

Dear Parents/Guardians,

November 3rd, 2023

Progress Reports sent home: Friday, November 10th

Parent-teacher interviews: Thursday, November 16 4-7PM & Friday, November 17 9-12PM

PD Day: Friday, November 17th

Parent Teacher Interviews

Report cards will be sent home on Friday, November 10th. Parent-Teacher interviews will take place on Thursday, November 16th from 4-7 PM and Friday, November 17th from 9AM-12PM. Please contact your child's teacher if these times don't work for you to arrange a different time.

This year, please use the following links to sign-up for parent-teacher interviews. It is important to note that they are split into different divisions and that there are multiple pages.

Here are the links to sign-up (teacher shave also shared these links through SeeSaw):

[Kindergarten teachers](#)

[French Immersion Teachers](#)(Mme Kehn, Mme Donais, Mme Lemieux, Mme Curtis)

[Primary Teachers \(Mrs. Evangelista, Ms. Jones \(Slack\), Mrs. Schultz, Mrs. Mackay, Ms. Siebert, Mrs. Den Boer](#)

[Junior Teachers \(Ms. Kaldeway/Ms. Miller/Mr. Snauwaert/Mr. Jones\)](#)

[Intermediate Teachers \(Mr. Van Wolde, Ms. Best and Mr. Lounsbury\)](#)

[Resource and Prep Teachers \(Mrs. Schenck, Mr. Turner, Mme Benacquista, M Speed, Ms. Dumais\)](#)

Inclement Weather

Bus cancellations due to fog: If buses are cancelled due to fog, they will bring students home at the end of the day.

Bus Cancellations due to snow: Buses will not run at all on these days. Schools remain open.

In the rare event of a school closure, an email will be sent soon as the decision is made. Please check the school Facebook page as well.

MySBI4 is an app you can download that can send you notifications of any cancellations or delays. This version must be downloaded and is different than the MySBI app that the board has been using the last couple of years (if you currently have the MySBI app, it has become obsolete and should be deleted).



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Zone 2

Elf Emporium is back!

In December, for the donation of a quarter, students will be invited to the gym by class to choose gifts for up to 4 family members. Gifts will be wrapped and labelled for the students. All money collected will be donated to a charity that will be highlighted in December's newsletter.

To make this happen, we need help from you! Families are asked to send in donations of gently used items such as toys & puzzles for all ages, kitchen 7 BBQ items, jewelry, small purses movies, household items (candles, soaps, decorations), and small sports games.

Donations of gift wrap, gift bags and tape are also needed.

Spirit Wear

Just a reminder that spirit wear orders will close on November 17th. Here is the link to the virtual store at Team Outfitters: [High Park School Store](#). If you are unable for any reason to make purchases online, please contact the school to make arrangements.

Staffing changes & Congratulations

We welcomed Ms. Jones to our staff last week. Ms. Jones is taking over the grade 1/2 classroom while Mrs. Slack is on maternity leave.

Congratulations to both Mrs. Slack and Mrs. Gill who have welcomed the new additions to their families in the last week!

Boston Pizza Hot Lunch

Orders will only be available through schoolcashionline. If you need assistance setting this up, please contact Mrs. Orr in the main office. A small number of paper copies for orders will be kept in the office for families who must use cash.

School Messenger and Attendance Reporting

Instructions for downloading the School Messenger app and navigating the website can be found here: [School Messenger](#). Please, use this to report any absences. There is an automatic call-out that we are unable to suspend that goes out about 9:30.

If your child(ren) is going to be absent for 5+ days, please contact the office to receive a form that is required to be kept on file for auditing purposes.

School Cash Online

If you are new to the school, please register for a school cash online account in order to receive notifications when payments are due for items such as field trips and hot lunch days. The link to the website can be found here: [School Cash Online](#). Please contact Mrs. Orr in the office if you require your child's student number or assistance.



Busing

Bus information can be found in the Parent Portal here: [Parent Portal](#) If you are new to the school and have not used the portal you will have to register first. You will need your child's student number to register, and Mrs. Orr can help you with that if you call or email her (linda.orr@lkdsb.net).

Nut-Free (and nut substitution) free school

We are a nut free school. This includes all products made with nuts and substitutions (such as WOW!butter). There are cases where an anaphylactic student has had a psychosomatic reaction to these products believing that they have been in contact with a nut product. It is also difficult for staff to have to determine what is and isn't true nut products (i.e., peanut butter vs. WowButter!) while on supervision at lunch.

School Council

Being involved in your children's school is a great way to stay connected. This year our meetings are held in person in the learning commons. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 16th @ 6:30 PM. New members are always welcome!

Appointments During the Day/Picking up Early.

If you need to pick your child(ren) up before dismissal, please call and let Mrs. Orr or Mrs. Rockwood in the office know and they will ensure your child is ready and waiting. Once you have arrived, ring the doorbell outside the main office doors to notify the office of your arrival and your child will be dismissed. It's always a good idea to send the classroom teacher a notification as well.

PARENTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED BEYOND THE FOYER FOR ANY REASON OTHER THAN A SCHEDULED MEETING WITH TEACHING STAFF OR ADMINISTRATION.

Panther Sports

Congratulations to all of our Panthers who took part in the Area Cross Country Meet last month. Our Panthers did us proud cheering and encouraging each other and runner from other teams.

We had a number of students qualify for the district meet and Our grade 5 girls won their division! Big thanks to Mrs. Houle, Ms. Simard and Mr. Van Wolde for giving their time to coach the team!

Volleyball is up and running and games will be starting next week!

