



Lynnwood Family Newsletter 2021

Principal's Message

Welcome to December! How time flies! In less than 2 weeks, the Winter Holidays will arrive! There are many religious and cultural celebrations occurring in the month of December. Enjoy your celebration!



The last day of school for Virtual and In-Person students is **Friday, December 17th**. School will resume on **Monday, January 3, 2022**.

I will be sending photos and the school calendar in separate emails so that this newsletter information can be translated.

On behalf of the staff at Lynnwood Hts. Jr. PS, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a special and wonderful holiday season and all the very best in 2022.

Sincerely,

Joy Reiter

Thank you to all the parents who attended our School Council Meeting. We had a great turnout for our Council Meeting.

Resources for decisions regarding vaccines for your children from Toronto Public Health.

Parent/guardian/caregiver resources:

- [Benefits of getting vaccinated: Learn from Experts](#): Past recordings of the educational session for parents and caregivers
- [COVID-19: Children & Vaccines](#): Information about the risks of COVID-19 in children, vaccine safety, benefits of the COVID-19 vaccine and more
- [Kids Health First: COVID-19 Vaccine information for Ontario children aged 5 and up](#).
- [Max the Vax](#): Learn all about the COVID-19 vaccine for children aged 5 to 11
- [Fact Sheet: COVID-19 Vaccines and Children Aged 5 to 11](#): Information on COVID-19 risks, benefits of vaccinating your child, and vaccine safety

- [SickKids COVID-19 Consult Service](#): Speak to a pediatric Registered Nurse about the COVID-19 vaccine
 - [SHN VaxFacts Clinic](#): Book an appointment to speak to a doctor to answer your vaccine questions
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Requests for Switching Between Learning Models

- All TDSB students completed a Selection Form for in-person or virtual learning for the 2021-22 school year. TDSB communicated that there would be one opportunity to switch between in-person and virtual learning in February 2022.
 - In order to plan ahead for students to switch between in-person and virtual learning for February 2022, families and students requesting a change must complete the Switch Form. Families and students who do not wish to make a change do not need to complete a form.
 - While TDSB cannot guarantee that all requests for a switch can be met, it is TDSB's goal to accommodate as many as possible based on available programs and space.
 - The Switch Form for elementary students is open between December 3 to January 7. Families and students who do not wish to make a change do not need to complete a form. Classes will reflect changes due to switches beginning on February 22, 2022.
 - The form will be emailed to families by TDSB directly.
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Online International Languages Elementary & African Heritage Programs

International Languages Elementary & African Heritage Program is an enriching learning experience for students in grades K-8 to learn a new language and discover other cultures. Open to all TDSB and non-TDSB students, programs are currently offered online and there is no language background necessary. Activities will be focused on building student's skills in oral communication, reading and writing.

Registration is ongoing and can be done online by visiting the program website.

Online Adult ESL Program

Did you know that you can enroll in ESL classes for free* with the TDSB anytime during the school year? (*free for eligible learners)

Improve your English online with a variety of classes that fit within your busy schedule including part-time and full-time classes, evenings and weekends! There are several different classes being offered online with the TDSB, including:

- Reading and Writing
- Listening and speaking
- Pronunciation
- Conversational Skills – Improve your communication skills with your child’s school teachers, professionals, or government offices
- IELTS/TOEFL preparation and other specialty classes

For more information about our classes and how to register, [visit our website and view our online brochure](#).

French Programs Application Deadline - Middle French Immersion (Grade 4 Entry)

For families interested in the Toronto District School Board's system-wide Middle French Immersion Program (begins in Grade 4), we offer an online process to apply. To apply for the Middle French Immersion Program (Grade 4 entry) for September 2022, applications must be completed online between January 3 and January 28, 2022. An offer of placement in the program (not a specific school) is guaranteed to all on-time applicants and will be made in the weeks following the close of the application window.

Please note: Families with an older sibling currently enrolled in a French program and who will be in attendance next year are still required to complete an online application for the new student. Please select the "sibling option" within the online application.

For more information about the Middle French Immersion (Grade 4) application process, please join us for a Virtual Webinar Session on one of the following dates:

January 6, 2022 - 10 am

January 13, 2022 - 1 pm

January 17, 2022 - 7 pm

Families can request interpretation services for this event in advance, by completing this online form before December 17, 2021.

