

Principal's Message

First and foremost, I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome that I have received. It is always exciting to see the enthusiasm in our students, staff and parents/caregivers as we begin another term in the school year.

I also want to take this opportunity to inform you that you will be receiving a **monthly newsletter** highlighting important announcements and upcoming events.

We have a wonderful opportunity to work together in order to make our school the very best that it can be! As parents/ caregivers, you have a very important role in the education of your children. I look forward to working with you, your children, the staff and community in order to make our school a place of shared vision, excellence in learning and positive community spirit. I am committed to working hard to achieve these goals by fostering partnerships, building community and keeping the lines of communication open at all times.

Mme Galeano

National Sweater Day – Thursday February 2nd, 2017

Our school will be taking part in **National Sweater Day on Thursday February 2nd, 2017**. **National Sweater Day** is an annual event organized by World Wildlife Fund Canada. On **National Sweater Day**, WWF asks Canadians to turn down thermostats by two degrees Celsius at home, school and at work to highlight the role that energy conservation plays in preventing climate change.

Our school will be a little chillier on February 2nd, 2017, so we are asking that all students wear a sweater. **Sweaters must be appropriate for school attire**. To learn more about National Sweater Day, please visit: sweaterday.ca

We are looking forward to a cozy day in the classroom!

Sincerely,

LBP Eco-Team



Feb. 2ND
Gr. 7/8 GIRLS
VOLLETBALL (P.M.) at
ZION HEIGHTS
AND
Feb. 14TH at
CUMMER VALLEY



Feb. 2ND
NATIONAL
SWEATERDAY!



Feb. 2ND
VERA BIGALL (INT'L
SCRBBLE MASTER
COACHING THE LBP
SCRABBLE SQUAD



Jan 31ST
AND
Feb. 28TH
SCHOOL COUNCIL
MEETINGS IN LIBRARY
7:00 P.M.



Personal Electronic Devices

As we share space, resources and responsibility for the safety and well-being of our students, it is important that there is **common understanding** of TDSB policies as well as school procedures and practices.

As per page 10 of our Student Planner, “ **please be reminded that the use of cell phones is not permitted by students during instructional time; cell phones must be powered off and out of view during instructional time and during school sanctioned events unless otherwise approved by the Principal or teacher. All other electronic communications and media devices – MP3s, I-Pods, cameras, video cameras, etc. – are not permitted during instructional time or during school sanctioned events (unless otherwise approved by the Principal or the teacher for program use).** ”

If you need to contact your child during the school day please contact our school at (416) 395-2650. If your child needs to contact you, he/she is to use the school office phone.

It is our hope that this procedure will ensure common understanding, and that our students feel welcome, safe and comfortable in our school as we provide service to our community of learners and their families.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Parking Lot Concerns

We want to thank all of you for your patience and cooperation during student drop-off and pick-up times, particularly during inclement weather. However, we continue to experience difficulty and challenges in our parking lot on a daily basis. We kindly ask your cooperation to please **refrain parking your vehicle in the parking lot between 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.** which will allow our staff to enter, park and proceed to their instructional space in a timely and safe manner. Unfortunately, **parking spots are very limited.**

For those who drive, please take extra care on the roads, especially in areas where children might be present. Parents can help further by keeping school contact information up-to-date, including cell and business numbers. It's important for our staff to have this information to know who to contact in cases of emergencies. Working together, we can make our communities safer for our children.

Feb. 3RD
GRADE 8
GRAD. PHOTO DAY!



SCIENTISTS IN THE SCHOOL
Feb 8TH → 3A & 3B
Feb 10TH → 6A
Feb 16TH → 6B



Feb. 9TH
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
7 P.M. (GYM)



Feb. 9TH
GR. 7s & 8s
TRIP TO THE AGO



Feb. 13TH
REPORT CARDS SENT HOME



Update: Lester B Pearson's Jour M System

In October, we had a **Jour M idea contest** that asked LBP students and staff to submit activity ideas or themes for this year's **Jour M program**. General categories of activities emerged from these ideas: sports-related/physical activities, outdoor games, team-building challenges, DP, games, board games, reading buddies, trivia competitions, Yoga, dancing music-related, arts and crafts. With these suggestions in mind, the LBP House Committee has been very busy planning enriching and engaging activities this year!

Our next Jour M will be a team challenge, followed by a celebration of the 100th Day of School. **The next few "Jour Ms" are: January 30th, February 13th, March 1st, and March 22nd.** Please try to send your child/ren to school on Jour M wearing their LBP t-shirt.

