

The Lillian Links

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Oct. 1: CCAT this week for grade 3 students
- ◆ Oct. 5: World Teacher's Day
- ◆ Oct. 7: Photo Day
- ◆ Oct. 10: Pink
- ◆ Oct. 11: PA Day
- ◆ Oct 14: Thanksgiving (no school)
- ◆ October 21- Federal Elections (Lillian PS has a polling station in gym)
- ◆ Oct. 25: Character Ed Assembly (PM)
Crazy Hair Day
- ◆ Oct. 31: Halloween Walk

Principal's Message

It is already the beginning of October and we are pleased to report that the students are settling into the routines of school quite nicely. Thank-you to everyone for all your patience and understanding while we reorganized the school this year. We are all looking forward to another exciting year working with you and your child. Your continued involvement in your child/ren's education has a long and lasting impact on school success.

One of the key components of this success is communication between home and school. Monthly school and classroom newsletters will provide you with information regarding areas of study, school and classroom activities, special events and good news stories. Student planners/agendas are being used in grades 1 to 5 as an organization tool and are another excellent method of communication.

Our first School Council meeting for this year was held on Wednesday, September 20th at 1:30pm in the staffroom. At this meeting, elections were held for this year's School Council Executive. The School Council provides a forum through which you can contribute to improving school achievement and school performance. All parents are welcome to

attend School Council Meetings.

Our Welcome Back BBQ/Curriculum Night was on Thursday September 26th. Thank-you to all the families who came out for this special event. We hope you enjoyed meeting your child's teacher and hearing about what they will be learning this year.

To assist with safe entry/dismissal please do not ask your children to walk through our school parking lot. As well, we are asking parents to please stand further back from our dismissal doors so that we can exit easily/safely with children. Thanks for your help!

Looking forward to a wonderful year working with you and your children!

Linda Merling-Brown
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Terry Fox Update: Lillian Public School is proud to have been a part of the annual Terry Fox run for the past 18 years. We would like to thank the Lillian community for their continued support of this valuable cause. This year's walk took place on Thursday September 26th at 1:00pm. Thank-you to everyone for all of their generous donations to this very worthy cause. Our goal was to raise \$2000. So far we have raised over \$1200, with more money coming in this week. Hopefully we will reach \$2000. Well done Lillian!

The Terry Fox Run for Cancer Research

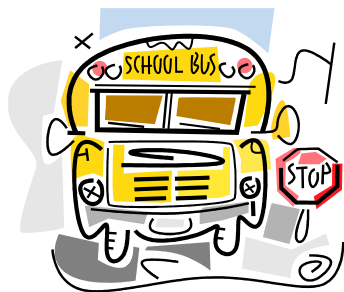


Your Child's Vision: Parents, don't wait for your children to tell you that they are having problems with their vision before booking an appointment for an eye exam. Here are some reasons why:

- Young children may not know that they have a vision problem and assume everyone sees the way they do
- Some vision problems are more successfully treated when detected at a young age
- Annual eye exams for children and youth up to age 19 are covered by OHIP

For more information, visit the Toronto Public Health website or call Toronto Health Connection at 416-338-7600 and speak with a Public Health Nurse.

Student Transportation



We continue to have a number of students bussed to and from Lillian each school day. Student safety is always a priority and as such, Lillian staff take attendance as the students board the buses at the end of the day. **If you pick up your child at school and they are not taking the bus, please ensure that you come to the office and sign them out in the sign out binder.** If we do not know of your child's whereabouts, the bus must wait for us to determine where they are. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated in helping keep the students safe and the buses running on time.

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 September, we focused on learning about RESPECT and the many ways that we can demonstrate

respect for ourselves, each other and for property. We have continued with our weekly draws and now have monthly character winners as well. . Next month, our focus will be on RESPONSIBILITY.

Please be on Time!

Entry Time	8:41 (Kindergarten to Grade 5)
Lunch Dismissal	11:30
After Lunch Entry	12:26
Dismissal	3:10 (Kindergarten) 3:15 (Grades 1 to 5)



It is extremely important that all children learn the value and importance of being punctual and attending classes regularly. As these are lifelong skills, we would ask that you assist and support us in reinforcing their importance with the students.

The teachers take attendance immediately following entry and the attendance is sent to the office. Whenever a child is marked absent, and the school is unaware of the reason, the office staff will attempt to contact a parent/guardian at home or at work to determine the child's whereabouts and ensure that no harm has come to him or her on the way to school.

If we are unable to contact a parent/guardian or the emergency contact provided on the student's emergency card, under the Board's Student Attendance and Safe Arrival Procedures, the principal may be required to contact the police or a Children's Aid Society (CAS) and initiate a search.

