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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.

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. Be sure to reach out to us if any assistance is needed for warm clothing during the winter months.



Upcoming Events

November 5-11

Treaties Recognition Week

November 6

Spirit Wear Order Deadline

November 10

Progress Reports Home

November 11

Remembrance Day

November 16

Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 17

PA Day

Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 21

Picture Retake Day

November 22

Parent Council Meeting @
6:30pm

Spirit Wear Orders

We are pleased to offer a Spirit Wear opportunity to our families and staff again this year, with a variety of products and designs available. Please feel free to participate in this optional activity using the following link: <https://victorlauristonfall2023.itemorder.com/shop/home/>.

There are many options to choose from on the website. There is also a design option that is specific to Lauriston Athletics with a team logo on the front and a "Protect the Den" slogan on the back, perfect for athletes and parents alike. All purchasing occurs through the website, but if you are unable to purchase online and would like to send in cash, you should contact Mrs. Norton in the office. **The store will close on Nov 6** and items will be ready for pickup at school before the winter break (approximately 4 weeks).

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. 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 10th 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 conferences will occur in person this year. They will be scheduled on Thursday, Nov 16th and Friday, Nov 17th. Teachers will provide information around the signup process shortly. Please look for information about Interviews in the report card envelopes coming home on the 10th 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

We are very excited that we will be able to collectively meet in our gymnasium for our Remembrance Day service. 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 day as Canadians. The school will be holding this service for all students on November 10th 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.

Attendance

Regular school attendance is vital for every student! Letters will be sent home with Progress Reports for students who have already missed ten school days this year, and we ask that caregivers who receive a letter to discuss a plan for regular attendance with the Principal or Vice Principal. Students who miss school on a weekly basis miss out on important learning, developing friendships, and building confidence as a learner.

Did you know that almost every classroom provides instruction in Reading and Writing in the first block of the school day? Students who consistently arrive late are missing out on foundational pieces of literacy. Please help your child succeed by ensuring that they arrive at school every day by 9:15am.

Volunteers

Thank you to our amazing Breakfast Program volunteers who are here every morning to provide students with a healthy start to the day! Your commitment to our community is deeply appreciated. Please contact the office if you are interested in volunteering in our Breakfast Program one day a week for an hour.

Dogs on School Property

Please note that dogs are not allowed on school property. While many family dogs are adorable, trusted companions, many members of our school community are afraid of even the cutest four-legged friend. Please keep your dogs at home or in your vehicle when picking your children up from school.

School Council

On Tuesday November 23rd, the School Council will meet in-person at Victor Lauriston at 6:30pm in our Learning Commons. 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!

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.

Nut Allergies

Please be advised that nut products are not permitted at school at any time due to severe allergies in our school community. This includes peanuts, tree nuts, and other products that may contain nuts. Parents and caregivers are asked to keep candy with nuts and peanut butter products at home.