



Principal's & Vice-Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that April is here already. The last three months of school are traditionally the busiest, and looking at our school calendar we don't anticipate this year being any different. We are already starting to plan for next year.

We had a lot of celebrations in March at LBP! Our Arts Café was a very successful event where each and every member of our learning community put 150% in planning, organizing and hosting this event. Our LBP staff and School Council were very impressed with the outcome and we are looking forward to more amazing opportunities to celebrate student learning.



Furthermore, we want to extend our sincerest thanks to our wonderful LBP Scrabble Squad who represented us well at the Toronto Schools Scrabble Championship for their dedication and excellence - finished in top place overall with 3 pairs in first, second and third place; and LBP's Student Council for organizing a VERY successful Day for the Orcas and as such, raised \$714 which has been donated to the World Wildlife Fund.



Please ensure that you mark in your calendar our next School Council meeting which will take place on **Tuesday April 25, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in our Library**. We will be discussing some important agenda items, including our **Spring BBQ** and **Vive le Livre** initiative.



Our School Council will also be hosting a **S.T.E.M. Night** at our school on **Thursday April 20, 2017** in the **evening**. A flyer with the details of this event will be emailed to you shortly.

There are many more accomplishments highlighted throughout our April newsletter! We are proud of all of our students and staff leaders for making our school a solid caring learning organization.

Mme Galeano & Mme Antolin

Student Council News Flash!

March 9th marked our largest initiative this year ... our **Day for the Orcas**, to raise funds for the World Wildlife Fund, and specifically to help WWF with their work to save the orcas off the British Columbia Coast.

Did you know that there are only 78 orcas left in that region?

The Junior and Senior Student Council members worked exceptionally hard during lunch breaks and recesses for 2-3 weeks to prepare games, arts and crafts, and contests for March 9th.



Grades 1-8 participated in the activities, while Student Council members also visited our Senior Kindergarten classes to do mini-lessons about endangered species.



A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all families who sent in a toonie or more with your child! We raised \$714 which has now been donated to World Wildlife Fund. We were also able to symbolically adopt an orca and a polar bear: look for the display in the foyer in the upcoming weeks!

Student Council Co-Chairs: Katya, Alborz, Shawn & Angelina
Teacher-Mentors : Mme Perlman, Mme Sandler, Mme Harvey & Mme Prentice-Campo

Concours d'art Oratoire

Students from grades 4-8 prepared speeches in French as part of their French Language program. On March 3rd, after many hours of research, writing, practice and presentations, students presented in their classes where one student was chosen to represent their class in the school wide competition for French Speech Arts (Concours d'art oratoire). The following students represented their classes in the School competition on March 3rd: Cindy Y, Natalie K, Alexis K, Khushi S, Gene S, Mona A, Ava S, Parsa F, Katiya A, Zachary K, Daria Q, Benny R.

The topics of the speeches were varied and very interesting.

The two students who were chosen to represent our school were Alexis K. (Grades 4-6) and Daria Q. (Grades 7 & 8).

On March 28th, at 140 Borough Drive, the TDSB Board-wide competition for the East took place. Alexis and Daria represented us well in the competition. They presented their speeches well, with enthusiasm and confidence.

Congratulations to all the participants!

Mme Romain

Tech Tip: Virtually Amazing!

Virtual Reality (VR) is taking the world by storm! From video games, to life changing [medical breakthroughs](#), and [augmented amusement park experiences](#), everyone is capitalizing on this technology to rethink human experiences. Thanks to Google Cardboard, this experience has been made accessible to schools and students. [Google Cardboards](#) are literally made of cardboard and has been designed in such a way that by putting in your Smartphone you can experience VR. You can purchase caraboaras for less than \$20, but students can also build their own for a [fun STEM challenge](#) (it IS a challenge).



There are a myriad of applications that can be added to your Smartphone (Android or iOS) to experience VR at school and at home. The easiest is to use the YouTube app and search 360 videos. You'll find many great videos which you can watch through the Google Cardboard in VR by simply tapping the Google Cardboard icon. My favourite are the [Google Spotlight Stories](#) which are great short stories in various perspectives, and videos which takes us to see things we can't normally see (e.g. [storm chasing](#), [shark encounter](#)). Other great VR apps include [Google Streetview](#), [With.in](#), [Discovery VR](#), [The New York Times VR App](#), [Google Expeditions](#) and [Google Cardboard](#).