To avoid unnecessary and/or embarrassing situations, please assist us by informing the school office

whenever your child is absent. If the office is closed, a recorded message may be left on the school answering machine. In your message, please include your child's name, teacher, the date and the reason for the absence. **The school phone number for Safe Arrival is 416-395-2662.**

The safety of all of our students is of prime importance. Please ensure that all contact numbers for you and anyone else involved with the child are up to date. Kindly ensure that you inform the school immediately if any of the contacts or phone numbers change.

Finally, it is important that all students start the day on time. If your child is late, please have them report to the office. Office detentions will be issued to students who are habitually late. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Library News!



September has been a very exciting month in the Library. Classes have begun to sign out books to take home and share with their families. Please remember to return your library book on your library day each week, so that all our students have a chance to share the AMAZING books in our School! We have been so lucky to receive our new 2019/2020 Learnmarks which students will be given from their classroom teacher. Our new Learnmarks, which have instructions on how to get into the TDSB Virtual Library along with many websites and passwords that you can use at home to enhance students learning. Each login and password is listed on the Learnmark for easy access from home. This month we have also become familiar with where books are found in the library. Happy Reading - Ms. Marcus

Lockdown and Fire Drills

At the beginning of each school year, our students and staff prepare for the year ahead by establishing the foundations for a successful year. One of the ways we know we can help students be successful is to create a safe environment in which to learn. Though no one ever wants to see an emergency happen at a school, it's important for school staff to be equipped to deal with those situations, should they occur.

The safety of students and staff is a top priority at our school and to that end, as with all emergency drills, it is essential that we are prepared and understand the importance of procedures that will help ensure the safety of everyone in our school.



The TDSB has taken steps to ensure your child's safety while in school. Each school has developed emergency preparedness plans that include steps staff will take in the event of an emergency, how staff will get students away from possible dangers, and how students' families will be contacted.

Two aspects of emergency preparedness are the lockdown and fire drill. All schools are required to conduct a minimum of two lockdown drills and six fire drills each school year. Lockdown drills, like fire drills, are an essential component to ensuring student and staff safety. It is important that all staff and students are prepared and know how to respond in cases of emergencies. The drills last approximately 5 minutes and ensure plans are effective and can also systematically identify any safety concerns.

Communication is also very important in any emergency situation. The emergency contact information kept on file is important in helping this happen. It lists the people who can pick up a student from the school. If you have not yet provided this information to the office or have updates to the information on file, please make sure our office staff have that information as soon as possible.



The ZONES of Regulation®

			
BLUE ZONE Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly	GREEN ZONE Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn	YELLOW ZONE Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control	RED ZONE Mad/Angry Terrified Yelling/Hitting Elated Out of Control

What Zone Are You In?

Once again this year our whole school is using the concept of the Zones of Regulation to teach our students to identify different feeling/emotions, to learn how to recognize different situations when those emotions arise and strategies to manage and regulate those emotions. Our intentions in implementing this program is to provide students with an opportunity to learn to problem solve and to create a common language when working through social and emotional conflicts. Each category of emotions is represented by different colours. Any zone is acceptable to be in at any point in time, however, optimal learning and relationships are developed when we are in the green zone. Over this school year, teachers and students will be exploring different strategies to use as we move through each zone.

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French News...

Dear Parents of Grade 4 and 5 students:

When learning a second language, it is important to practice daily, at school and home. The following two websites are in game formats, so they are fun and attractive to children learning French. They target listening, speaking, reading and writing which are the same strands that are assessed according to the new Ontario French Curriculum. Please ensure your child practises one of the websites every night for at least 10 to 15 minutes - they are so fun, they may play even longer! The websites also offer free apps which can be downloaded to a tablet or smart phone!

<https://www.duolingo.com> OR <https://www.memrise.com>

Eco Update

Lillian is proud to be an Eco School and we will be working toward this goal again this year. The staff and students cannot do it alone. We need your help! Your continued dedication to the environment is much appreciated and recognized. This year, we will continue to focus on becoming WASTE FREE by RE-USING as much as possible, by bringing RE-USEABLE containers only, not plastic water bottles or tetra packs. Students are already using our recycling and green bins in the lunchroom with the help from our amazing eco monitors.

Two years ago, Lillian received a water refill station located on the first floor by Room 103. Single use plastic water bottles are expensive, can deplete water sources in local communities, take a lot of energy to create and transport, and last in landfills for over four hundred years. Toronto tap water on the other hand is affordable, local, low waste and tasty! Let's do our part by using reusable water bottles.

Students and staff get to and from school every day by walking, cycling, mobility devices, and many other forms of human-powered transportation. Research shows that those who use active and sustainable modes of transportation experience benefits to mental and physical health and well-being, are better prepared to learn and work and are more connected to their communities. In the course of a single generation, there has been a significant decline in the percentage of students walking and cycling to school. This year let's see more bikes in our bike racks and more students walking to school.

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 October 10th!