The LBP House Committee

Reminder: Grade 8 Graduation Photos

Reminder: Grade photos for our grade 8 students will take place on **Friday February 3rd, 2017** in the gym.

Protection of Anaphylactic Students

In our school, there are students with potentially life threatening forms of allergic reactions called Anaphylaxis, primarily to peanuts and/or nuts. If a child with an allergy comes in contact with even a small quantity of peanut or other nut products, 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.

Feb. 16TH
PARENT-TEACHER
INTERVIEWS
(EVENING)
AND

Feb. 17TH
PARENT-TEACHER
INTERVIEWS
(MORNING)



Feb. 17TH
P.A DAY – SCHOOL
CLOSED



Feb. 20th
FAMILY DAY –
SCHOOL CLOSED



Feb. 24TH
PIZZA LUNCH



Feb. 28TH
4A, 4B, 4C & 5A, 5B, 5C
TRIP TO ROY
THOMSON HALL





Guidance Corner

The students in grade 8 have all completed a high school course selection sheet using My Blue Print (www.myblueprint.ca) for their home schools only. Students have chosen their grade 9 courses and the course types (Locally Developed Compulsory Credit, Academic, Applied, Open) etc. and will be discussing their choices with their subject teachers shortly. Parents will also have an opportunity to see the course selection sheet and have discussions with their child as well their teacher about it. Changes to the student's choices can be made at any time by visiting the My Blue Print website from any device. Once the parents and students are in agreement with the choices, parents are asked to sign the Parent Sign Off sheet and return it to their child's teacher by Wednesday February 22, 2017. If you and your child are waiting for the Offers of Admission for other schools, they should get those responses by Friday February 17, 2017. Students who have accepted an Offer of Placement from another school are required to complete an alternate online course selection sheet. Once parents have signed off on this sheet, the course selection sheet for their home school will be discarded and the new sheet will be handed in to their new school.

Grade 7 students will continue to use the My Blue Print program at various times throughout the school year.

Students in grades 6, 7 and 8 listened to two presentations this past December. The first presentation was given by Officer Martin Douglas who spoke about the Crimestoppers program (<https://222tips.com/>), online activity and how to protect oneself while using the internet. The second presentation was given by Jasmeen Chandi who spoke about the Kids Help Phone program (www.kidshelpphone.ca). Both presentations provided students with information about how to access resources to support them if they find themselves in situations that they are not comfortable with at any time.

Grade 8 students also received a presentation from Peter Gray who is a Guidance Counsellor at Newtonbrook Secondary School. He spoke to the students about the various programs that exist at Newtonbrook and what to expect should students choose to go there in September 2017. He also brought with him former Lester B. Pearson students to speak about their experiences at Newtonbrook during their time there. The students asked a lot of questions and the current Newtonbrook students spoke very candidly about their experiences at the school.

If at any time, you would like to connect with me, feel free to do by contacting the school or by emailing me at kevin.williams@tdsb.on.ca.

Mr. K. Williams

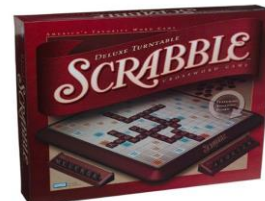
Feb. 28th
GRADES 6, 7 & 8
CANADIAN MATH
LEAGUE CONTEST



