

The Lillian Links

February 2020

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Feb. 5: Lunar New Year Parade- **Cancelled**
- ◆ Feb. 13: Parent Teacher Interviews (evening)
- ◆ Feb. 13: Pink Day
- ◆ Feb. 14: PA Day
- ◆ Feb. 14: Parent Teacher Interviews all day
- ◆ Feb. 17: Family Day, No school
- ◆ Feb. 21: Character Ed. Assembly (AM)
- ◆ Feb. 21: Sports Day
- ◆ March 13: Dance-A-Thon
- ◆ March 13: Pizza Day
- ◆ March 14-22: Break
- ◆ March 23: Back to School
- ◆ March 24: Lice Check
- ◆ March 26: Parent Council @ 1:30pm

Principal's Message

It is hard to believe it is already February – the school year is going very quickly! Students and teachers have been working together to develop new goals for ongoing learning and growth in this second term. Continued hard work and dedication will help them greatly on this path.

First term report cards are not being sent home, as per the email from the Director of Education. Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled for Friday February 14th, all day. This is a PA Day, so there is no school for students. This term teachers will request interviews with parents only if there are concerns that need to be discussed. However, if you would like an interview, please feel free to contact your child's teacher to request one.

A reminder to parents that Monday February 17th is Family Day. This is a province-wide statutory holiday and school will be closed. Please enjoy this special day with your family, and in the spirit of the day, there will be no homework assigned over that weekend. We hope this will help allow you to spend quality time together as a family.

A reminder to parents that at your request, we have the Lunch Lady Program at our school. Our program is only on Mondays and parents can order a hot lunch delivered to school (on Mondays only). The website for this program is: www.thelunchlady.ca

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, we have had to cancel our Lunar New Year Parade on February 5th. We hope this tradition will return to Lillian P.S. next year.

Let's keep working together to make Lillian P.S. the best school it can be!

Linda Merling-Brown
Principal



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Safety of Our Students- School Parking Lot is not for Pick Up and Drop Off

We emailed parents in January to remind everyone that our Parking Lot is for school staff only. It is not to be used for Pick-Up and Drop-Off of students. With the support of our Parent Council, the school purchased new signage to help remind parents of this safety concern. One sign has been posted right on the brick wall of the school, and another has been mounted on a large tote that we are using to block the entrance to our parking lot during entry and dismissal times.

Unfortunately, even with reminders and this visual blocking the lot, some parents are choosing to unsafely drive around the barrier and still use the parking lot. This is very unsafe. Please respect the rules that have been established by the school. We are all working together for your children, and our priority is their safety.

Thank-you in advance for adhering to these rules!

Changing Weather

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 in advance for your cooperation!

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

Character Development

In January the character trait focus was Teamwork. All of the staff and students at Lillian have shown teamwork this month by; using the skills and strengths of all our members, working towards common goals, taking a small part in a large job, and working together. Students have also been reminded of their

family, their class, our school, not to mention the many different clubs, sports teams or activities that they may belong to either at school or in the community. It is great to be part of a team! Please help us work together and take a stand against bullying at our next Pink Shirt Day on February 13th. For this month of February we will be focusing on Fairness

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Family Day

There will be no classes on Monday February 17, 2020 to reflect the province-wide statutory holiday called Family Day. The holiday occurs on the third Monday in February each year for the purpose of emphasizing and celebrating the importance of families taking time to be together.

As teachers are involved in parent teacher interviews on Friday, February 14th for the Board -wide Professional Activity Day, students will not be attending school on Friday February 14th and Monday, February 17th.

Visit the TDSB public website at www.tdsb.on.ca to view the school year calendar.

Library News

This month has been very exciting for us in the Library. We have added more books to our growing collection. New Graphic Novels, and amazing Little People Big Dreams Books. This collection has stylish illustrations and extra facts at the back. This empowering series celebrates the important life stories of wonderful people of the world. From designers and artists to scientists, all of them went on to achieve incredible things, yet all of them began life as a little child with a dream. February is a Very Fun Filled Month, On Tuesday Feb 11, 2020 Lillian will be welcoming A Comic Book Artist and all students and staff will get to experience and participate in a Comic Workshop. Students and Staff will also have the opportunity to purchase the Learn to Draw Comic Books after the presentation. We will be participating in the I read Canadian day on February 19, 2020 where we will all as a School share some Canadian Books. Lastly, March 4, 2020 we are so lucky to have Canadian Children's Author Susan Aguilo coming to share with us about Story Writing. Remember to return your library book on your Library day!! 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 the February 13th!