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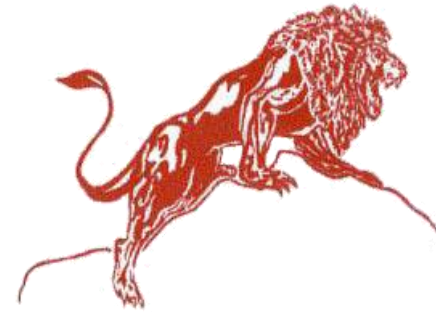
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Treaties Recognition Week

Treaties Recognition Week helps students, staff, and the public learn about treaties from diverse Indigenous perspectives and encourages greater understanding of the importance of treaties in Ontario. Treaties negotiated in Ontario over the past 250 years are the foundation of the relationship between governments and Indigenous peoples. They represent a mutual commitment to building a prosperous future for everyone. Historical treaties are important to the ongoing relationship between the Crown and First Nations and are still relevant today. By building understanding of these agreements, we are moving towards reconciliation with Indigenous people. This helps create equitable and respectful relationships, enabling a better way forward together.

Deli Dude Fundraiser

We are very excited to share that our very popular Deli Dude Fundraiser begins on Tuesday, November 2nd. Options will include pepperettes, salami, summer sausage and new this year – JERKY! Look for the order form in your child's bag. All order forms must be returned by Monday, November 15th in order to get the orders in before our Winter Break. Orders are expected to be at VL the week of December 6th.



Upcoming Events

November 1-5

Treaties Recognition Week

November 2

Deli Dude Fundraiser Begins

November 11

Remembrance Day – virtual assembly

November 12

Progress Reports Home

November 15

Parent/Teacher Conferences Start on the 15th and continue through to the 19th of November

November 16

Parent Council Meeting

November 19

PA Day

Progress Reports

Students and teachers have been working hard these past two months to build routines of day-to-day in-person learning. Our focus has been on building caring relationships and making sure that our school community is built on supportive foundations. As a collective staff, we can't tell you how happy we are to be back face-to-face with our students. Teachers have been working away at some reading and math diagnostics to see where the learning entry point is for each student so that they can meet them where they are at and move them forward from here.

Progress Reports will go home Friday November 12th and will reflect all of these components. Reminder that these progress reports show a student's development of the learning skills and work habits during the beginning of the school year, as well as general progress in working towards the curriculum in all subject areas.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher interviews will occur via a scheduled Google Meet or Telephone Conversation. Teachers will provide information around the signup process. Options for the meeting will also be made available to meet parents' needs and teacher style and comfort. Please look for information about Interviews in the report card envelopes coming home on the 12th of November.

The Progress Report and Conferences show a student's development of the learning skills and work habits during the beginning of the school year, as well as a student's general progress in working towards the curriculum expectations in all subjects. This is an excellent opportunity to hear how your child's year has begun, and how you can support their learning at home.

Remembrance Day

Despite current limitations and our inability to collectively meet in our gymnasium, again this year our staff and students will recognize the work and sacrifice of those in years past and present who fought for the freedom which we enjoy each and every day as Canadians. The school will be holding a **virtual** assembly for all students on November 11th with a school-wide moment of silence at 11:00. Many classes will be contributing to the assembly either through art, song, poem, or stories.

Student Awards and Monthly Virtual Assembly

In October, two students from each class received recognition for their efforts in displaying cooperation and for excellence in the subject of language. Students were recognized by receiving certificates and their teachers' presented winners with their certificates last week.

School Council

On Tuesday November 16th, the School Council will meet in-person at Victor Lauriston at 6:30pm in our Learning Commons. Medical grade masks are mandatory for attendance. As always, the council meets to discuss the current events happening around the school as well as ideas to improve the learning environment for students. Parent input is considered when school administrators are making decisions and by attending the meeting, parents and guardians are encouraged to share their ideas for consideration. Hope to see you there!

Winter Dress

With the ever-changing weather, please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately with hats, boots, mittens and warm coats. This is also a great time of year to wear layers so that children can adjust their clothing as the temperature warms throughout the day. Our students enjoy playing outside twice a day for twenty minutes each break and we want all of them to feel comfortable. Please ensure items are labelled so they are easier to retrieve if misplaced.

Inclement Weather

In cases of severe weather, listen to CFCO (AM 630 and FM 92.9), CKSY (FM 94.3) and Cool FM (FM 95.1) beginning at 6:30 a.m. Information is also posted at School Bus Info. Follow the School Bus and Weather Info link on the LKDSB website. Our school is located in SCHOOL BUS ZONE 8.

Vaccinations for School Sports

Activities related to organized sports, particularly contact sports and high intensity fitness and recreation put participants at greater risk for COVID-19 transmission due to heavy breathing, close contact and length of contact and lack of personal protective equipment (e.g. mask use). This risk is significantly increased when activities take place indoors. Requiring and verifying proof of vaccination for all people 12 years of age and older who wish to play any school sport can reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 and improve protection from COVID-19, limiting the spread.

Moving forward, any student wishing to play school sports for Victor Lauriston will be required to show proof of vaccination.

Mask Wearing Protocol

Masks continue to be mandatory in our building and families are reminded that while we can provide masks to students occasionally, it is the student's responsibility to ensure that they have sufficient masks for each day.

We recommend packing extra masks each day in the event one gets lost or wet. Thank you for your support with this.

