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April 2022: SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

We have had some warm, sunny days already as winter begins to fade, and all of us in The Den are grateful that warm weather is just around the corner! We continue to work diligently to provide each of our students with a quality education in these challenging times and all of us at PE McGibbon are grateful for the support and encouragement of our community.

Many of the COVID-19 rules and restrictions implemented by the Ministry of Education have now been lifted and it is a joy to see our students smiling as they run and play with friends. While health measures like masking are no longer mandatory, we have many members of our school community who continue to wear masks, which is entirely okay. Our staff are busy planning field trips and special outings for our students this spring and we are looking forward to making many wonderful memories together!

STAYING SAFE AND HEALTHY

Parents, please complete the Ministry's COVID school screening tool **every day** before sending your child to school. You can go to covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening to access the screening tool. **Do not send your child to school if the screener recommends they stay home!** Follow the instructions in the screening tool carefully and call Lambton Public Health at 519-383-8331 if you have questions about your child's symptoms or the screening results.

The school office has **free PCR tests and rapid tests** available if you or someone in your household requires them. Please call the school office to have a kit sent home with your child.

REPORTING STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Families have three great ways to report student attendance to the office:

- **Call** 519-344-4371 and select Option 1
- **Text** 226-964-2162
- **Use the School Messenger App:** visit [www.lkdsb.net/pages/school-messenger.aspx#/="](http://www.lkdsb.net/pages/school-messenger.aspx#/=) for instructions

GRADE 8 GRADUATION

We are very excited to be in the midst of planning our Grade 8 Graduation ceremony, tentatively booked for **Thursday, June 23** in the Great Lakes Secondary School auditorium. We will share more details with you as they are finalized, but please save the date for our graduates!

POPCORN SALES

Our Grade 7 students will be selling popcorn on Thursdays now to the end of the year to help offset the cost of year-end activities. Sales will occur **every Thursday** at the start of second nutrition break, and bags are \$2.00 each or 2 for \$3.00. Delicious flavours include White Cheddar, Dill Pickle, Butter and Salt, and Salt and Vinegar. No pre-ordering is necessary.

OUT OF BOUNDARY STUDENTS

Students who live outside of our school boundaries **must request in writing** that they remain at PE McGibbon for the 2021-2022 school year, and no enrollment is guaranteed until staffing is complete at the end of the summer. The Board requires that all new FDK students register at their home school as well. If you have moved or live outside of our boundary, please send a letter to the school as soon as possible to request that your child(ren) remain at our school.

PARENT COUNCIL FUNDRAISER

The PE McGibbon Parent Council continues to be active in supporting our school community. We are continuing to volunteer at bingos with **Jackpot City** to generate funds for our school and welcome any additional volunteers to join us!

If you are a gardener or know someone who plants their own veggies in the summer, make sure you check out the **Plantables** fundraiser we are running. This local company ships ready-to-plant vegetable plants to your home just in time to go into the garden, and we receive 10% back from all orders that use the code **PE2022** this year. Visit www.plantables.ca to place your order today!

REGISTERING FOR KINDERGARTEN

If you or someone you know missed our Kindergarten Registration event in January, don't worry! There is **still time** to add your child to our list for the fall. Please call Mrs Brown at the school office for instructions, or visit www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten for more information.

We are hosting a **New to Kindergarten Meet the Teacher Night** on Wednesday, Apr 20 from 4:00-7:00pm at the school. Our new Junior Kindergarten students will tour a Kindergarten classroom and participate in an outdoor activity with one of Kindergarten teams, and families that are already registered for school will be invited to attend the event. This is a drop-in event and there is no need to sign up.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Our school breakfast program will continue to deliver freshly made, nutritious breakfasts to more than 100 of our students in their classrooms through the end of this school year. We are thankful for all of our program volunteers, and especially our coordinator Maddie! Please contact the office to have your child(ren) added to the breakfast program list.

BUILDER'S CLUB SPIRIT DAYS FOR APRIL

April 8	Jersey Day (Blue Jays and Tigers Opening Day)
April 14	Bunny Ears Day
April 22	Tie Dye Day
April 29	Hawaiian Day