



Principal's & Vice-Principal's Message

February has flown past and the students have been working hard in this pivotal month in the school year.

An area that we are continually focussing on is the development of leadership skills in our students. You may be interested to know that our students provide school service in the following areas: running bi-monthly character trait assemblies; door monitors; recycling; daily announcements, and the list goes on. One of the nice things about our school is that you can always find a student ready and willing to help out. Thank you to our students!

Our staff work hard to provide a wealth of experiences for our students. We are pleased to be offering a variety of interesting extra-curricular activities and leadership opportunities for our students such as: Drumming Club; Chess Club (Primary); Crochet & Knitting Club; Eco-Club; French Homework Club; Jour 'M'; Forest of Reading Prix-Tamarac; Forest of Reading; Silver Birch; Lego Club (Primary); Junior & Senior Band; Scrabble Club; Sign Language Club; Intramurals; and Student Council. Thank you to our Staff!

Our amazing School Council has also been working hard to create opportunities for our LBP families. Our Family Movie Night which took place in our school gym on Thursday February 9th, 2017 was a huge success! Our School Council is in the process of planning some upcoming events and fundraisers. Please stay tuned and more details will follow soon.

Please note that our next School Council meeting will take place on **Tuesday April 25, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in our Library**. Thank you to our committed group of parents/caregivers!

Finally, thank you for supporting all that we do in order create a positive learning environment where everyone feels welcomed and respected!

We would also like to wish everyone a safe, fun and enjoyable March Break.

Mme Galeano & Mme Antolin

Student Council News Flash!

Did you know that there are only 78 orcas remaining off the Canadian Pacific Coast? The numbers have nose-dived in recent years, along with the populations of so many other iconic Canadian species.

On **Tuesday March 7th** Lester B. Pearson's Student Council will be holding a day of games, crafts, contests and other activities related to a wide variety of endangered species for all classes and grades. We will be asking for a donation of a toonie (\$2) from students who are able to contribute, and will be sending 100% of the money collected to the **Fund to Save The Orcas at the World Wildlife Federation**.

More details to follow! Thank you so much for supporting our latest initiative, and supporting our non-human Canadian residents!

The Lester B. Pearson Student Council and Teacher-Mentors
(Mme Perlman, Mme Sandler, Mme Harvey, Mme Prentice-Campo)



Save the Date: March 23rd, 2017 ARTS CAFÉ at LBP! 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

We will be holding our first **Arts Café** for students in Grades 6, 7 and 8 who will be showcasing their integrated arts projects (e.g. Music, Visual Arts, Dance and Language Arts). Parent(s)/guardian(s) and siblings of participating students are invited to join us for this special evening celebrating the arts at LBP.

We are looking forward to a cozy day in the classroom! For more information regarding this event, please contact Mme Sandler & Mme Polyanovsky.

Mme Sandler & Mme Polyanovsky

TDSB Excellence Awards

We have amazing staff in the TDSB. The Excellence Awards are our opportunity to honour and celebrate outstanding TDSB individuals and programs. Recognizing our staff not only celebrates their accomplishments and efforts, it inspires others to excel in their own roles.

Staff, students, parents, community members are invited to nominate a TDSB staff member or team whose work has made a difference in their life or the lives of those around them.

The deadline for nominations is **Tuesday March 21st, 2017 at 4 p.m.**
Learn more at www.tdsb.on.ca/excellence and read the [frequently asked questions](#).

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, tuna), 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 products 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 any of these products.

Please refrain from bringing in treats such as cakes, baked goods, donuts, cookies etc. for birthdays and other celebrations because of the risks associated with these products for students with severe allergies.

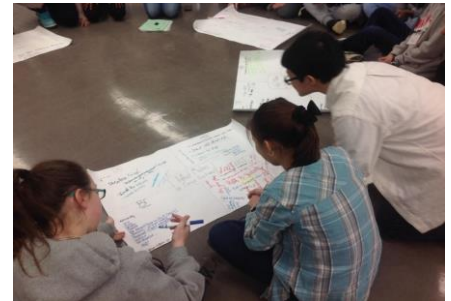
For more information on food allergies, please visit <http://foodallergycanada.ca/>. We thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Eco Schools Middle School Conference

On Friday, January 27, the LBP Eco Club attended the 2017 Eco -conference at Downsview Park! This trip to Downsview Park provided us with an amazing opportunity to meet other Eco Club leaders from various schools in TDSB. At the conference, we learned about what we can do to inform our peers and community about important topics about our environment, such as climate change and recycling. We also learned about how we can help the environment and the importance of our actions. The group discussions and activities boosted our confidence, leadership, and teamwork ability.



In one particular activity, we worked as a team to lead a game about wildlife. Each team did a different game that was engaging and well-planned. Our game was about the habitats of species. There were 24 squares laid out like a grid and had a specific pattern to follow on the squares that we plotted for the other players to guess. If they stepped on the wrong square they would have to go back while the next player used their previous moves to make decisions of where to go. This activity not only made us use logic, but also communication and teamwork. We noticed that among the players, the more communication and help they got from each other, the faster they figured out the pattern.



Other than our activity, we also participated in many entertaining activities prepared by other teams. The activities encouraged us to come out of our comfort zone and overall have a fun time. Later on, we had chocolate chip cookies and hot cocoa-yum! The Eco Conference energized the LBP Eco-Club with new ideas for eco events, awareness campaigns, eco-competitions and more. This conference gave us a great opportunity to exercise our leadership, team-building, collaboration, and communication.
















Text by Angelina Li, Grade 8 Eco Leader
Grade 7-8 Eco Leaders are Katya, Liza, Alison, Daria Q and Angelina

Eco Fun at LBP!!! Jour M System

Our next Jour M will be an extra special day! Student leaders from our Eco Team and Student Council have joined forces to provide fun and educational sessions about how we can be more eco-friendly at LBP. Games and trivia are amongst the planned activities for each house group. Our next **Jour M** will be on **Wednesday March 22nd, 2017**. Please try to send your child/ren to school on Jour M wearing their LBP t-shirt.

The LBP House Committee

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <i>* Jour M *</i>	2	3 Concours d'art Oratoire 	4
			Day 10	Day 1	Day 2	
5	6 Scientists in the School (Gr. 1C & 1D a.m.) 	7 The Day For The Orcas (all day) 	8 Scrabble Squad Tournament @ Dublin Heights P.S. (Gr. 6/7/8) 	9 Final payment for Gr. 8 Montreal Trip in May 	10 Character Assembly (a.m.) 	11
	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	
12	13 March Break (NO SCHOOL)	14 March Break (NO SCHOOL)	15 March Break (NO SCHOOL)	16 March Break (NO SCHOOL)	17 March Break (NO SCHOOL)	18
19	20	21 Scientists in the School (SK B – P.M.) 	22 <i>* Jour M*</i> Scientists in the School (SK C – P.M. & Gr. 2D – P.M.) 	23 Scientists in the School (SK A – P.M.)  ARTS CAFÉ (Gr. 6, 7, 8 - Gym) 6 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. 	24 Jump Rope for Heart Kick off - 2 Assemblies (A.M.) 	25
	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 1	Day 2	
26	27	28	29 Trip to Ontario Science Centre (1A, 1B, 1C, 2A, 2B and 2/3C) 	30	31 Monthly Pizza Lunch @ LBP 	
	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	