Sandra Chow (SAC Member)

Prix Tamarac and Silver Birch Reading Clubs

Students in the French and English Reading Clubs have been diligently reading books to prepare for voting day on **Tuesday April 25th** in the Library.

In the meantime, avid readers have been continuing to read. Each student who wishes to vote for his or her favourite book as the winner for this year's Reading Clubs must read a **minimum of 5 of the books on the list**. This is quite a challenge, but they are very enthusiastic and love to come to the Library to read, discuss the books and work on a variety of activities.

Thank you to all the students who have made a commitment to this challenge.

Mme Romain & Mr. Nursimulu

LBP Authors & Poets Recognized!

Once again this year, creative writing by our grade 7 & 8 students at Lester B. Pearson has been selected for publication in the Canada-wide Polar Bear anthologies.

Congratulations to our grade 7 poets Anna, Arad, Deniz and Parsa! Congratulations to our grade 8 authors Alborz, Evelyn, Janelle, Jessica, Kayla, Katya and Victoria for their original short stories, as well as to Evan for receiving honourable mention.

Grade 7 & 8 Staff

2017 LBP Scrabble Squad News!

On March 9th, I had the pleasure of taking 8 pairs of students in grades 6, 7 & 8 to the West Division of the Toronto Schools Scrabble Championship. The students on the squad represented our school impeccably... they showed excellent sportsmanship, played fairly in an atmosphere of friendly competition, and were possibly the most enthusiastic team participating!



At the end of a long day (3 matches per team of one hour's duration each) Lester B. Pearson finished in top place overall with 3 pairs in first, second and third place respectively. Everyone played well, including our novice grade 6s. One grade 8 pair were awarded a Good Sportsmanship Award based on votes from our rival schools - a special honour!



On March 23rd the top 3 pairs from our school represented us at the city-wide finals for public and private schools. All three pairs performed very well, earning us a second-place finish as a school overall. Special congratulations to Daniel and Daniel, our grade 7 boys, who ended up in first place, and have been invited to represent Toronto in the North American tournament in Boston in May.



It has been a joy working with all the eager and respectful Scrabble players on our LBP Squad this year. We have learned a lot of new words and several new strategies, and had a great deal of fun together. CONGRATULATIONS to all our squad members!

Mme D. Prentice-Campo

REMINDER: Protection of Anaphylactic Students

In our school, there are students with potentially life threatening forms of allergic reactions called Anaphylaxis, primarily to **peanuts/nuts/tree nuts**. Furthermore, we have updated our allergy list which now includes **sesame** and **seafood**. Please note that for regulatory purposes, Health Canada uses the following terms to describe **seafood**: fish (e.g., trout, salmon), shellfish (e.g., scallops, clams) and crustaceans (e.g., lobster, shrimp). If a child with an allergy comes in contact with even a small quantity of any of these items listed, the child may develop hives, swelling and/or have difficulty breathing.

Due to the severity of this condition, parents/caregivers are requested to ensure that lunches **do not contain peanut/nut/tree nut products**. Also, **please refrain from bringing in treats such as cakes, baked goods, donuts, cookies for birthdays and other celebrations because of the risks associated with these products for students with severe allergies.**

For information on food allergies, please visit <http://foodallergyCanada.ca/>. We thank you for your continued support and understanding.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3	4	5 Jour M Scientists in the School (Gr. 2B – P.M.) 	6 Scientists in the School (Gr. 2A – A.M.) 	7	8
	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 1	Day 2	
9	10	11 Junior Achievement (Financial Literacy) – Gr. 6s	12 Day of Pink  Fire Safety Presentation (P.M.) Gr 1 & Gr. 2 Junior Achievement (Financial Literacy) – Gr. 6s	13 Trip to the McMichael Art Gallery Grade 4s AND Trip to the R.O.M. Grade5s 	14 Good Friday (NO SCHOOL)	15
	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6		
16	17 Easter Monday (NO SCHOOL)	18	19 Trip to Ontario Science Centre Grades 7s & 8s  TDSB Parent & Student Census due @ LBP	20 SK Grad. Pics  S.T.E.M. Family Night @ LBP	21 Jour M Apple Crunch Sk-8 Community Clean-Up	22
		Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	
23	24	25 School Council Meeting @ 7 P.M. (Library) Jump Rope for Heart & Apple Crunch @ LBP 	26	27	28 Character Assembly (a.m.)  Monthly Pizza Lunch @ LBP 	29
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	
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LBP wants to encourage the love of books with all our students
so we are hosting.....

