

The Lillian Links

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Upcoming Events

Remote Learning is continuing until we are directed differently by the Ministry of Education.

Please continue to Engage with the learning that has been sent to you by your child's teacher through Google Classroom or email. These activities are meant to continue your child's learning but also to help create some routine and normalcy. Both your child's physical health and mental health are our priorities. We are here to support you!

If your child was part of Korean or Farsi classes, their Instructor is trying to reach parents. If you have not been reached please contact the supervisor at: 416-395-3234 or email her at Young-Ah.Kim@tdsb.on.ca

Principal's Message

It is amazing to me that it is the middle of April and we have not seen each other since March 13th. How suddenly things can change!

We hope this newsletter finds you and your families healthy and safe. Our Lillian community is strong, and has a huge heart. We are all here to support each other.

We would like to thank all the parents that were able to join and help their children participate in the remote learning that has been set up by our teachers. We are all adjusting to this new way of "attending school" and we appreciate that this is a learning curve for everyone.

We hope that all families have been able to connect with their child's teacher. If you have not heard from your child's teacher, please let us know by emailing the Lillian P.S. mailbox at Lillian@tdsb.on.ca

Some of our families applied online with the TDSB to receive devices to allow their children to participate in remote learning. If you applied online, your device will be delivered directly to your home by Purolator. The TDSB is delivering thousands of devices, so please be patient.

Once you receive your device, if you are struggling with the technology you can go to :

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Remote-Learning/Student-Device-Support>

An important letter was sent home before March Break by email, notifying the community of the change to our bell times for the 2020-21 school year. Beginning in September, our school hours will change to 9:15am-3:45pm. Please see the detailed letter that was emailed to you on February 26th for the reason for this change. You can email your questions to: belltimes@tdsb.on.ca

We hope everyone continues to practice social distancing, and stay safe, and healthy! We miss you all!

Linda Merling-Brown
Principal



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Class Placements for 2020-2021

Class placement meetings for September 2020 school year will take place in late May/early June. The teachers and administration work collaboratively to determine the best class placement for all of our students. The following factors are considered:

- learning style/ needs of students
- social skills and peer interactions/ gender combinations
- teaching style
- Ministry Guidelines regarding class size

The teachers who work with your child(ren) and all of the other children at their respective grade level, have the best perspective on these issues and will be working closely together with the administration to make good decisions for the students, teachers and Lillian Public School as a whole. Your input is valued and you are welcome to provide information that may assist your child's teacher in making these important decisions.

Appropriate details would include your child's placement history, the type of learner that you perceive they are, the style of instruction that you feel they would best benefit from and /or any relevant medical information. **Parents may not request a specific teacher** for their child(ren) and this type of request will not be accepted. Parents are asked to not include teacher names on any submitted correspondence, as information will be shared with the group at our placement meetings. **Please send any requests to the Lillian office, attention: Mrs. Merling-Brown, at the Lillian email mailbox, (Lillian@tdsb.on.ca) no later than May 1, 2020.**



September - Respect
October - Responsibility
November - Empathy
December - Kindness & Caring
January - Teamwork
February - Fairness
March - Honesty
April - Co-operation
May - Integrity
June - Perseverance

Character Development

"This month our Character Trait will be Co-operation. Co-operation is the act or process of working together to get something done. Co-operation is a trait that is always practiced here at Lillian with all our staff and students. Teachers and students are cooperating daily as we try to work together in this "new way".

We know our students are continuing to demonstrate their best character at home with you. We hope they are helping you, cooperating with you as they engage in remote learning with our school!



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New Phone Numbers, Addresses, Emergency Contacts

Please let the office (Lillian@tdsb.on.ca) know if you have any new phone numbers for work, home or cell and if you have a home address change so that we may update our computer data right away. Too often during emergencies when a child is ill, we contact work numbers only to find out that the parent no longer works there. We also contact the home and cell numbers provided, only to find out they are out of service. It is vital that we have accurate numbers to reach parents in case of emergencies, so please take the time to update us if there are any changes.

If you are moving away from the Lillian Public School catchment area, please advise the office in writing, giving the last date your child will be attending here, and advising us of the name and location of the new school.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!



Pink Day @ Lillian!!!

Pink Day was started in Nova Scotia when 2 high school students saw a boy wearing a pink shirt being bullied. The 2 students intervened and decided to purchase pink shirts and got everyone to arrive at school wearing pink, stand up and speak out against bullying. The result was that the entire school took a stand and began working together to stop bullying.

The message was clear: anyone can bully and, anyone can be victimized by bullying, but together we can stop it.

Discrimination comes in many forms. These social diseases create barriers, bullying, harassment, hate and violence. No one should have to experience the negativity created by discrimination. The Day of Pink is more than just a symbol of a shared belief in celebrating diversity – it's also a commitment to being open minded, accepting differences and learning to respect each other. At Lillian, we will wear pink one day each month to stand up and speak out against bullying.

Stand Up and Speak Out Against Bullying - Wear Pink on the May 13th !