For more information about French Programs, the application process and important dates, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/french.

Winter Weather and Student Transportation

From time to time, it may be necessary to cancel student transportation, classes and/or programs because of severe weather. On rare occasions, severe weather makes it

necessary to close schools, administrative offices or sites.

With approximately 246,000 students in 582 schools, any decision to cancel buses, classes and/or programs or to close sites can have a significant impact on thousands of families across Toronto. This decision is not taken lightly. When schools remain open on days with inclement weather, parents/guardians make the final decision on whether to send their children to school and they can keep children home from school if they so choose.

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Information on closure of schools and cancellation of transportation services will be posted on the TDSB website at www.tdsb.on.ca and on the TDSB social media channels Twitter and Facebook.

School Closures or Bus Schedule Changes During the School Day

Should schools close during the school day or transportation schedules change, announcements will be broadcast on the radio stations listed by 12 noon and posted on the TDSB website. If there is no announcement and posting about schools closing before 12 noon, schools will remain open for the day.

Child Pick-up

Please be prepared to pick up your child or plan arrangements for your child, if required, should schools close early or if transportation schedules are advanced.

Arrangements for Students

For students in JK – Grade 6, parents will be notified and suitable arrangements for the child’s safety will be made.

The Principal’s Responsibility

Ms Reiter will provide supervision for all students whose parents or guardians have not been contacted or who have not previously indicated in writing their intentions during severe weather conditions.

Students will remain inside the school until they have been picked up.

Contacting Parents and Guardians

Please ensure that your school has an emergency number where you, or a responsible adult to whom you are willing to entrust the care of your child, can be contacted.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Should you have any questions or comments you would wish to make, please telephone the school.

Recess During Cold Weather

Elementary school students are kept indoors for recess and lunch times for a number of weather conditions such as rain, thunderstorms, lightning, hail, extreme winds and extreme cold.

When temperature and/or wind chill measure -28C or lower, children will remain indoors due to risk of frostnip and frostbite.

When temperature and/or wind chill factor indicates -20 to -28C, recesses may be shortened to 10 minutes and lunch recess be 20 minutes depending on local conditions. Children should be monitored closely for signs of frostnip, frostbite or difficulty breathing.

If a student's medical condition requires further consideration due to weather conditions, or if parents have other questions or concerns about how and when weather conditions affect your child's school day, please contact the school office.

National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women - December 6

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

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On December 6, TDSB students and staff mark the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. Established in 1991 by the Parliament of Canada, this day coincides with the anniversary of the death of 14 young women who were tragically killed on 6 December 1989, at l'École Polytechnique in Montreal because of

their gender.

On this national day of remembrance, we honour the memory of these women and reflect on the ways that gender violence continues to affect us. For more information, visit Status of Women Canada and participate in their #ActionsMatter campaign. To find out how you can help prevent violence against women visit www.ontario.ca/page/lets-stop-sexual-harassment-violence

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.

Learn4Life General Interest and Seniors Daytime Classes – Winter 2022

Registration is open for these classes.

Turn your winter blues into watercolour hues with our Learn4Life General Interest and Seniors Daytime classes. From art, fitness and food, to languages, business and dance, we have both online and in-person classes to learn a new skill or take up an interesting hobby.

A few of the courses running this winter include:

- HIIT Hiking
- Online Art Meditation
- Online Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- Online Crochet and Knitting
- Ballroom and Latin Dancing
- Online Zumba
- Online Asian Cuisine
- Online Arabic Beginner
- Online Guitar Beginner

New this year and for the first time, Learn4Life will be offering a course called Indigenous Awareness and Practices – Online. This online course will highlight the history, teachings, practices and issues facing Indigenous People's and communities. Our online brochure is now live on our website, and registration is set to open November 24, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. [For more information, visit our Learn4Life website.](#)

The OHRC released its [Policy statement on human rights in COVID-19 recovery planning](#). This statement is designed to better understand and address the systemic challenges that have come to define this moment in history. It provides advice for implementing COVID-19 recovery planning in a way that respects and protects the full range of human rights, so that everyone benefits from placing substantive equality and human rights at the core of recovery planning.

Happy 2022 !!! School resumes after the winter break Monday, January 3, 2022.