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From the staff at Lynndale Heights Public School

Lynndale Heights Parent Council

The third meeting of the Lynndale Heights Parent Council was held on Thursday, November 24, 2016. The agenda included discussion items such as ARC review and upcoming events (such as fundraising ideas, Turkey Dinner, Snack Program, Hot Dog sales at Open House, sales at school Track & Field). **The fourth meeting for the Lynndale Heights Parent Council is scheduled for Thursday, January 19, 2017 (7:00 – 8:30 pm).** All interested parents are welcome to attend any or all Parent Council meetings. Meetings occur once a month, usually on the third Thursday.

School Cash Online

Hot Lunches ...

Our hot lunches have been popular. Chicken lunch is on Wednesdays (January 11, 18, 25) and Pizza is on Thursdays (January 19, 26). **Online ordering for the month of January will begin on December 19 and end on January 8, 2017.**

Pizza ordered for Thursday, December 22 (same day as Turkey Dinner), will be distributed to students on Thursday, January 12. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Milk Program....

Chocolate or White Milk is delivered every day. It is paid one month in advance. **Online ordering for the month of January will begin on December 19 and end on January 8, 2017.**

Mental Health at Lynndale

Did you know that many students experience anxiety and stress daily? Did you know that 1 in 6 young people are dealing with depression or other mental health issues? Here at Lynndale we want to help our students build resiliency and learn strategies to help them cope with anxiety and stress. We have planned a few different initiatives to do this. Starting in the month of December, and for the rest of the year, we will have **Mental Health Mondays** with a quick thought or idea on the morning announcement that the students can add to their list of strategies and ideas about dealing with stress and anxiety. On **Wellness Wednesdays** we will choose an uplifting song to listen to over the PA system which will finish off our lunch time and start our afternoon on a positive note. Finally, on **Fun Fridays** will have a joke on the announcements, because everyone knows that laughter is good for the soul. It is our hope that this will help make our students more mentally healthy and ready to face their day. Stay tuned for more activities in the coming months!

Fundraiser for Grade 8 Quebec Trip

Starting Friday December 2 and continuing every Monday, Wednesday and Friday for December the grade 8s will be selling Gourmet kettle corn for \$2 at lunch time. This 2 cup bag of yummy popcorn is gluten free, dairy free and nut free so everyone can enjoy! Your child can buy a bag one day or every day it is up to you. Please send money to school with your child and they will be able to buy their popcorn to eat with their lunch. Thank you so much for your support of the Grade 8 year end trip.

Student Council

The Lynndale Student Council organized Spirit Days in November: Wacky Day on the 15th (to celebrate uniqueness and individuality), Pink Day on the 16th (for anti-bullying awareness) and Random Act Kindness Day on November 17.

For December:

Candy Grams: They will be sold for \$1 each, between Dec. 5 - Dec. 16 at first recess in the Jr/Int. Hall. Proceeds will go to Kinsmen Club - like last year. (Primary teachers will collect for their students and Student Council executive will collect from the kindergarten students. Student Council members and Ms. Obeid will also be selling Candy Grams at Open House.

Spirit Days: Dec. 19 - *PJ Day*, Dec. 20 - *Christmas Sweater Day*, Dec. 21 - *Red/Green Day*, Dec. 22 - *Formal Wear* for Turkey Dinner, Dec. 23 - *Lynndale Spirit Wear*

With the annual **Food Drive (December 5 to 16)**, student council executive and class representatives will help collect items from classrooms.

Chocolate Bar Fundraising Campaign

Lynndale's fall campaign to raise funds for the school has come to an end and we are thrilled with the results. Students sold more than \$18,000 in chocolates, netting the school \$9,000 to be used for special events and purchases (e.g. author visits to the school, to subsidize field trips, Scientists in School, gym equipment and technology. Our top seller was Riley Y. in Mrs. Reid's and Mrs. Courier's class, and he won \$200 in gift cards for Best Buy. Way to go Riley! Three five pound chocolate bars were won by the following classes: Mrs. Reid and Mrs. Courier (top class sales), Mrs. Staats (most class participation) and Mrs. Rustan (second most class participation). We had 19 prizes to be given away and chocolate sellers received entry ballots determined by the amount they sold. Winners were Olivia S., Kierstin W., Eric V., Harley T., Amethyst R., Nicole L., Tyler H., Arwyn C., Hayden T., Ethan W., November S., Lidia R., Lulu T., Mackenzie L., Aiden C., Brenden ., Adaya G., and Nick R. We sincerely thank the parents for supporting your children and the school, for we couldn't run this fundraiser without you.

Kindergarten Registration opens in January!

Grand Erie schools are exciting, enriching places for young learners to receive an education. They learn to explore the world around them, solve problems, and make new friends. Our Kindergarten programs help students get off to the best possible start. Your child will be challenged and encouraged to do his or her very best. Our caring teachers are with them every step of the way!

Children eligible for Junior Kindergarten must be 4 years old by December 31, 2017 to enroll. Be sure to tell your friends or neighbours, if they have children of Kindergarten age.

Starting in January, contact the Lynndale Heights Public School office at 519-429-2997 to arrange a visit to the school and to learn more about what you need to register. To order your copy of Grand Erie District School Board's Welcome to Kindergarten Guide, contact the Principal or visit www.granderie.ca to order a copy or view online.

