



# Lester B. Pearson P.S

## December 2018

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### Upcoming Dates

- Dec 13 Kindness Campaign Kick-Off \* Collecting student voice
- Dec. 12,13,14 Scientist in the School Gr. 5
- Dec 14 Every Student Counts Survey Deadline
- Dec. 21 Kindness Cross Curricular Activity
- Dec 24 – Jan 4 Winter Break



### Message Mr. Philp & Mme Laflamme

It's hard to believe that we are only a few weeks away from the Winter Break. The past few months at LBP have gone by quickly, and have been very successful in establishing routines, expectations, and for building community. We will continue to do this into the new year, in order to create an environment that is safe and inclusive for all students, their families, as well as, for our staff.

During our classroom walkthroughs we have noticed students actively engaged in a variety of learning opportunities connected to different aspects of the curriculum, building upon fundamental French, Literacy and Math skills.

As 2018 comes to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing students and staff for all of their hard work over the past few months. We hope each LBP family has a safe and restful holiday, and a great 2019!

We would also like to thank you for your continued support. If families ever have any questions, please don't hesitate to call.

Mr. Philp & Mme Laflamme



## Did you know....?

Recently we changed the format of our morning announcements. A few of the changes include...

- Adding messages from the YRDSB Holiday & Observances Calendar
- Our opening message acknowledges the land we are on as the Traditional Territory of the Williams Treaty
- Our opening greeting of Hello, is spoken in English, French, and Ojibwe

**Hello – Bonjour – Aaniin Boozhoo**

## Parking Lot Reminder

Families are reminded to follow the posted rules for access to the bus loop, and the parking lot, in the morning and the afternoon. This is simply to ensure safety for our students and staff, as we have close to 20 buses or taxis entering and exiting our building each day.



## SCHOOL BUS SERVICE

School bus service may be cancelled from time to time due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements. Since some bussing schedules begin by 7:00 a.m. or earlier, all cancellation decisions must be made by 6:00 a.m. to ensure the safety of our students. Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with school bus companies servicing York Region.

Decisions are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature and road conditions. Please note the following:

- A decision to cancel school bus transportation may be system wide (where all buses in York Region are cancelled) or municipality specific (where buses in one or more municipalities are cancelled).
- If school bus transportation in your municipality is cancelled and your child attends school in a different municipality where service is operational, your child will not be transported to/from school.
- If school bus transportation in your municipality is operational and your child attends school in a different municipality where service is cancelled, your child will not be transported to/from school.
- If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore, students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home.

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

RADIO 590 AM 640 AM 680 AM 860 AM 1010 AM 1050 AM 1540 AM 1580 AM 88.5 FM 89.9 FM 92.5 FM 93.1 FM 94.9 FM 95.9 FM 97.3 FM 98.1 FM 99.1 FM 99.9 FM 101.1 FM 102.1 FM 104.5 FM 100.7 FM 107.1 FM TELEVISION CITY TV THE A-CHANNEL CFTO TV CP24 GLOBAL NEWS

### Reminder:

**\*\* Families need to recognize that on inclement weather days, lunch service arrangements, special lunches or special events/field trips will be cancelled. \*\***

# ESCS – REMINDER – DEADLINE EXTENDED TO DEC 14<sup>th</sup>.

Student voice is important to us. From November 12 to **December 14th**, 2018, the York Region District School Board will invite all students to participate in the *Every Student Counts Survey (ESCS)*.

The purpose of this census survey is to better understand YRDSB's diverse student population as well as students' experiences in school and outside of school. The survey results will be used to help improve our schools and to:

- Identify and eliminate systemic barriers to student success;
- Create more equitable and inclusive school environments; and,
- Improve student achievement and well-being.

All students will be given the opportunity to participate. Accessibility options will be available for any student who needs assistance completing the survey.

- For students in **Kindergarten to Grade 6**, the survey has been sent home to be completed with a parent/guardian.
- Students in **Grades 7-12** have been invited to complete the census at their school.



## York Region Public Health Message

Children need at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity daily to live healthier, happier lives, yet many only spend 14 minutes doing heart pumping activities after school. Most children spend their after school time sitting playing video or computer games, watching television or reading.

Tips to get your kids active after school:

- Get outside with your kids
- Use active modes of travel such as walking and cycling as much as possible
- Restrict television viewing and video/computer games during the after school period
- Encourage your child to participate in sports or intramural activities after school
- Investigate the availability of programs at your local Parks and Recreation Department
- Help your child find activities that they enjoy and best suit their abilities

This material is provided by York Region Public Health.

For more information on physical activity please visit

[Physical Activity for Schools | York Region](#)



# Online Mathematics Homework Help

The Ontario Ministry of Education and the Independent Learning Centre have partnered together to bring a new project called ***Homework Help*** to students. This year, all Ontario Mathematics students enrolled in Gr. 7 - 10 have access to this resource.

Students log on to *Homework Help* and using an interactive chat room and electronic whiteboard, they can obtain personalized tutoring from a certified Ontario Mathematics teachers.

***Homework Help is no cost, live, and anonymous.***

**Chats take place Sunday to Thursday evenings from 5:30pm - 9:30pm and all sessions are recorded.**

## Key Features:

- best session videos of commonly asked questions
- interactive tutorials
- listen and learn presentations on various topics
- a virtual locker to record chat sessions for future review
- calculator
- glossary

Tutor Chat Room sessions are available to all registered users to watch and learn, including parents/guardians, who can register as guests.

## Registration Information

**Note:** The following information will be needed to login to the Independent Learning Centre (ILC)\* in order that students currently taking Mathematics may be registered in the *Homework Help* program:

- Ontario Educational Number (OEN) - found on the Provincial Report Card
- Date of Birth

**It is recommended that students use an anonymous username and password when registering.**

\* *The Independent Learning Centre (ILC) is the organization that the Ontario Ministry of Education has designated and accredited as their official distance education provider.*

To access the site, please visit [homeworkhelp.ilc.org](http://homeworkhelp.ilc.org) 

We look forward to your child having the opportunity to use this outstanding resource.

[Step by Step Guide for Student Registration](#) 

## Ask a Tutor



# Future SCHOOL COUNCIL DATES: 7-8:30 staffroom

**Monday Jan 14, 2019**

**Monday Feb 4th, 2019**

**Wednesday April 3, 2019**

**Monday May 6th, 2019**

**June - TBD**



# WOULD YOU ENJOY **COLLABORATIVELY** LEARNING THE ONTARIO CURRICULUM THROUGH **THE ARTS?**

If so, the York Region District School Board offers an **Elementary Integrated Arts Program** at Baythorn Public School. If you are currently in grades four or five you may apply for the **arts@baythorn program**, where you will have the opportunity to explore the disciplines of Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, and Music in a **cooperative learning environment**.

To learn more about the **arts@baythorn** program, you and your family are invited to attend an information evening at Baythorn Public School on:

**Thursday, January 17, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Applications will be available at **[bit.ly/arts\\_application2019](http://bit.ly/arts_application2019)**  
online after the January 17th, 2019 info night.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 9TH, 2019 AT 4:00 PM**

If you require further information, please call us at  
**Baythorn Public School**  
**(905) 889-7992.**

Kate Kurek  
Principal

The Arts Team

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