

Lester B. Pearson P.S January 2019

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Upcoming Dates

Jan 12	LBP Band Marlies game performance
Jan 14	School Council 7 p.m.
<mark>Jan 18</mark>	<mark>PA DAY – no school</mark>
Jan 23	Graduation Photos
Jan 30	ASHOF Hockey Presentation Grade 6



Message Mr. Philp & Mme Laflamme

Happy New Year and a warm welcome back to school. We hope everyone had a happy break. This month, we are continuing to build our kindness community through our LBP January Kindness Calendar (see example in left panel, and on page two). Built by students as a result of our December Kindness gatherings, the calendars are posted in every classroom (and around the school) and will help us focus on everyday words and actions that all staff and students can use to support acts of kindness in our lives, in and out of school. Please ask your children about it.

A gentle reminder to all families that students are outside every day for 20 minutes at recess and 40 minutes at lunch, weather permitting. As we enter the colder part of the year, students need to ensure that they are ready for the winter weather conditions with comfortable and appropriate clothing, such as boots, hats and mittens/gloves. As always, your support is appreciated.

Mr. Philp & Mme Laflamme

LBP January Kindness Calendar

Words and Actions that all LBP Leaders can support!

Let's try and live up to the words and actions that students determined would support the meaning of KINDNESS at Lester B. Pearson.



English <i>Scholastic</i> Book Fair	
Hello LBP families!	
This year's English Scholastic Book Fair will take place on February 6, 7 and 8, 2019.	
In order for our Book Fair to run smoothly and efficiently, your help is needed!	
If you are able to help during any of the noted times below (it doesn't have to be the entire block), please contact Mme MacKillican (<u>stephanie.mackillican@yrdsb.ca</u>), with your availability.	
Wed. Feb. 6 th	9:15 - 1:00: Book Fair
	2:00 - 4:00: Book Fair
Thurs. Feb 7 th	9:15 - 1:00: Book Fair
	2:00 - 4:00: Book Fair
	4:00-7:00: Evening Book Fair
Fri., Feb. 8th	9:15 - 1:00: Book Fair
Your help is greatly appreciated!	

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.

To find out if transportation is cancelled, check:

- the Board website
- the <u>@YRDSB</u> Twitter account
- the Student Transportation Services' (STS) <u>website</u> or hotline: 1-877-330-3001
- school websites
- radio and TV media outlets

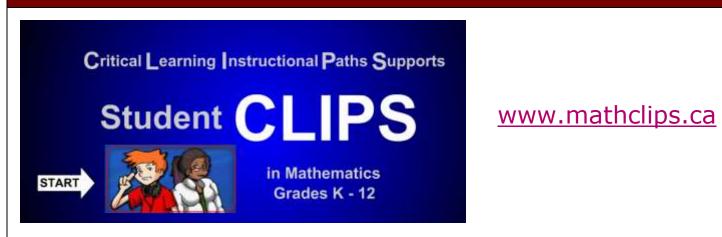
Reminder:

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

VAPING

We want to remind students/families that the use of electronic products such as vaping, electronic cigarettes and cigars as well as cartridges of nicotine solutions and related products are not permitted on or within 20 metres of school property. This means 20 metres beyond the school boundaries as opposed to simply off of school property. Health Canada reports health risks associated with vaping particularly for young people. This is in compliance with the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, which is enforced locally by York Region Community and Health Services and the Tobacco and Smoke-Free Environment Policy and Procedure. A progressive form of discipline, including suspension from school and fines (up to \$5,000), is in place for students who break the law. For more information, visit Health Canada or the Board website. Partnership for Drug Free Kids also provides a resource on how to talk to your kids about vaping.

MATH INFO FOR FAMILIES



Families interested in supporting mathematics at home, using a digital resource, can check out CLIPS. The CLIPS site offers a range of interactive activities, games, quizzes and learning tools with feedback. Topics include:

- Fractions;
- Integers;
- Linear Growing Patterns; and
- Trigonometric Functions.

Trustee Newsletter Greetings

Welcome back. I hope everyone is feeling refreshed following the winter break, and that you had a happy and safe holiday season. While the weather may be colder, I also hope that you had time to enjoy this beautiful time in Ontario.

It is my honour to serve as your school board trustee and to uphold the <u>values</u> of York Region District School Board. The new <u>Board of Trustees</u> was sworn in on December 3, following the October municipal elections. Together, we look forward to moving forward the four priorities outlined in the <u>Trustees' Multi-Year Strategic Plan</u>:

- Foster well-being and mental health
- Build collaborative relationships
- Champion equity and inclusivity
- Empower ethical leadership

There are a lot of exciting things happening in our schools and classrooms to foster and support student well-being and mental health. Ask your child what's happening in their school, and how they take care of themselves. As adults, we often focus on the health and well-being of the children in our lives, but it's also essential that we take care of ourselves. Taking time to do the things we enjoy and nurture our own health is also important and helps to model a healthy and active lifestyle for our children.

An important part of my <u>role as a trustee</u> is to listen, and I look forward to connecting with members of our school community in the coming weeks and months. We will continue working to build collaborative relationships with our communities and to keep you informed about the things happening in the school board. I wish you all the best as we enter 2019.

Bob McRoberts

Trustee – Aurora and King

FYI – Friday January 18th

PA DAY. NO SCHOOL



DID YOU KNOW....LBP has a snack program?

With grants the *Wellness Committee* has attained, we have been offering each class snacks on a regular basis, for the past few months. This week students have enjoyed Mandarin Oranges and Cheese Strings.



Junior Volleyball Update

On Thursday January 10th, the junior volleyball team went to Kettle Lakes Public School for a tournament. We ended up winning four out of our six games. We played Kettle Lakes, Moraine Hills and MacLeods Landing. The team played great, we may have seemed a little nervous, but we pulled through and overall played great. Everyone got to play and everyone contributed to our wins. Big thanks to our coach and helper Mrs. Liska and Will D.

~By Lucas L. and Mitchell J.