Green Team News

Congratulations Lynndale! Recently we held our first "Bag 2 School" fundraiser and the donations were very generous!!! We have raised \$141.00 for our green team projects by recycling almost a tonne of gently used clothing! Well done!

Please continue with your environmental efforts by using reusable containers, recycling at school and at home, and sending your child to school with reusable spoons or forks. Thank you for supporting our green goals and helping our environment to reduce, reuse and recycle.

Battery Recycling at Lynndale - Just a reminder that we accept dead or expired batteries during the school year. Recycling batteries through the proper disposal bins helps protect our environment by avoiding toxic chemicals being leaked out into our landfills and ground water. Bins are located across from our office and in Ms. Sibbett room.

Green Team 🌍

The Book Fair is Coming!

We look forward to seeing you at our Scholastic Book Fair held in Lynndale's library from Tuesday, December 13th to Monday, December 19th. It will also be open during our Christmas Open House, Thursday, December 15th from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Discover 100s of picture books, easy readers, chapter books, non-fiction, novels and bargain books to enrich your child's reading. This is a great opportunity to purchase books for Christmas gifts and support our Lynndale library at the same time.



Holiday Open House at Lynndale Heights

Thursday, December 15, 2016 (5:30 – 7:00 pm)

Join us for our annual tradition. Get re-acquainted with your child's teacher and participate in our holiday activities:

BINGO. "Under the G, garland"Join Miss Gates and Mrs. Clark for **CHRISTMAS BINGO**, an annual favourite at our Christmas Open House. Visit room 13 for a game or two or three of Bingo and win a candy cane. Suitable for all ages!

CHRISTMAS CANDY GUESS. Students can come guess how many candies are in 3 different jars!!! The best guess will win the jar of Christmas candy. See Mr. Guthrie, Miss Adams or Mr. Dalimonte in the GYM.

POTTERY ORNAMENT. Your beautiful pottery ornaments that you ordered and painted have arrived!! They have been fired in the kiln and they are just gorgeous! Please see Mme Kaz or Ms. Sibbett in the GYM to pick yours up. Choose the perfect ribbon or string to tie onto your ornament so that it is all ready to hang on your tree when you get home.

FACE PAINTING. For anyone who would like a festive look, Mrs. Obeid, Mrs. Oakes, Mrs. Koskela and their "little elves" will be painting faces in the GYM. Anyone is welcome to come on out and choose a favorite Christmas design!

POP on by the GYM for some delicious popcorn or apples! For a small price you can support the healthy morning snack program. See Vicki Trowbridge and other volunteers in the GYM.



CANDY GRAMS. Student Council members and Ms. Obeid will be selling Candy Grams for \$1, with proceeds going to the Simcoe Kinsmen Christmas Baskets.

ANGEL NECKLACE. Stop by the GYM to see Mrs. DeMaere, Mrs. Gaertner and Mrs. Koskela to make a beautiful angel necklace that you can wear during the holiday season and throughout the rest of the year.

GIFT TAGS. By Kindergarten teams – come to glue and decorate your gift tag, so you can take home a practical item to attach to your Christmas gifts. In the GYM.

BOOK FAIR. Be sure to check out our exciting Bookaneer Book Fair where books are the treasure. Visit Ms. Senko, Mrs. Daniel and Mr. Auld in the LIBRARY and experience a wonderful world of books that will expand your universe. They are great Christmas gifts. Book Fair runs December 13th-19th.

FOOD DRIVE! Please bring any non-perishable goods you can to contribute to our Christmas Food Drive! We want to make sure all families have a happy and healthy Christmas! In FRONT FOYER of school. Food drive runs from December 5 to 16.

PIZZA. Pizza is available for sale. Please pre-order by using School Cash Online (please order all slices for your family through one child); deadline is Monday, December 12, 2016. Come to the MEDIA ROOM for your pizza and FREE drinking box for each slice ordered.

LOST AND FOUND? Missing a favourite item of clothing? Chances are, it will be on the Lost & Found table in the FRONT FOYER of the school. Sharpies will be provided for you to label any found items.



SPIRIT WEAR FOR SALE. Place your orders for students and parents. Great quality hoodies, sweatshirts, etc at reasonable prices, with embroidered Lynndale Heights Heat logo. Come to the booth in GYM.



December 2016 at Lynndale Heights

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 – DAY 4	2 – DAY 5 Int. boys volleyball at SCS.	3
4	5 – DAY 1 Food drive and candy gram sales begin.	6 – DAY 2	7 – DAY 3 Chicken Lunch.	8 – DAY 4 Pizza. Int. girls volleyball at Lakewood.	9 – DAY 5	10
11	12 – DAY 1	13 – DAY 2	14 – DAY 3 Chicken Lunch.	15 – DAY 4 Pizza. Junior volleyball. Holiday Open House, 5:30 – 7:00	16 – DAY 5 Food drive and candy gram sales end.	17
18	19 – DAY 1 <i>PJ Day.</i>	20 – DAY 2 <i>Christmas Sweater Day.</i>	21 – DAY 3 Chicken Lunch. <i>Red/Green Day.</i>	22 – DAY 4 Turkey Dinner (no pizza today; to be delivered Jan 12). <i>Formal Wear Day.</i>	23 – DAY 5 Skating grades 4-8 <i>Spirit Wear Day.</i>	24
25	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL	31

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

First day of school in 2017 is Monday, January 9, 2017.