Welcome to another new school year at Lester B. Pearson. We wish all students a happy and successful year ahead.

As the new administration at Lester B. we look forward to meeting the families that we serve, working in collaboration to make Lester B. an even better place than it already is. We know that student success is built upon a collaborative approach between students, families and schools.

In the weeks ahead please feel free to introduce yourself to us. We welcome any conversations with parents, as the partnership between school and home is fundamental to student success and wellbeing.

Meet the Teacher Night!

September 13th 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
We look forward to seeing everyone there.
## School Organization

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## EMERGENCY FORMS

In the event of an emergency, we rely on the information you have provided us on the emergency forms. Please take a moment to go over the student verification registration form that will be sent home shortly, and ensure that all your information is updated. You can make any necessary changes directly on the form and return it to us as soon as possible so that we may update our files.
Online Payments at LBP

School Cash Online provides the following benefits:

- No more need to send cash or cheques to school
- Reduces paper
- A quick way to register. You can register in less than 5 minutes.

Parents who opt to participate will receive email notifications of school programs. Families can make online payments via Interac or credit card and receive a receipt.

You will need to know your child’s student number to register. Many students know their number already (the number that they use to log onto the computer at school) and it is conveniently located on the top left of the “student registration verification form”. Should you still require the number, please contact the office.

ALLERGIES – STUDENT SAFETY

There are students in our school who have life-threatening allergies to peanuts, tree nuts and/or other products which can cause an anaphylactic reaction. Anaphylaxis is an allergic reaction that is so severe that it can cause death. The throat closes and the child cannot breathe. This allergic condition differs from any other allergic reactions in that it is life-threatening. Even contact with trace amounts of the allergen (through ingestion or touch) can trigger this type of reaction. The ONLY way to ensure a safe environment is to avoid bringing any peanut or nut and nut products onto the school premises. To do this, we need everyone’s cooperation. Isolating students with anaphylaxis from the rest of the student population during lunch time does not solve the concern because upon their return to class a reaction is possible. For example, since children tend to play in such close proximity to each other, contact from someone’s sticky peanut butter covered fingers is possible. As well, peanut butter or crumbs from cookies or chocolate bars, etc., can be left on rugs, desks, chairs, books or other school equipment, no matter how hard we try to clean these areas. When the child returns to class, a severe reaction is possible.

The child who suffers an anaphylactic reaction must be administered an EpiPen® and transferred immediately to the local hospital. If the ambulance is delayed, a second EpiPen® must be administered. Avoidance is the key in preventing the occurrence of these reactions.

It is for this reason that **we ask for your co-operation in refraining from sending peanut and tree nut products and by-products to school.** We hope that you will be able to support us in this regard to reduce the risk factor.

Please check the ingredients label on any food you send to school with your child for lunch or snack. Ensure that peanuts/tree nuts are not listed in the ingredients. Also ensure, that there is no warning of “may contain traces of peanuts/tree nuts” or “manufactured in a facility that handles peanuts/tree nuts”. The warning may vary between manufacturers but they will identify if there is a risk that the food product contains nuts. Examples of tree nuts are almonds, pecans, walnuts, cashews, etc. If there is no warning on the ingredients label and no peanut/tree nuts listed, then you may send the food item for your child.

We respectfully ask that children wash their hands thoroughly before arriving to school to ensure that he/she is not bringing any trace amounts of nut allergens to the classroom and common areas such as the library, playground and washrooms.

Your support in this important matter is deeply appreciated and critical to ensure the safety of all of our students.

*Together we can ensure a safe environment for all.*
TRANSPORTATION

The majority of students at Lester B. Pearson arrive to school via school bus. It is our priority to ensure the safe arrival of all students. You can support them by:

1. Ensuring that your child knows his/her bus route number and the name of the stop where he/she boards and gets off the bus.

2. Ensuring that your child arrives at the bus stop on time in the morning (it is recommended that students arrive 5 minutes prior to the scheduled pick-up time)

3. Talking to your child about safety on the bus, including staying seated, not throwing objects out of the window or in the bus, no loud conversations

4. Ensuring that if your child will not be riding the bus on a particular day or if your plans for pick-up change, your child’s teacher is informed in writing that day and the office is informed.

Did you know that students’ busing eligibility changes throughout their school career? Your son/daughter’s eligibility to ride the school bus may change according to their grade and distance from home to school. Below are the provisions for eligibility identified in the Board’s Transportation Policy #680:

All YRDSB students in Grades JK-3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are not eligible for transportation • All YRDSB students in Grades 4-8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are not eligible for transportation • All YRDSB students in Grades 9-12 who live within a transit served area are not eligible for transportation.

To view Board Policy #680 Student Transportation, please visit www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca. For more information about bus transportation and to determine your son/daughter’s eligibility please visit www.schoolbuscity.com

STSYR works closely with school bus operators to help ensure safe, reliable transportation is provided to students. Occasionally service times may be disrupted for various reasons. As a result, parents and students are encouraged to review the Late Bus Report.

http://net.schoolbuscity.com/latebus

PLEASE REPORT TO THE OFFICE

The Board has a Visitors Policy that requires ALL visitors to report to the office upon entering a school. Parents must also report to the office before meeting or picking up their children in order to sign them out.

PARENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO GO DIRECTLY TO A CLASSROOM AT ANY TIME.
Electronic Transmission of School Materials

As we are an Eco-Friendly school, once again this year we will be sending as much correspondence home electronically as we possibly can. If you have not already provided us with your email address(es), or if you wish to remove/update your existing email address(es), please send an email to Ingrid Clarke at ingrid.clarke@yrdsb.ca indicating your child/ren’s name as well as the new email addresses you would like us to keep on file.

Freedom of information and Protection of Privacy

Activities throughout the school year may require the use of student names, ages, grades, etc. These would be used when displaying student work, during student performances or when recognizing student achievements, at the school and/or board level. We recognize that these practices may be contrary to the wishes of some parents, therefore, parents, if you wish to exclude your child, please contact Mr. Philp immediately, in writing, so that alternate arrangements can be made.

SCHOOL HOURS

School Entry Bell: 9:00 a.m.
Instruction begins: 9:05 a.m.
Morning recess: 11:05-11:35 a.m.
Lunch recess: 12:55-1:55 p.m.
Dismissal: 3:35 p.m.

Safe Arrival Program

It is the policy of the York Region District School Board to report on the safe arrival of our students. If you know that your child will be absent, please send a note with your child or call the school at (905) 841-3030 and press 1 to leave a message. If we do not know why your child is absent, we will under policy #665 do the following:

- Call the home and business numbers provided
- Call the emergency numbers provided

- If the above are unsuccessful, we will call the York Region Police to report your child as missing
While most of our French Immersion students eat lunch at school, some of those who live close to the school, go home for lunch.

Some students in grades 7 and 8 occasionally purchase their lunch off school property. As administrators, we are entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring student safety.

The school’s responsibility is clear in this regard. While we can monitor behaviour and ensure safety while students are on school property, it is impossible to do so for students who leave the school premises.

We encourage parents to carefully consider any decision to allow their child to leave school grounds for lunch, especially if direct adult supervision is not available.

Parents who periodically make arrangements for their child to leave for lunch are asked to send a signed note to the office. Please note that we are unable to accept/manage email messages regarding lunch arrangements. Students are expected to sign out at the office at the beginning of the lunch hour and return to school to sign back in, in time for afternoon attendance.
Lockers

Lockers are the property of the school and are made available to students. Students who misuse, damage or deface the lockers, risk losing their locker privileges.

Wherever possible, lockers will be assigned to students to store their books, coats and personal belongings. Locks are encouraged for students in Grades 6 to 8. The combination must be shared with the classroom teacher for safekeeping.

Volunteers

Volunteers are a big part of our success at Lester B. Pearson P.S. We value the time that you are able to give us to help support student learning.

All volunteers are required to comply with the YRDSB Policy and Procedure #280 Volunteers in Our Schools and are required to:

- Submit a Police Vulnerable Sector Check (PVSC) completed within the last six months (requirement for new volunteers) OR sign the Annual Offence Declaration (returning volunteers who have a PVSC on file at LBP).
- Sign a Confidentiality Agreement

The PVSC would be necessary for volunteer tasks, such as accompanying students on class field trips and athletic events, working one-on-one with students to support reading, transporting students to sporting events.

Exceptions to this guideline may be made at the Principal’s discretion where: the volunteer is always in the presence of school staff; the volunteer is never alone with students and is not in a position of trust or responsibility, the volunteer does not access student washrooms or change rooms.

Volunteers, on the other hand, who offer to distribute hot lunches, to help with School Council fundraising initiatives or to work under the direction of a school staff member (Library helper, classroom support tasks), may be asked to complete a Confidentiality Agreement.

Information regarding obtaining a Police Vulnerable Sector Check can be found at the following link:


If you wish to volunteer at the school, and intend to obtain a PVSC, you must first request a letter from the school that states that the position is a “volunteer non-paid position”. You may speak directly with our office staff to obtain this letter.
Students’ health and medical info

If your child needs to take medication during school hours, we ask that you obtain the necessary forms from the school office. For legal and safety reasons, written permission is required for ALL medication, including inhalers, Epi-pens, and all other prescription and over-the-counter medications. Medication must be kept secure in the office (except for Epi-pens, where one will remain in the office and one is to be with the child at all times). Please ensure that all medication is brought directly to the office.

PHOTO DAY

This year, photo day will take place on September 26th

Please note that we will continue to use Edge Imaging as our photographer. You may place your orders online or fill out the envelope that will be sent home.

Message from Our Trustee

I am pleased to welcome all of our students and families to the start of the 2018-2019 school year. This is an exciting time of year. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and is looking forward to the months ahead.

York District School Board is committed to advancing student achievement and well-being. The Trustees’ new Multi-Year Strategic Plan, developed based on feedback from the community, outlines four priorities that will guide this work: Foster Well-Being and Mental Health, Champion Equity and Inclusivity, Build Collaborative Relationships and Empower Ethical Leadership. Thank you to everyone who shared their thoughts.

Our schools are stronger when families are engaged. There are many different ways families can support their child’s learning and get involved in life at the school, and I hope that you find opportunities to get engaged.

I wish you all the best for the upcoming school year.

Peter Adams-Luchowski
GRADE 7 IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Date: October 26th – Dose 1

Location: Lester B. Pearson P.S.

York Region Public Health nurses will be immunizing Grade 7 students at your school.
For more information please call 1-877-464-9675 ext. 73452

2018 – 2019 School Immunization Clinic Calendar

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