LBP's 1st Annual "VIVE le LIVRE" Book Drive

What is it?

A school wide book donation drive where families can **contribute gently used English and French children's books** that may be collecting dust in your home.

We will then have a fundraising sale at the **Super Spring Fair and BBQ** where all families will have the opportunity to purchase books for a nominal price.

The goal is to give another child at LBP the chance to enjoy a well-loved book.

How can we help?

Go through your bookshelves while you are Spring Cleaning and **donate** them to the LBP Book Drive....

Where & When should I drop off the books?

A Book Bin will be placed in a central location **in the school foyer**
to collect book donations from **April 3rd – April 13th**

*****All proceeds from Vive le Livre to go towards enhancing student education and development*****

SAVE THE DATE!



LBP SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESENTS

SUPER SPRING FAIR & BBQ

RAIN
OR
SHINE

THURSDAY
MAY 25TH
2017

5-8PM



ON THE SCHOOL
GROUNDS

SUPER YUMMY!

Bring the whole family out for yummy hamburgers, hot dogs, Menchie's frozen yoghurt, drinks and more!

SUPER FUN!

There will be face painting, balloon animals, henna, crazy hair, bouncy castle, mega soaker, soccer, silent auction, contests, Vive le Livre book sale and lots more!

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!

All proceeds go towards enhancing student education and development.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

If you would like to volunteer for this event, please click on this link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4fabab22abfe3-thur8>

Or

email: LBP.SAC@GMAIL.COM

Lester B. Pearson Elementary School School Council



SUPER SILENT AUCTION @ 2017 Super Spring Fair & BBQ

Leading up to LBP's Super Spring Fair & BBQ (Thursday May 25th), there will also be an Online Auction of items donated by our Community Supporters. So far, donated items include:

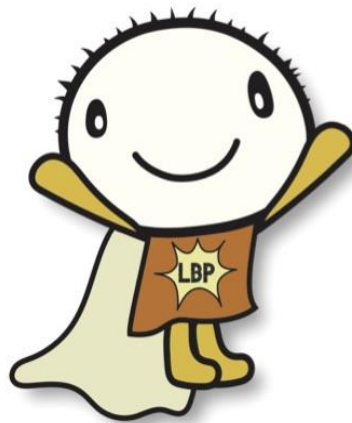
- Summer & Sports camps
- Dance classes
- Swim classes
- French classes
- New toys
- Grocery gift certificates
- Pizza & Restaurant certificates
- Gallery & theatre tickets
- Jewelry
- Sports club certificates

LBP FAMILIES & STAFF CAN DONATE TOO!

If **YOU** would like to donate item(s) to our Silent Auction, please email us at lbp.sac@gmail.com, with the subject line "Silent Auction Donation", **before Thursday April 13th**.

All auction proceeds will be used towards enhancing student education & development!

Thank you for supporting our school!







Lester B. Pearson Elementary School
School Council presents ...



**SUPER SPRING FAIR & BBQ 2017
 DONATION FORM**

YOUR opportunity to support LBP by donating to Super Spring Fair & BBQ 2017!

Your donation will support one of this year's many exciting attractions!

PLS CHECK	LEVELS	ATTRACTION
	PLATINUM LEVEL \$1000 - This level may include inflatable obstacle course, ice cream truck, and /or petting zoo, etc.	
	GOLD LEVEL \$500 - This level may include inflatable slides, medieval castles, etc.	
	SILVER LEVEL \$250 - This level may include smaller inflatables or Menchie's yoghurt station	
	BRONZE LEVEL \$150 attractions may include professional face painting, henna art, balloon animals booth, etc.	

I would like to join the list of donors with a donation

Please Check One: \$25 \$75 Other \$ _____
 \$50 \$100

Each level may have multiple donors. Signage for donor levels will appear next to each attraction.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL!

Return Donation Form in an envelope marked "LBP SC BBQ" to the LBP office

*by deadline: **Friday, April 28th, 2017.***

For more information, please contact the BBQ Committee at LBP.SAC@GMAIL.COM

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

COMPANY NAME (if applicable): _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____ CHEQUE ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Important Notes:

A tax receipt will be issued for CHEQUE donations of \$25 or more.

Please issue cheque to "**TDSB - Lester B Pearson Elementary School**"

For tax receipt purposes, please write the name and address of the company/person who is to receive the tax receipt on the back of the cheque.