

OCTOBER 2023



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## OFFICE NEWS

As September comes to a close, we say farewell to Mr. Dixon as he pursues a new teaching assignment with LKDSB. We welcome Mrs. Brunton as a permanent teacher and Mrs. Thompson as the occasional teacher covering Mr. Dixon's 3/4 class in the interim. Ms. Yarkovsky has joined our amazing Educational Assistant team; we are fortunate to have this additional support for our students. Thank you for your patience as we navigated the addition of a FDK class which caused some movements of students across all grades.

School fundraisers have begun. A huge thank you to the staff and parents who organize and execute these events as the funds raised enhance opportunities for students within our school. Opportunities for students to participate in clubs and sports have started. We would like to take this opportunity to express gratitude to the teachers who are making these extracurricular events possible. We already have several school excursions booked for the coming year which will complement the curriculum.

On September 29th, our students participated in learning opportunities about the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. It was sobering to witness the orange shirts across our school. We are committed to continue on this journey of truth and reconciliation with the Indigenous Peoples of Canada.

On Monday October 9th, many of our staff and students will be celebrating Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is a day to enjoy family and express gratitude. Whatever you choose to do on Monday, enjoy the long weekend and take time to reflect on all the positives in your life.



## PARKING LOT

A reminder that our school parking lot is for staff only. Street parking is available at the front and the side of our building for parents. Please note that this area can get very busy at drop off and pick up and we encourage all those students who are able to walk/bike to do so. This will ease the congestion of the traffic in our area and keep everyone safe.

## PARENT COUNCIL

We were thankful to have a number of parents come out to our first School Council meeting in September. The next School Council meeting will be Tuesday, October 17th at 6:30 pm in the Learning Commons. We are happy to welcome new and returning members. The meetings will be held at the school. If you are unable to attend in person, please reach out to Mrs. Holmes and she can arrange for you to join virtually.

## DISMISSAL

It is important that your child remains at school until the final bell at 3:10 p.m. Please keep in mind, as a courtesy to teachers, the learning of students, and the office, which can be a very busy place, that early dismissals do cause interruptions to class. If you need to pick up your child from school early, due to an appointment, we remind you to please allow some extra time for your child to arrive at the office. Students will be called down once you are here and it can take a few minutes for your child(ren) to gather their things and get to the office area. Please let your child(ren)'s classroom teacher know, ahead of time, if you will be picking up early and the time so they can ensure that your child is ready.

# TERRY FOX RUN



P.E. McGibbon staff and students participated in the Terry Fox Run to honour a Canadian hero and to fundraise for cancer research. It was a beautiful, sunny day and a great way to promote school spirit. Please help us to continue the legacy of one of our greatest Canadian heroes. A special thanks to Ms. Rops for organizing this important event. Thank you for joining us in the fight against cancer! We will be forever known by the tracks we leave.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### OCTOBER IS ISLAMIC HERITAGE MONTH

- Oct. 2 - Custodian Appreciation Day
- Oct. 5 - World Teacher Day
- Oct. 7 - PD Day
- Oct. 9 - Thanksgiving Holiday
- Oct. 10 - World Mental Health Day
- Oct. 17 - Parent Council @ 6:30 pm
- Oct. 13 - Fresh From the Farm - orders due
- Oct. 19 - Sarnia Cross Country Meet
- Oct. 23 - 27 - Scholastic Book Fair
- Oct. 24 - District Cross Country Meet
- Oct. 26 - Grizzly Family Fun Night
- Oct. 27 - Terrific Kids Assembly