## **Confederation Central School**

### October 2023

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### Gratitude

As we complete the first month of the new school year, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of you for your warm welcome and support. You have made this transition a smooth and positive one for our students and staff.

It has been wonderful to see the positivity and energy our students have brought to this school year. I am also very proud of the professionalism and commitment of our staff, who have gone above and beyond to provide a safe, engaging, and inclusive environment for our students. I am also very thankful for the collaboration and cooperation of our parents, who have been supportive, flexible, and understanding throughout this challenging time of transition.

Together, we have created a strong and vibrant school community that values diversity, excellence, and innovation. I look forward to continuing this journey with you as we strive to provide the best possible education for our students.

Thank you for making this a successful start to the school year!

## **School Council**

Our first school council meeting will be this **Wednesday, Oct. 4th at 6:00pm** in the Learning Commons. We believe that students are most successful when students, schools, and parents

work collaboratively. Please join us this week to share ideas, feedback, and suggestions.

At this meeting, we will also be holding elections for the following positions:

- Chair
- Vice-Chair (if created by council)
- Secretary
- Treasurer (if created by council)

For more information, please see the LKDSB School Council Regulation

https://www.lkdsb.net/Board/PoliciesRegulations/Policies/School%20Council%20-%20Reg.pdf

## **Addressing Concerns**

In the event that you have a concern regarding a student or incident, please contact the school. We will make every effort to gather relevant information and respond in a timely manner.

### Scent-Free

Confederation Central is a scent-free school as we have students and staff with severe allergies and sensitivities to these products. Please do not send perfumed products to school (e.g, body sprays, scented sanitizers, etc.)

## Keeping our School Safe

When arriving at our school, please ensure you stop in at the office and check in with office staff. We would be happy to escort your child to class, if necessary. To ensure the safety of all our students, parents in the school are required to be accompanied by school staff.

# National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Throughout the month of September, classrooms engaged in learning about the residential school system and what reconciliation means. Students learned about the Land Acknowledgement and why we say it and what it represents, they learned about residential schools and how they impacted lives, languages, & the cultures of Indigenous peoples. Students learned the truth of Canada's history and made their own commitments to Reconciliation.



## **Terry Fox**

Our Terry Fox run will be on **Tuesday**, **Oct. 3rd**. This is a change in date due to the likelihood of inclement weather on Thursday. Thank you to Mrs. Fournie for organizing this year's run. Please help us reach our fundraising goal by making a donation at:

https://schools.terryfox.ca/37127

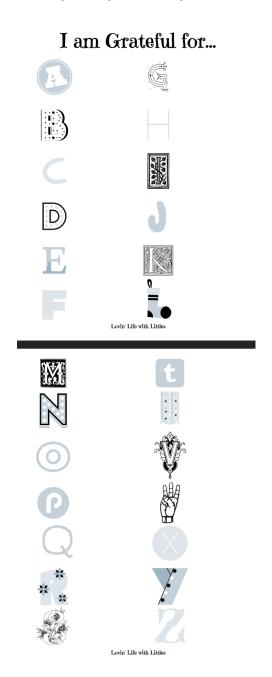
Every little bit helps, together we can find a cure!



### **Character Trait of the Month**

Our character trait of the month is gratitude.
Study after study shows correlations between gratitude and happiness. Gratitude increases a personal sense of well-being and helps relationships feel more positive and secure.
Research shows that gratitude positively affects other areas of health such as decreasing stress and enjoying more restful sleep.
Additional research indicates that gratitude creates changes in the brain that last beyond the present moment.

Try this activity with your family! Link



## **Bus Safety**

The safety of our students and staff is our top priority. We ask that you review the following bus safety rules and expectations with your child before they board the bus:

- Sit in your assigned seat and remain seated until the bus stops.
- Keep your hands, feet and belongings to yourself and inside the bus.
- Follow the instructions of the bus driver and respect their authority.
- Be courteous and respectful to the driver and other passengers.
- Do not eat, drink or litter on the bus.
- Do not distract the driver or cause any disturbance on the bus.

Failure to meet these expectations will result in disciplinary action and may result in suspension from bus services.

### Halloween

We recognize that Halloween is an exciting and fun filled time of the year for many of our students and families.



Students are encouraged to wear orange and black or may wear costumes provided they are maskless and do not include weapons or gore. If you have any questions, please contact the school for clarification.

## **Important October Dates**

- Mon., Oct. 2 Bus Safety Presentations
- Tues., Oct 3 Terry Fox Run
- Wed., Oct. 4 Parent Council Meeting 6pm
- Fri., Oct. 6 P.A. Day (School closed to students)
- Mon. Oct. 9 Thanksgiving (School Closed)
- Thurs. Oct. 12 School Cross Country Meet
- Fri. Oct. 13 Hot Lunch Day

- Thurs. Oct. 19 District Cross Country Meet
- Wed. Nov. 1 Take Our Kids to Work Day