

The Lillian Links

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ 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
- ◆ Feb. 5: Lunar New Year Parade
- ◆ Feb. 12: First Term Report Cards go home
- ◆ Feb. 13: Parent Teacher Interviews (evening)
- ◆ Feb. 14: PA Day, and Parent Teacher Interviews (morning)
- ◆ Feb. 17: Family Day, No school
- ◆ Feb. 21: Character Ed. Assembly (AM)
- ◆ Feb. 21: Sports Day

Principal's Message

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had an enjoyable and restful winter break. The students are back into their familiar school routines, working hard to meet the goals and expectations set in their classrooms. We also have had some new students join the Lillian community and I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of them and their families.

Congratulations to our whole community on the wonderful success of our Toy Mountain Drive at Lillian. Over a two hundred and twenty toys were collected for this very worthy cause, and we all contributed in helping those in need, have a happy holiday. Please see the picture of our mountain of toys later in our newsletter!

I am also thrilled to let you know that our gingerbread house draw raised \$410 dollars for the school. Congratulations to Ju-Ahn in Primary division, Jimmy in Junior division, and Mrs. Zaleski from the staff. A special thank-you to Mike and Carol Easton for donating the gingerbread houses to our school.

Thank-you to our Parent Council who organized our pizza lunch fundraisers this year. These lunches have all been quite successful so far. Thank-you to everyone for supporting our school.

Communication is a key component to your child's academic success. The

partnership of parent, teacher and student is critical in fostering progress and growth for our students. We hope that your child continues to experience a year of growth academically, socially and emotionally. The staff and I remain available to answer your questions or concerns. Please feel free to contact us.

In keeping with our reporting timelines, report cards will be sent home on February 12th. Parent teacher interviews will be held on Thursday February 13th in the evening and Friday February 14th in the morning.

Finally, we would like to offer best wishes to our head caretaker, Mr. Caputo, as he moves to a new school much closer to home, in January. We thank him for all he did for our school.

Best wishes for 2020!

Linda Merling-Brown
Principal





Making the Best of Winter Weather at our School

Principals are often asked how we decide whether it's too cold to allow our students out in the school yard for recess. Fresh air and exercise are important for children. It keeps them physically fit, and helps them stay alert all through the school day. Parents can help by making sure their children come to school prepared to spend time outdoors. Hats, mittens, boots, snow pants and a warm jacket are important to keep students comfortable during lunch and recess. But extreme cold can be dangerous, and parents want to know that their children will be safe. When the temperature is predicted to drop below -15C, the City of Toronto may declare a cold weather alert. Schools are very sensitive to the needs of our students and pay close attention to the weather, especially when the wind chill is below -20C. When the temperature and wind chill measure -28C or lower, students are kept indoors. Recesses and lunch hour may be shortened if the temperature and wind chill reading is between -28C and -20C. The icy conditions can also lead to some indoor recesses for student safety. Please be reminded that the hill on the south side of the school can become very icy and; therefore, dangerous for students. When this happens, we close the hill during the school day and advise that you do not take your children on it after school. Canadian winters can be wonderful when the weather is cold, school staff keep one eye on the thermometer and the other on the needs of our students - a perfect balance of fun and safety.

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 December, students at Lillian PS learned about Kindness and Caring and the many ways that you can demonstrate these traits. We have seen a large number of students demonstrate kindness in various ways- being friendly, polite and helpful, randomly doing kind acts for others. There are always a number of

tickets to draw from our Friday draws and the teachers continue to have a tough job at the end of the month deciding who will win the Character award. Many Lillian families demonstrated their kindness by donating to our Toy Mountain Drive. We greatly appreciate all your donations and they helped support local families over the holiday season. In January our focus is Teamwork!

