



# Victor Lauriston PS

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## Safe School Reminder

Thank you in advance for calling the school or recording your child's absence in our School Messenger System. When leaving a message, please include: your name, the student's name, reason for absence and length of the absence (if known). Our goal is to have 100% of student absences reported by parents before the start of the day. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO REACH THIS GOAL!

If you haven't yet downloaded the app, it is quite easy to use. Click the link below to get started.

<https://www.lkdsb.net/Pages/school-messenger.aspx#/=>

## Attendance

School attendance is important. The Provincial School Attendance Counsellor (Ministry of Education) defines 'persistent absenteeism' as "any student who has missed 10% or more of school days for any reason, including unexcused or excused absences, over an academic year". Statistics show that persistent absenteeism puts children's future success at risk. Students who are habitually late, leave school early, or are absent miss a significant amount of learning. And research confirms that missing school has a negative impact on success as early as Grade 1. Every day counts!

## Upcoming Events

### October 6

PA DAY

### October 9

Thanksgiving Holiday

### October 4

Parent Council Meeting 6:30  
VL Learning Commons

### October 17

Fall Picture Day

IEP's Go Home

### October 19<sup>th</sup>

Great Big Crunch Event

### October 25<sup>th</sup>

Grade 7 Fall Immunization

### November 22

Parent Council Meeting 6:30  
VL Learning Commons

## Orange Shirt Day/National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

On September 29<sup>th</sup>, Victor Lauriston Public School, along with schools across the country commemorated Orange Shirt Day. The annual Orange Shirt Day on September 30<sup>th</sup> opens the door to global conversation on all aspects of Residential Schools. It is an opportunity to create meaningful discussion about the effects of Residential Schools and the legacy they have left behind on Canada's indigenous peoples. This is a discussion all Canadians can tune into and create bridges with each other for



reconciliation. It is a day for survivors to be reaffirmed that they matter, and so do those that have been affected. Every Child Matters and in turn, every adult matters. We were so grateful to see so many members of our school community wearing orange!

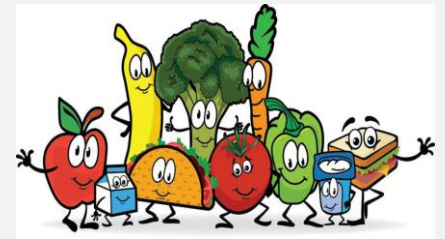
## GREAT BIG CRUNCH



The Ontario Student Nutrition Program invites schools across Southwestern Ontario to take a great big crunch into locally grown apples all at the same time. This event is occurring on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Fundraisers

We have – and will continue to have – ongoing fundraisers for the many events that are happening at Victor Lauriston this year. Mr. Orlando's FDK class are selling sour keys at the school during breaks until Friday October 13<sup>th</sup> to raise money for their fall field trip. Additionally, Mrs. Morkin and Mrs. Jack's grade 7/8 class ran a Little Caesars Pizza Kit fundraiser to raise money for their annual field trip. Money and forms were due on Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup>. There was also a hot dog fundraiser to raise money for the school, which also ended on Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for more fundraisers in the coming months!



## Breakfast & Nutrition Program

Here at Victor Lauriston Public School, we are so grateful for the community support that we receive to maintain a healthy, vibrant nutrition program. As of Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> our Breakfast Program is officially up and running! It begins at 8:30am each day and runs until 9:00am. It allows students who have signed up the opportunity to come in and partake in a variety of nutritious meals throughout the year. In addition to the Breakfast Program, we also have the Nutrition Program which allows students to eat throughout the day using the resources prepared and provided by staff and parent volunteers.

Thank you to the parent volunteers that assist with this program. Any other parents wanting to help with the program are welcome to contact the school to find out how to get involved.

## Terry Fox Run

Thank you to all students and staff who made donations to our Terry Fox Run. The community raised over \$200 this year. We had a great time walking/running to honour our Canadian Hero!

## Morning Announcements

With many event happenings around the school on a day-to-day basis, sometimes the communication between students and parents about the many activities at the school gets lost. That is why we have made some changes so that parents can be more informed. We have begun placing all our morning announcements on our school website. Feel free to check it out if you are interested in knowing what is going on in and around the school. You can use the following web address to access:

<https://www.lkdsb.net/school/victor/Pages/Announcements.aspx#/=> .

## 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(s). If any concerns remain, please contact school administrators as soon as possible, but remember, this is a secondary support that pales in comparison to the working relationship between parents/caregivers and teachers. Do not think that you must postpone communicating concerns you have until the Parent/Teacher interview time in November. Please contact us sooner rather than later. Please remember that technology can still be used to meet your scheduling needs.



**Please remember that dogs are not allowed on school property during the school day. Please refrain from bringing your dogs to before school drop off and after school pick up. Thank You.**