



LANSDOWNE

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January 2022 Newsletter

A Message from your New Principal

I would like to wish you and your family a very Happy New Year. I am really looking forward to becoming part of this wonderful school community. I know these are difficult times that we are living in due to Covid and all the limitations this brings into our lives and education system. Our staff will continue to focus on learning and support your child through this difficult time.

I have worked as a VP/Principal for the past 14 years at the following schools:

Errol Road Public School

Brigden Public School

Queen Elizabeth II Public School, Sarnia

I also have specialization in Reading and Special Education. Previously, I taught Grade 6, 7 and 8 at a number of schools within LKDSB.

I love working with children. I especially enjoy getting to know students personally, making a connection and helping them move forward in their learning.

Please know that I am available should you need my assistance. I look forward to meeting you and your children soon.

Fun fact about me...I have the cutest little puppy ever and her name is Tessa. She is looking forward to being a surprise guest on announcements and fancies herself becoming part of the Lansdowne Lightning community!

Joy.McLean@lkdsb.net



January 5th-14th Virtual Learning

On Wednesday, January 5th, teachers will send a link for your child(ren) to participate in a meet and greet virtually as a class to touch base and reconnect.

On Thursday, January 6th, all students will participate in remote virtual learning until Friday, January 14th. Students will access information regarding lessons, classroom activities, and Google Meets through their individual classroom platforms: Google Classroom or Seesaw.

Technology is available to those that require it and currently have no outstanding devices with the school. If your child needs a device, please notify your child's teacher.

December Happenings

Both our boys and girls volleyball teams had a successful season, as each team earned a spot in the finals. An additional congratulations to our girls team that won the overall championship with a victory over Confederation Public School. Well done girls!

Our students participated in a variety of activities throughout December to celebrate various winter holidays. Individual classrooms also worked hard practicing for a virtual performance on stage for the Winter Solstice concert! A big thank you to the staff that worked hard to ensure that we were still able to celebrate the Year's end together with a virtual concert. An additional thank you to the Ojibwe classroom for painting a beautiful display for the backdrop. What a wonderful way for Lansdowne to wrap up the calendar year and prepare for holidays.

GLSS Virtual Open House

January 18th, 7:00 PM - Details will be provided to parents and students as we get closer to the date.

Traditional Turkey Dinner

We are so fortunate to have had the opportunity to provide our traditional turkey dinner to our entire staff and students! This was made possible by the generosity of several community members and groups. Thank you so much for providing such a wonderful meal for our school to enjoy together. An additional thank you to Builder's Club students and staff volunteers for helping deliver the individual dinners to each classroom.

Contributing community partners:
Lee's Snack House / Guardian Tree Service --
Anne and Mike Raaymaker
Concrete Solutions- Rick Wagner
Babcock Welding - Paul Babcock
Food Basics - Jenn Grey

Spirit Wear

Spirit Wear orders were delivered to all staff and students. A big thank you to our school council for organizing the order. It is great to see many representing our school! Go Lightning!

School Council Initiatives

Our School Council has organized a few special days at Lansdowne while following COVID guidelines. A big thank you to our amazing School Council team for arranging these opportunities for the students at the school. If anyone is interested in joining the School Council team, please reach out to the school for more information. We look forward to hearing from you!

COVID Guidelines: Travelling Outside of Canada

As per the federal travel guidelines and the directions of the Ontario COVID-19 school and child care screening through the Ontario Ministry of Education, unvaccinated children under the age of 12 who travel outside of Canada with a fully vaccinated companion are exempt from federal quarantine; however, they are not permitted to attend school or child care for 14 days following their return.

Weather Clothing Reminder

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.

Lansdowne School Goals

Our School Improvement Team met together recently to develop our School Improvement Plan for the year. These goals and the identified success criteria will be discussed with our School Council at our next meeting and will be a continued focus of learning and discussion with staff throughout the year.

- **Student Achievement Goal** (including literacy, numeracy and graduation): Use assessment feedback to provide targeted instruction that improves students' numeracy and literacy skills
- **Student Wellbeing Goal** (including Feeling of Belonging, Caring & Trusting Adult, and Sense of Welcoming): To continue our work in developing and strengthening a sense of belonging and connectedness of all Lansdowne students, families, staff and community partners to Lansdowne Public School
- **Re-engagement Goal:** To reconnect with Lansdowne students, their families and community partners and develop a renewed sense of pride in the Lansdowne community.
- **Indigenous Ed Goal** (including Truth and Reconciliation Commitments): Continue to develop staff and student understanding of the truth in our Canadian history and amplify the voices of Indigenous Peoples in all areas of the curriculum
- **Anti-Oppression Goal:** To ensure that the diversity of all our students, staff and community is reflected in the learning happening in classrooms and school environment and to openly engage in conversations about racism, discrimination, prejudice, stereotypes and bigotry.

Communication

Communication between home and school is key to your child's success. If you ever have concerns or questions, please speak directly to your child's teacher via phone or email. If any concerns remain, please contact school administrators. Do not think that you have to postpone concerns you have until Parent/Teacher interview time in November. Come and talk to us sooner rather than later.

Electronic Newsletter

In an effort to reduce the amount of paper and copying, and to reduce the sharing of touched items, we are asking that parents please access the monthly newsletter and calendar through the Lansdowne Public School website and via our Facebook page. Each month, the newsletter will be posted as close to the beginning of the month as possible. There will be no paper copies sent home. Newsletters and Calendars will be emailed out via School Messenger. You can visit the site at: [Newsletters](#)

