

The Lillian Links

March 2020

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ March 13: Dance-A-Thon -**POSTPONED**
- ◆ March 13: Tropical Day
- ◆ March 13: Pizza Day
- ◆ March 14-22: Break
- ◆ March 23: Back to School
- ◆ March 23: Food Drive Begins
- ◆ March 24: Lice Check
- ◆ March 26: Parent Council @ 1:30pm
- ◆ March 27: Character Ed Assembly (PM)
- ◆ April 3: Food Drive ends
- ◆ April 10: Good Friday (No School)
- ◆ April 13: Easter Monday (No School)
- ◆ April 17: Pizza Lunch
- ◆ Week of April 20: Earth Week
- ◆ April 24: Character Ed. /Earth Day Assembly (AM)
- ◆ April 27-May 1: Mental Health Week at Lillian
- ◆ April 28: 123 Yoga

Principal's Message

It is amazing to me that March Break is almost here! Time continues to fly by.

We would like to thank all the parents that were able to join us for parent-teacher interviews on February 14th. We hope that you found the interviews informative.

Teachers in the school have been teaching their students about the Zones of Regulation. This program teaches students to identify different feelings/emotions, to learn how to recognize different situations when those emotions arise and strategies to manage and regulate those emotions in a confident, consistent and safe way. Ask your child to explain to you about the red, yellow, blue and green zones. This is just the beginning. As well, we hope your children will be able to explain to you how they can use tools to help them change what zone they are in.

At this time, we are postponing our Dance-A-Thon, originally scheduled for March 13th. This event is a major fundraiser for our Grade 5 Graduation trip to Camp Wanakita, so we are hoping to hold this event once we are able to fundraise again.

On March 23rd we will begin our Annual Food Drive. We hope you will send in non-perishable items for those in need in our community. More information can be found later in this newsletter.

On March 24th a public health nurse will be coming to Lillian P.S. to do a school wide pediculosis (head lice) check.

An important letter was sent home last week 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. As well there are information sessions and webinars that will take place to answer your questions. You can also email your questions to: belltimes@tdsb.on.ca

We would like to wish everyone a wonderful March Break from March 14-22nd! See you back at school on Monday March 23rd.

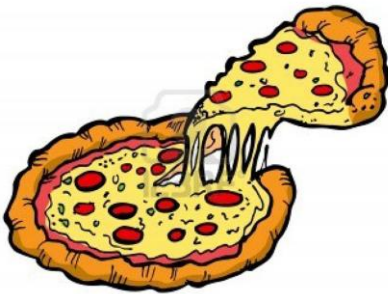
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A Special Thank-You to Parent Council

We would like to thank our wonderful Parent Council for all their hard work. They have organized our pizza lunches for the year; and sponsored our amazing Mental Health presentation for the whole school, coming in the end of April. These wonderful events cannot happen if parents do not offer to volunteer and help out. Events like Pizza lunch take a lot of organization (i.e.: designing flyers, collecting money, making spread sheets, ordering the food, purchasing plates, napkins, and distributing the food on pizza days). Parent Council is also hoping to hold some new events this year so the importance of volunteers and parent involvement is crucial. Even if you are unable to attend our Parent Council Meetings, if you have any time to volunteer in order to help the Council continue their wonderful work, it would truly be appreciated! If you would like your name and contact information forwarded to the Council Chair, just write a note to Mrs. Merling-Brown in the office, and she will be sure to forward your message.



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 February the character trait focus was Fairness. We have discussed what fairness means to each of us as individuals and ways that we can demonstrate this trait. You can show fairness by: playing and working fairly with others in the family; treating family members with respect and without prejudice; treating others in

the family the way we would like to be treated. Questions you can discuss with your child include: What is fairness, and what does it mean to be fair?; Do you treat others the way you would like to be treated?; When someone is unfair, how does it make you feel?; Does equality mean that everyone gets the same, or that everyone gets what they need? For this month of March we will be focusing on Honesty.

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Spring Food Drive

Choo! Choo! The Lillian Food Train has arrived. We will be collecting non-perishable food items from March 23rd - April 3rd for the North York Harvest Food Bank. This is a local non-profit organization in the Willowdale area which assists families in need. We hope to fill up many boxes of food to donate this year. North York Harvest Food Bank is hoping to raise 100,000 pounds of each of the following top 5 items. They need to collect rice, canned tuna, canned tomatoes, canned beans and cooking oil. These 5 items will help them prevent the low inventory during the spring and summer season.

Any items you can send will be much appreciated.

Thank your in advance for your continuous generosity and support,

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Extended Day Program (EDP) for 2020-21 School Year

In September 2019 our school started offering an Extended Day Program (EDP) for Kindergarten to Grade 5 students.

At Lillian Public School registration for our TDSB operated, before-and after-school Extended Day Program (EDP) for the 2020-21 school year started on January 29th, 2020. Please visit the www.tdsb.on.ca/edp for more information about these wonderful programs and extended learning opportunities for children from JK to Grade 6.

Families interested in enrolling in our Extended Day Program must submit an application online. Currently our school offers 60 spaces in the Extended Day Program. If there is growing demand from families at our school, we may expand the program to meet this demand.

Interested families can apply through our online application system following the steps below:

<https://tdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/86496/153/False/True>

PLEASE NOTE:

- The Extended Day Program will only be available to students who are registered at and attend the school where the EDP is be offered.
- Completing the above application process does not guarantee placement in the program. Following these steps serves as an application for this program. All families will be notified if they are accepted into the EDP for the 2020-21 school year by April 15, 2020
- Placements for the Extended Day program will be offered on a first come, first served basis.
- Priority admission will be given to those with siblings currently enrolled in the Extended Day Program.
- Applications will require your child's Ontario Education Number (OEN) and contact information for two people.
- An application fee is required to confirm your commitment in the Extended Day Program for your child. If your family is in receipt of a City of Toronto Child Care Fee Subsidy, you are not required to pay the application fee but must include your client file number on your application for verification.

Families receiving a fee subsidy through Toronto Children's Services will be able to apply it to our Extended Day Program. Families interested in applying for a fee subsidy for EDP to help with the cost, must do so through the Toronto Children's Services. For information regarding fee subsidies, please visit their website at www.toronto.ca/humanservices or call 416-338-8888.

For more information about Extended Day Programs, please visit our website at www.tdsb.on.ca/EDP or email EDP@tdsb.on.ca

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 March 12th !