

The Lillian Links

November 2019

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Nov. 7: Photo Retake Day
- ◆ Nov. 7: Parent Council Meeting at 1:30pm
- ◆ Nov. 11: Remembrance Day Assembly
- ◆ Nov. 13: Pink Day
- ◆ Nov. 13: Progress Reports go home
- ◆ Nov. 14: Pizza Day
- ◆ Nov. 14: Parent Teacher Interviews (evening)
- ◆ Nov. 15: PA Day- Parent Teacher Interviews (morning only)
- ◆ Nov.22: Character Ed Assembly (AM)
- ◆ Nov. 22: Backwards Day
- ◆ Nov. 25: Toy Mountain Collection starts
- ◆ Dec. 6: PA Day
- ◆ Dec. 13: Pink Day
- ◆ Dec. 13: Last Day for Toy Mountain donations

Principal's Message

Elementary Progress Reports will be sent home on Wednesday November 13th. As always, we appreciate the important role that you play in supporting student learning at home. I encourage you to attend the upcoming Parent Teacher Interviews on Thursday November 14th in the evening, and Friday November 15th in the morning. All parents will be offered an interview with the teacher. Please look for the teacher's invitation to this interview coming home shortly. I hope you will take the opportunity to further discuss with your child's teacher how we can work together to advance the learning skills, work habits, and academic progress of our students.

As well, for students who participate in International Languages classes after school on Thursdays at Lillian, the classes will be cancelled on Thursday November 14th due to the Parent Teacher Interviews. Please ensure that you make the appropriate arrangements to pick up your child either from school or the bus at the regularly scheduled time.

Our school spirit day this month will be Backwards Day on November 22nd. Please help your child participate by wearing something backwards.

Parents of Junior Kindergarten students should have received information about the TDSB French Immersion program which starts in Senior Kindergarten. The deadline for applications is November 29th.

As our weather continues to change, please ensure you send your children to school with the appropriate outdoor clothing (warm jacket, gloves, hat) as students go outside three times each day. Thanks for your cooperation.

Finally, a reminder to parents that you cannot access classrooms after school hours. Once your child has been dismissed and staff have left the building, parents cannot re-enter to retrieve lost or forgotten items. You will need to wait until regular school hours the next day. This is a security issue. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Linda Merling-Brown
Principal



Transportation at Lillian- School Buses

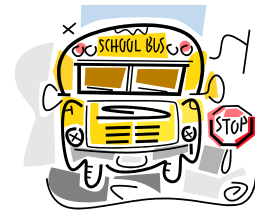
At Lillian PS, we have several students that utilize student transportation services every day. We work very hard to ensure the safety of all of our students and as such, when students are boarding the buses at the end of the day, attendance is taken and a head count is done to guarantee that everyone who is supposed to be on the bus has boarded.

If you are picking up your child from the school and they are not taking the bus on a given day, you must come to the office to sign them out. This is our tracking system to update the bus attendance lists. A note to the teacher or office at the beginning of the day is also helpful, but the sign out procedure must be completed in the office. If your child is supposed to attend a program, such as International Languages and you do not want them to attend, but would like them to take the bus home, you must inform the office in writing. When we do not have this information, it causes many delays for the buses as they must wait until we have the information before they can leave. Many of our buses have other routes after our school and this delay causes several other children to be late getting home from school.

Finally, if you wish to have another parent or family friend pick up your child from school, we to have this information directly from you- the parent. It is always best if a note can be sent in the morning; however, we understand that there are circumstances that arise throughout the day and may cause a change in pick up. If this is the case, please call the school office at 416-395-2660 and let us know the full name of the person who will be picking up your child. The person should then report to the office where we will ask to see identification before releasing your child.

Kindly note that if you are phoning the school office for any of the above situations, we ask that you speak directly with an adult and not leave a message with one of our student helpers.

Thank-you for your support in helping us ensure that our transportation Program runs safely and smoothly for everyone.



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 October, we focused on learning about RESPONSIBILITY and the many ways that we can respect

demonstrate responsibility at school. We have continued with our weekly draws and now have monthly character winners as well. Next month, our focus will be on EMPATHY.

PLEASE READ: STUDENT DROP-OFF/PICK UP

Drop- Off:

- Students should not arrive at school before **8:26 am**. There is no supervision prior to this time. When students arrive, they should go directly to the backyard of the school.
- All students should wait for their teacher in their class lines at their assigned entry door when the bell rings at **8:41am**. Students should not use the front doors for entry.
- **NO parking-NO drop-off from the school parking lot-** it is very dangerous and we have had a number of “near misses”.
- **NO stopping or parking in the bus loop.** It is a “bus loading zone” and disrupts the buses.
- **NO stopping or parking at the front of the school in the “bus loading zone”.** It makes it hard for our buses to drop-off and it is against the law.

Pick-up:

- Students being picked up early for appointments must be signed out from the office before **2:45pm**. There will be no sign -outs between **2:45-3:15pm**.
- All students will be dismissed from their proper dismissal doors at **3:10 (kindergarten)** and **3:15 (grades 1 to 5)**. Please wait by the assigned door for your child to be dismissed.
- **NO parking- NO pick-up from the school parking lot-** It is a staff parking lot, with minimal space. On Thursdays there has already been a problem this year with our International languages teachers not being able to park in our lot.
- **NO WALKING through the school parking lot-** it is very dangerous and we have had some “close calls”.
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Thank-you for helping to keep our community of children and adults safe.
Always think safety!



French Programs Application Deadline

For families interested in the Toronto District School Board's French Immersion we offer an online process for applying to:

- Early French Immersion (EFI) which begins in Senior Kindergarten;

We guarantee an offer of placement in the program (not a specific school) to all on-time applicants. Transportation is provided as per the Board's Transportation policy.

The timelines for applying for these programs for September 2020 are:

- Applications for Early French Immersion (for a Junior Kindergarten aged child), must be completed online between November 4, 2019 and November 29, 2019.

Offers of placement within your chosen program will be made to all on-time applicants in the weeks following the close of the application window.

Please note: families with an older sibling currently in a French program are still required to complete an online application for the new student.

For further information about French as a Second Language programs, the application process and dates for Information Evenings, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/ElementarySchool/SchoolChoices/FrenchPrograms

For parents who may decide that Early French Immersion is not feasible at this time, a second entry point to French Immersion will be available in Gr. 4 (Middle Immersion). Beginning in September 2021, the Grade 4 Entry program will be Middle French Immersion. The Middle French Immersion program will offer 100% instruction in French for Grades 4-5 and 75% instruction in French for Grades 6,7 and 8. Students may continue the French Immersion Program in secondary school and may complete the certificate of Bilingual Studies, French Immersion. Interested families may submit an online application to this program in January of the year the students are in Grade 3.

For reports and staff recommendations on FSL Programs, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/boardroom

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Remembrance Day

On Monday, November 11th, students and staff at our school and across the city will mark Remembrance Day, with classroom activities and school assemblies. During Remembrance Day, our teachers make connections between global events and students' lives by promoting peace within our school community. On this solemn occasion, our staff, students, parents, and the wider community all join together in a call for peace.

This year's Remembrance Day marks the date and time when fighting stopped on November 11th at 11am in 1918 (the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month).



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 November 13th !