Feb. 27th
CHARACTER
ASSEMBLIES



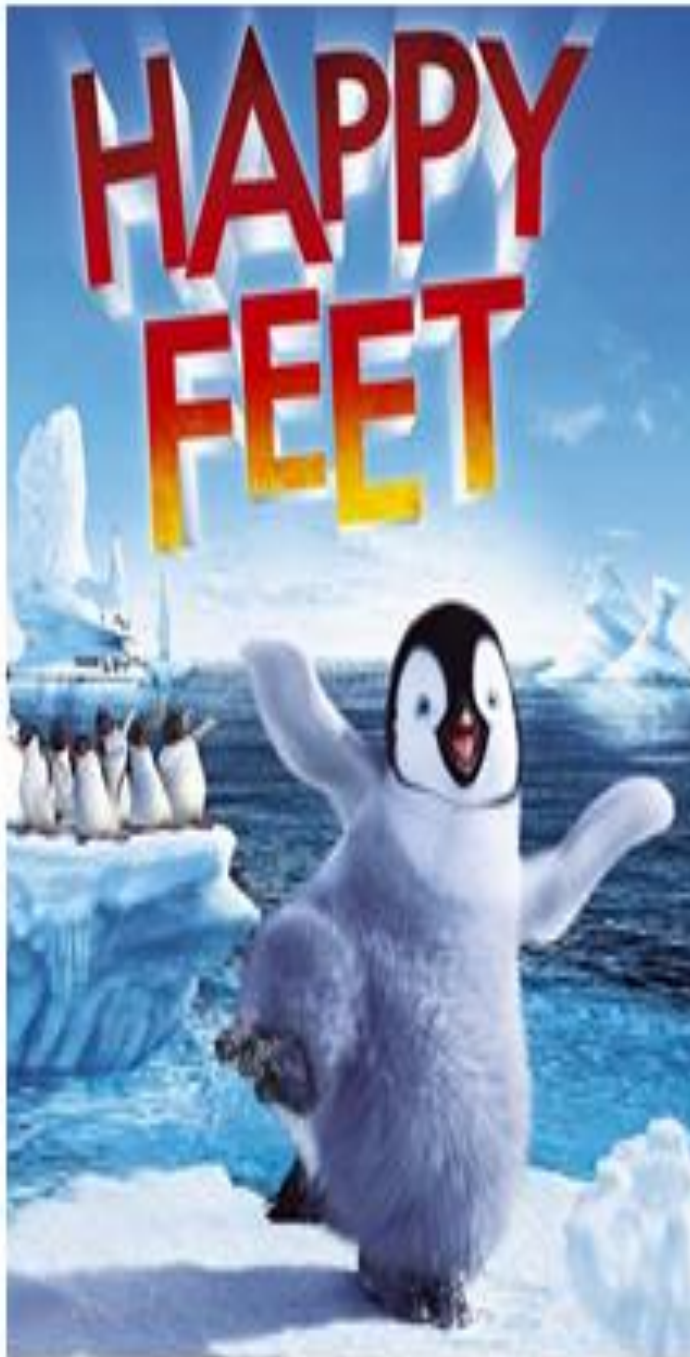
March 1st
GRADES 6, 7, 8
SCRABBLE
TOURNAMENT AT
JACK MINER P.S.





Lester B. Pearson Elementary School

School Council presents ...



Movie Night!

Thursday, February 9th, 2017

FREE ADMISSION

When: Thursday, February 9th

Where: LBP Gym

Red Carpet Entrance: Via Door 1 or 7

Doors open: 6:15 pm

Movie Starts: 6:30 pm

WHAT TO BRING

Wear your pajamas
and bring a blanket!
Mats are provided.

CONCESSION STAND

Juice, Water - \$1.50
Popcorn - \$1.50

Parents MUST accompany & supervise your children throughout the movie!



SECONDARY SCHOOLS CLOSED TO OPTIONAL ATTENDANCE

(SEPTEMBER 2017 – 2018)

FACT SHEET

Schools are classified as limited or closed to optional attendance based on the space they have available for the upcoming school year.

All schools not deemed closed are limited. A school classified as limited can accept student on optional attendance. A limited school is not obliged to accept all students who apply under optional attendance. Acceptance is conditional upon space being available in the appropriate grade and program. If a school is classified as limited, and you are interested in applying to that school, please contact the school's principal. If requests for admission exceed the available space, a lottery will be held in February in accordance with the Optional Attendance Policy.

A school classified as closed cannot accept any students under optional attendance to regular programs. Only students residing within the school's attendance area will be accepted.

For more information about the Optional Attendance Policy and Procedures, go to www.tdsb.on.ca > Find Your School > Optional Attendance.

The following schools have been deemed CLOSED to optional attendance for regular programs and will NOT accept optional attendance requests.

REGULAR PROGRAMS

Learning Centre 1
Lawrence Park CI
Leaside HS
Marc Garneau CI
Vaughan Road Academy

Learning Centre 2
Earl Haig SS

Learning Centre 3
Lester B. Pearson CI
Native Learning Center East
RH King Academy
SATEC @ W.A. Porter CI
Sir Wilfrid Laurier CI
Wexford CI School for the Arts

Learning Centre 4
Humberdale CI
Malvern CI
Riverdale CI

EXTENDED FRENCH

Humberdale CI
Lawrence Park CI

FRENCH IMMERSION

Harbord CI
Humberdale CI
Lawrence Park CI
Richview CI

Note - Please check directly with specialized programs or specialized schools for their status.