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Thank YOU and Happy Holidays

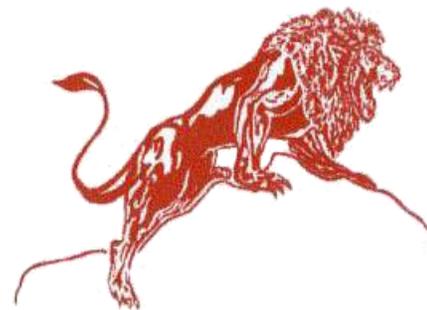
As we draw closer to the winter break, we wish to extend a huge thank-you to all parents, students and staff who have worked so diligently to ensure that our ongoing procedures have been adhered to and that new any protocols have been respected. As some of these changes have been fatiguing in nature, we also remind everyone that diligence in this stage of the year is so important. We need to persevere to increase the likelihood that everyone experiences a healthy December and an enjoyable break. Everyone will be looking forward to a change of pace as we move into the Holidays. We wish everyone a relaxing vacation and hope that everyone has a rejuvenating holiday as we move into 2022.

Parent Council Virtual Meet Link

We will continue to meet virtually this year for our parent council meetings. Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, Dec. 2 @ 6:30.

To join the video meeting, click this link:

<https://meet.google.com/ods-xjod-mnr>



Upcoming Events

December 2

School Council Virtual Meeting at 6:30 p.m

December 3

Cookie Day – Lion Pride Day

December 13

Holiday Theme Days:
Monday - Christmas Hat and Socks Day

Tuesday - Christmas Character Day (i.e. Santa, Elf, Frosty, Grinch, etc.)

Wednesday – Red and Green Day

Thursday - Ugly Christmas Sweater Day

Friday - PJ Day

December 17

Last Day of Classes

January 3

Classes Resume

Home/School Communication

We appreciate everyone who took the time to participate in the parent/teacher interviews held in the month of November. These types of interactions are incredibly important in ensuring student success. We encourage parents to reach out to teachers at any stage in the year. The more communication that takes place between home and school the greater likelihood that students are receiving what they need.

New Protocol for Entering Victor Lauriston

Any visitors will need to complete the [Ontario COVID-19 School and Child Care Screener](#). We have paper copies of this screener available at the visitor's sign-in log for visitors to complete. Copies are available for download at this link: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/download-covid-19-screenings#school-and-child-care-screening>. It is also acceptable for visitors to demonstrate using an electronic device that they have passed the screener if it is verified that the Ontario COVID-19 School and Child Care Screener was used. Visitors will still need to sign the visitor's log, *after* indicating that they passed the Ontario School and Child Care COVID screener, regardless of whether they use an electronic device or a paper copy to screen.

Head Lice

As we get into the colder months of the year, and there is the possibility of students sharing toques, etc., all students should be reminded of steps they can take to reduce the likelihood of getting head lice. Even though lice do not jump or fly, they can spread from one student to another by sharing combs, brushes, clothing and hats (things that should be avoided anyway with current limitations in place). Anyone can get head lice; all members of the household need to be checked when there is one case of head lice in your immediate family, or the cycle of treatment and infestation can be continuous.

Winter Dress

With the ever-changing weather, please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately with hats, boots, waterproof mittens/gloves (waterproof are best) 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. There may also be times when a teacher wants to have the students do some outdoor learning and students need to be dressed appropriately for the weather.

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 ZONE 8.

Student Transportation Services also offers the **MySBI** mobile app to receive instant notifications of school bus delays, and cancellations. Just download the free app from Android/Apple app stores, and subscribe to Weather Notifications, as well as to your school bus(es). Please visit [this link](#) for additional details.

Schoolwide Reusable Water Bottles

We want to give a big shout-out to Mainstreet Credit Union for their donation of reusable water bottles for every student at Victor Lauriston in November. Thank you Mrs. Carrothers for organizing this for our students. These bottles are being used regularly to keep our students hydrated. Parents, if you see these bottles come home, please make sure they are returned for use here at Victor Lauriston once they have been washed up.



Invested in Local

Mainstreet is proud to have donated 325 reusable water bottles to all the students at Victor Lauriston Public School to use at their new water filling stations.

Enjoy your new bottles compliments of Mainstreet Credit Union.



Playground Equipment

Playground equipment is now closed for the winter season. This is due to the safety regulations outlined by the school board. When the conditions have cleared in the spring and an inspection has taken place, students will be permitted on equipment once again.

Safe Commuting

Please remind your children that as the weather conditions change, snow and ice make for slippery sidewalk and road conditions. Vehicles have less traction, so students need to be very aware of traffic, as they walk to and from school. As well, there are no student Safety Patrollers at Victor Lauriston School, so parents/guardians and students are responsible for commuting safely every day.