Kindergarten Registration for September 2020

February is the system-wide Kindergarten Registration month at the TDSB, and it's just around the corner. We look forward to welcoming you and your child at our school in September! To attend Junior Kindergarten in September, children must turn four by December 31, 2020 (born in 2016). To attend Senior Kindergarten in September, children must turn five by December 31 of 2020 (born in 2015),. You may choose to register in person at the school or begin this process online. For more information go to: www.tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten

Our school will be having Kindergarten Registration by appointment on: February 10,11,12,13 and 14. Please call Ms. Mistry in the office to set up your appointment. Registration packages will be available in the office for pick-up the week of January 27th. To register, please bring the following information about your child:

1. Proof of age (a birth certificate, Confirmation of Permanent Residence, Citizenship card, passport or permanent residence card)
2. Proof of address (three pieces of identification that show your address, such as your telephone bill, utility bill, bank statement, property tax bill, rental or lease agreement (this must be one of your ID's))
4. immunization (the card that shows a list of needles your child has received)
5. Health Card

The Welcome to Kindergarten booklet, Starting Kindergarten fact sheets and Frequently-Asked Questions about Kindergarten fact sheets will be available online through the TDSB Website in January. Translations of these materials in the official languages of the TDSB will be available online only in late January.

Traffic Safety Tips: Help Make this a Safe Winter Season

As winter approaches, we know that severe weather will be part of our daily lives for the next several months. While traffic safety is an important matter all year long, this is a particularly good time to review what we can do to keep students safe.

The need to be aware and alert at all times, on any road, and even in the most routine circumstances is key to traffic safety. This applies to students and drivers alike. Road conditions can be challenging in the winter months. So to those of us who drive, please take extra care on the roads and in parking lots, especially in areas where children might be present.

School staff periodically review street and traffic safety with students. Parents can help reinforce these safety messages with children at home. Below are some tips that might be helpful to review.

***Stop, look, and listen for traffic.**

*** Only cross at corners and crosswalks.**

*** Make eye contact with drivers.**

***Walk on the right side of the crosswalk.**

***Wear appropriate footwear to reduce the chances of slipping.**

*** Never run into the street.**

***Obey crossing signals.**

*** Cross only if clear.**

*** Walk on sidewalks.**

*** Where there are no sidewalks, walk as far away from traffic as possible, facing traffic.**

The safety of our students is always a top priority. Let's work together to make the winter season safe so we can enjoy all it has to offer!



Here is our amazing Mountain of Toys that have been donated by Lillian Public School to the Salvation Army and CTV's Toy Mountain Drive. Well done Lillian!

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French News...

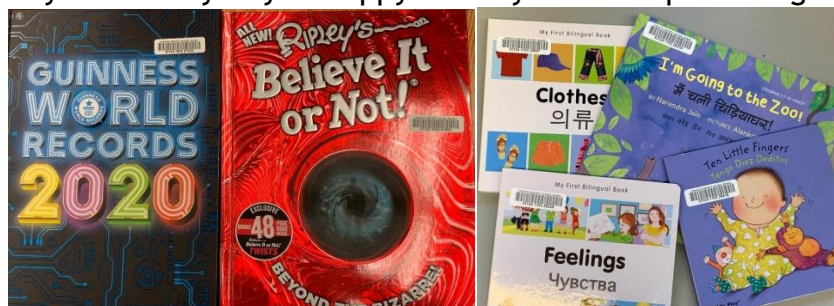
Information was sent home before the winter break with our grade 3 students about the application process for the Extended French Program in the Toronto District School Board. The application process opens on January 6th 2020, and the deadline for applications is January 31st. There was also information about online webchat information sessions that will be held across the TDSB to provide parents the opportunity to learn further information about the Junior Extended French program and the application process, as well as to ask questions of TDSB staff. The information can be found at <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/Frency-Programs/Information-Sessions>

While admission to the Junior Extended French (Grade 4 entry) program is guaranteed at the entry point to all eligible on time applicants, admission to a specific school is not guaranteed if the school reaches capacity.

Library News!

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December was a very exciting month in the Library. We have decorated parts of the library with snowflakes, to help add some Holiday Cheer. We have also placed some amazing Holiday and Winter books on display for all our students and staff to share. Added to our collection this month The 2020 Guinness World Records and the 2020 Ripley's Believe it or Not, two favourite titles among our students and staff. Come into the Library and check out these new books and see the amazing facts in them. We have also added some books in Hindi, Spanish, Russian and Korean to our Dual Language Collection. We look forward to adding more books to our collection in 2020 for everyone to enjoy. Remember to return your Library book on your Library Day!! Happy Holidays and 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 January 13th!