a particularly good time to review what we can do to keep students safe.

The need to be aware and alert at

all times, on any road, and even in the most routine circumstances is key to traffic safety. This applies to students and drivers alike. Road conditions can be challenging in the winter months. So to those of us who drive, please take extra care on the roads and in parking lots, especially in areas where children might be present.

School staff periodically review street and traffic safety with stu-

dents. Parents can help reinforce these safety messages with children at home. Below are some tips that might be helpful to review.

- Stop, look, and listen for traffic.
- Only cross at corners and crosswalks.
- Make eye contact with drivers.
- Walk on the right side of the crosswalk.
- Wear appropriate footwear to reduce the chances of slipping.
- Never run into the street.

## Winter Traffic Safety, continued

- Obey crossing signals.
  - Cross only if clear.
- Walk on sidewalks.
  - Where there are no sidewalks, walk as far away from traffic as possible, facing traffic.

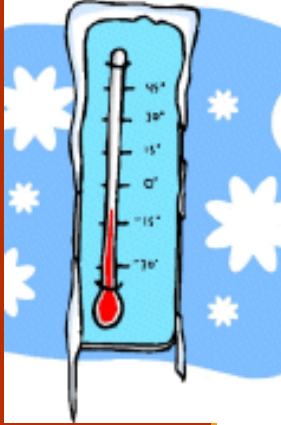
The safety of our students is always a top priority. Let's work together to make the winter season

safe so we can enjoy all it has to offer.



**It is important to review safety rules with your child at home.**

## Severe Weather



Severe weather conditions may require the TDSB to cancel transportation or, in extreme conditions, close schools. The decision to close schools is made by the Director of Education. In the event transportation is cancelled or schools are closed, the local media will be informed before the beginning of the school day. Tune in to your radio and television news stations for the latest information.

If weather conditions become extreme after students are in school, elementary students

will remain in the school until they are picked up by a parent or parent designate.

### Recess and Lunch Time

Students are kept indoors for recess and lunch time for a number of weather conditions such as rain, lightening in the area, extreme winds and extreme cold. When temperature and wind chill measure -28C or lower, students are kept indoors. Recess and lunch may be shortened if the temperature and wind chill reading is between -28C and -20C.

If a student's medical condition requires further consideration due to weather conditions, or if you have other questions or concerns about how and when weather conditions affect your child's school day, please speak with someone from the main office.

## Student Cell Phones

It is our policy at Leslieville that students keep their cell phones in their backpacks during the school day. If a student is not feeling well and needs to call home we request that the call is made from the office so we know about the call. We discourage students from using their cell phones at lunch and recesses as we want students to use that time to

socialize and be active. On occasion students will be given permission by their teachers to use their devices for research purposes.

## Character Trait for December



### Caring and Kindness

The TDSB Character Trait for December is Kindness and Caring. At Leslieville we try and demonstrate this every day, but in De-

ember we make a special effort to help others.

Once again this year we will do a food drive to support the Daily Bread Food Bank and we will have our Giving Tree in the main foyer. I challenge everyone to do a random act

of kindness each day for the month of December!

# The Literacy Corner



On November 4<sup>th</sup>, *The Toronto Star* published a remarkable story. It featured a young man now in his twenties, reflecting on his experience using the *Dial a Story* program through the Toronto Public Library. This is a service that enables families to call and listen to a story.

This man featured in the article, is the son of two refugee parents from Vietnam. At six years old, his wish was to learn English. Both his parents didn't speak English so *Dial a Story* became instrumental for

him in learning to read in English. He credits this program for developing a love for reading and stories.

*Dial a Story* is a free program, available in 16 languages, 24 hours a day. There are stories for both younger and older children.

In writing this piece, I called the number to find out for myself how it works. I quickly learned how simple it is to use: a voice comes on the line prompting you to choose the appropriate language as well as

the story level. Once you make your choice, another voice comes on the line and begins reading you a story.

*Dial a Story* is a great service that the Toronto Public Library offers and which we are fortunate to have in our city. I would encourage everyone to use it!

~Ms. Cremer

# Leslieville's Sportscast

## December's Schedule

### School Teams:

<b>Time</b> 8:00– 8:40	<b>Mon.</b> Volley- ball	<b>Tues.</b> Badmin- ton	<b>Wed.</b> Basket- ball	<b>Thurs</b> Volley- ball	<b>Fri.</b> Volley- ball
3:20 - 4:00	Volley- ball	Volley- ball	Basket- ball	Badmin- ton	Volley- ball

### Intramurals

<b>Time</b> <b>Recess</b> <b>(AM)</b>	<b>Mon.</b> Gr. 1 &2	<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Wed.</b> Gr. 3 & 4	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Fri.</b> Gr. 5 & 6
<b>Recess</b> <b>(PM)</b>	Gr. 1 &2		Gr. 3& 4		Gr. 5& 6

# Clubs and Sports

The following clubs and sports activities are currently taking place:

**ECO Club:** Meetings on Day 1 at lunch in the library

### Junior Choir:

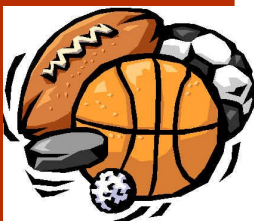
- Days 1 & 3 at lunch

**Ukulele Club:** Monday, 3:20 - 4:15pm

**GSA:** Day 5 at lunch

**Knitting Club:** Grades 4-6, Day 4, Lunch hour in Room 304

Stay tuned for more clubs and sports activities!



# ECO Club



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We are focusing on small changes that collectively have an impact on reducing this problem. We have started a

campaign to eliminate the use of drinking straws except in special circumstances (e.g., people living with a disability). Students have created posters to remind each other to refuse a drinking straw. The ECO team presented information to the school at an assembly, featuring a student made short film.

Families can support this initiative by eliminating the use of drinking straws in our community. Families can post images in support of this campaign with the hashtag

#LeslievilleLastStraw.

The Eco Club will be working on a project in December to build awareness of the problem of disposable coffee cups. We are looking for donation of disposable coffee cups, plastic lids and cardboard sleeves.

~Ms. Brown, Ms. Cremer, Mr. Hourihan, Ms. Jacobs, Ms. Karasividis, Ms. Shelley and Ms. Vahidy

# Food Drive

This month, Leslieville Public School will be hosting its annual food drive with Daily Bread Food Bank.

From December 3<sup>rd</sup> – December 17<sup>th</sup> we will be accepting donations of non-perishable food items. Items will be collected each day from the classrooms. Parents are also encouraged to bring donations on the night of our winter concert, Wednesday

December 12<sup>th</sup>.

In addition to our food drive, we will also be collecting hats, scarves and mittens for needing families in our community. Items can be brought to the tree set up in the main foyer of our school.

Thanks for your support in these two drives.

~Ms. Durant



# Poppy Campaign

This year for our Poppy Campaign, Leslieville raised \$322.45. All money has been sent to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch.

Thank you very much for your generous donations.

~Ms. Cremer



# Calendar



- Nov. 29th: Boys' Basketball Tournament at Ryerson P.S.
- Nov. 30th: Pizza Lunch & Rocks the Walk (pm)
- Dec. 7th: P.A. Day (no school)
- Dec. 12th: Winter Concert
- Dec. 18th - 19th: Carol singing in the main foyer
- Dec. 19th: Junior Choir singing at Seniors' Residence
- Dec. 21st - Jan. 6th: Winter Holidays
- Jan. 7th: Welcome back!

**Mark your calendars!**