

# The Lillian Links

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Dec. 6: PA Day
- ◆ Dec. 13: Pink Day
- ◆ Dec. 13: Last Day for Toy Mountain donations
- ◆ Dec. 19: Afternoon Sing-A-Long
- ◆ Dec. 19: Pizza Lunch
- ◆ Dec. 20: Morning Sing-A-Long
- ◆ Dec. 20: Holiday Wear Day
- ◆ Dec. 21-Jan. 5: Winter Break
- ◆ Jan. 6: Back to School
- ◆ Jan. 13: Pink Day
- ◆ Jan. 14-16: Dental Screening
- ◆ Jan. 16: Pizza Day
- ◆ Jan. 16: Parent Council Meeting @ 1:30pm
- ◆ Jan. 17: PA Day
- ◆ Jan. 24: Character Ed. Assembly (PM)
- ◆ Jan. 24: Pajama Day

## Principal's Message

It is hard to believe another month has passed and our Winter Break is almost here!

Teachers and students worked hard together to prepare a beautiful Remembrance Day assembly. The poems, songs, peace wreaths and dramatic presentations were all an amazing tribute to those men and women that have served and continue to serve our country.

Thank-you as well for the generous donations for the poppy fund. This year we raised over \$300! Our next global goal is to fill boxes of toy donations for Toy Mountain.

Progress reports and parent teacher interviews have now been completed. Communication between parents and teachers is vitally important, and will help us to work together for student success.

Our school continues to try and be an Eco School. Please help us keep our status by ensuring that you send a litterless lunch to school. Please send all snacks and lunches in recyclable containers whenever possible. We will continue to have blue and green bins available for

recyclables and food waste. All other garbage will be "boomeranged" back home. Finally, since this is the last newsletter before the winter break, we would like to wish everyone a very happy and healthy holiday! Enjoy your time with family and friends and we look forward to all of our students returning to school on Monday January 6<sup>th</sup>, refreshed and ready to learn!

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## Stay Healthy During Flu Season

Flu season is here again. In Canada, flu season tends to run between October and April. The Ontario government is encouraging Ontarians to avoid getting sick this flu season by getting their annual flu shot.

Toronto Public Health is recommending that whenever students and staff experience flu-like symptoms, they are sent home and do not return to school until they are no longer infectious to others. Therefore, ill students and staff should be symptom free (especially from vomiting and diarrhea) for at least 48 hours before returning to school.

The primary concern is for health and safety of all students and staff. Please note that no special measures are required when there is a case of influenza in a school or daycare. However, everyone should do their part to stop the spread of the flu. As parents, you can assist by:

- reminding children to cover their sneeze and cough;
- watching for symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea, dizziness, and/or high fever;
- informing the school if your child is ill;
- keeping your child at home when he/she is ill.

For more information please visit the Toronto Public Health website [www.toronto.ca/health](http://www.toronto.ca/health), contact your family doctor, or Telehealth Ontario. 1-866-797-0000.



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

## Character Development

Character Development is embedded in many things that we do at Lillian on a daily basis. Each month, through assemblies, lessons and activities, we will learn about and celebrate the focus trait of the month. In November, we focused on learning about EMPATHY and the many ways that we can demonstrate

empathy at school. We have continued with our weekly draws and now have monthly character winners as well. Next month, our focus will be on KINDNESS AND CARING.

### **Gingerbread House Draw**

We are thrilled to let you know that we have received a donation of three beautiful gingerbread houses for our school. These decorative gingerbreads were created by the wife of one of our lunch room supervisors, Carol Easton. They are completely nut free.

We are going to hold a draw for the gingerbread houses on December 19<sup>th</sup> during our afternoon Sing-A-Long. One house will go to a lucky primary student (K-2) one will go to a lucky junior division student (Gr 3-5) and the third will go to a lucky staff member.

Tickets for the draw are available to purchase at \$2.00 each. A form with tickets will be sent home with students shortly. Money raised from this draw will be used towards the purchase of more technology for the school.



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### **Lillian is building a “Toy Mountain”**

This year Lillian PS will be participating in **CTV’s Toy Mountain**. The Salvation Army and CTV work together to help families struggling to make ends meet and ensure that they too have a happy holiday season. This is the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Toy Mountain Campaign which collects new, unwrapped toys for children in our own community, who would not otherwise have anything to open on Christmas. Here at Lillian, we strive to teach children the importance of giving. We are hoping to collect over 300 toys (1 donation from each child in our school) to make sure every child and teenager has a happy holiday.

Please send in a new unwrapped toy by Friday December 13<sup>th</sup>, and help us build our very own Lillian Toy Mountain in the main office. All donations will be delivered to an official drop-off location.

A special thank-you to Mrs. Zaleski for organizing this special event.

**Please help support the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Toy Mountain Campaign with an unwrapped toy.**

<http://www.salvationarmy.ca/ontario/toy-mountain>



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During the 2018-2019 school year, a student, Liam, decided he wanted to do something for those who are less fortunate than us. He was not sure what to do exactly so he brought the question before the class. As a group, we decided to support Sick Kids Hospital. Liam and a couple of students decided we should make "Jeffs" to sell. "Jeffs" are paper created faces. The "Jeffs" could be used for anything, such as bookmarks, or toys. All the students in Miss Brown's Grade 3/4 class made these wonderful pieces. During lunch and recesses the students sold them for \$0.25. We made just over \$27.00 which was donated to Sick Kids Hospital. Sick Kids sent us a certificate for all of their hard work. It hangs outside of Miss Brown's room. This is a wonderful example of student caring and student led learning. Congratulations!



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### **Incllement Weather**

A reminder to parents that should the weather warrant the cancellation of school buses, the buses are cancelled for the full day. The Board does not offer transportation later in the day, once the buses have already been cancelled in the morning. Information will be available on AM Radio: FAN 590, CFTR 680, CFRB 1010, CHUM 1050, CHIN AM-1540, CHOG-TALK 640 FM Radio: KISS 92.5, CHFI 98.1, CBC 99.1, CKFM 99.9, CFNY 102.1, CHUM 104.5, CILQ 107.1, CHIN FM- 100.7, CIDC-HITS 103.5, CJEZ-EZ ROCK 97.3, FLOW-93.5

TV- The Weather Channel, CP 24, CFMT, CFTO, CITY-TV, GLOBAL TV, ROGERS.COM-www.globaltv.com , [www.thestar.com](http://www.thestar.com)

All students are expected to go outside for some fresh air during recess and lunch breaks. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather: hats, mittens, warmer jackets and boots are good suggestions.

As well, please remember that if your child is too sick to go outside at recess time, your child is too sick to be at school. Thanks advance for your cooperation!

### **Library News**

This month we are so excited to add some new books to our Library Collection. We have added some new books in a few different languages, Spanish, Farsi, Russian, Korean, Hindi, and French. We have also added some new Graphic Novels. Students are encouraged to come view them and sign them out to read at home. Next month we will add 2 more favourites at Lillian, The 2020 Ripleys and 2020 Guinness Book of World Records, which is a Lillian favourite. Please remember to bring back your Library books on your Library Day, this allows everyone to have a chance to read our AWESOME books. Remember you can always access Tumblebooks from home @ [www.tumblebooks.com](http://www.tumblebooks.com) (username - lillianps) (password- books). Keep Reading!! Ms. Marcus

### **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 December 13<sup>th</sup> !**