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October 2016

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Message from the Principal

Fall has arrived and with it comes Thanksgiving. It is a time of year to give thanks and to be grateful for family, friends, health and wellness. I am thankful and proud to be in a school community that values working hard, helping each other, and being respectful – by both students and adults. A big thank you to the Lynndale families that were able to attend the “Meet the Teacher” night on September 15 - it was great seeing so many parents/guardians visiting the school.

In a effort to keep the community up to date, visit our school website at <http://www.granderie.ca/schools/lynndaleheights> . On **Facebook**, we currently have 155 “likes” – please like us, so we can reach 200. Be sure to follow us on **Twitter** (@LynndaleHeights).



If you have any concerns, questions, or comments, please contact me.

William Valoppi

Chocolate fundraising

Our annual chocolate fundraiser began in September. The funds raised will help to purchase sports equipment, classroom and library materials, and help to subsidize class field trips and special events (such as guest speakers, musicians, author visits and Scientists in School). **This fundraiser ends Friday, October 21, 2016.** Please return any money raised and any leftover chocolates by this date.



School photos

School photos are scheduled for Tuesday, October 18 and Wednesday, October 19.

- *October 18 - KA (Reid and Courier), KC (Staats), grade 1 (DeMaere), grade 1 (Gaertner), grade 3/4 (Sibbett), grade 4 (Clark), grade 4/5 (Gates), grade 5/6 (Obeid),*
- *October 19 – KB (Cail and Gee), E (Storoschuk), grade 2 (Rustan), grade 2 (Wiebe), grade 3 (Auld), grade 6/7 (Guthrie & Adams), grade 7/8 (Dalimonte), grade 7/8 (Oakes)*

Orders forms will be sent home with students closer to the photo days.

Fire Drills and Safety Drills

A fire drill was held on Wednesday, September 28 and they will be practiced regularly. Students will also practice safety drills which are used to prepare them in an emergency situation. A variety of reasons may necessitate having the students stay in the classroom or the immediate evacuation of the school at any time.

Lynndale Heights Parent Council

The first meeting of the Lynndale Heights Parent Council was held on Thursday, September 22, 2016. Thirteen parents attended, along with two staff members. The agenda included discussion items such as ARC review, EQAO results, hot lunches, and upcoming events (such as Turkey Dinner, Snack Program, Hot Dog sales at Open House, sales at school Track & Field, and fundraising ideas).

The second meeting for the Lynndale Heights Parent Council is scheduled for Thursday, October 20, 2016 (7:00 – 8:30 pm). The agenda includes a number of discussion items that will help to make LHPS a great school. All interested parents are welcome to attend any or all Parent Council meetings. Meetings occur once a month, usually on the third Thursday.

Volunteers

All volunteers at Lynndale Heights will need to submit a police check to the school in order to supervise students, to work in the school around students, to go on school field trips, or to drive students to an event. Forms can be picked up at the office at any time – this ensures that the police check from OPP is **free**. The original police check needs to be brought to the office. Police checks are good for two years from the date they are issued, and must be presented to the school within six months of this time in order to be valid. All volunteers must also enter into a confidentiality agreement with the school, so we can maintain the privacy and safety of all students and staff. Please see the office staff for any questions.

School Cash Online

Hot Lunch Days ...

Beginning on Wednesday, October 12 and continuing every Wednesday, we will have **CHICKEN DAYS** provided by Domino's Pizza. The meal includes 3 – 4 pieces of their boneless chicken, 3 carrot sticks and 3 celery sticks as well as pizza sauce for dipping. Cost for each serving is \$ 3.00. Ordering is available only through School Cash On-line, **with the deadline of Wednesday, October 5.**

Also, beginning on Thursday, October 13 and continuing every Thursday, we will resume **PIZZA DAYS**. Pizza is provided by Domino's Pizza. You may select Cheese or Pepperoni slices at a cost of \$ 1.50 per slice. Ordering for this item is available only through School Cash Online, **with the deadline of Thursday, October 6.**

Milk Program....

We will begin delivery of Chocolate or White Milk on Monday, October 3. Ordering for the month of October has already been completed. Orders are only on School Cash On-line and paid for the whole month at once. Ordering for November will be available soon.

Field Trips...

Any Field Trip that is not free to the students will be posted on School Cash Online. We encourage all parents/guardians to pay their student's trip on-line. Permission slips will still need to be returned to their teacher.

Healthy Snack Program....

The Healthy Snack Program will begin starting the first week of October. The snack is delivered to students on Tuesdays and Thursdays. In order to assist with the cost of the program, a voluntary donation item has been added to School Cash Online. Consider a monthly family donation.

School Cash Online

New Online Payment Program Available at Schools Now!

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- This program is quick, easy and safe
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Register by following the easy steps below:

- Visit www.schoolcashionline.com
- Select "Get Started Now" and follow the steps to register
- After you receive the confirmation email, please select the "click here" option, sign in and add each of your children to your household account.

School staff showcase items for purchase in a School Cash Catalog and post it to the Parent Site. From there, parents receive email notification, check the Parent Site and click through to pay. Funds are moved electronically from the parent's bank account to the school's bank account.

For more information and support contact the Parent Help Desk at 1-866-961-1803 or parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com

Lynndale Sports

Congratulations to the **Junior soccer team** on their great effort at the September 27 tournament in Delhi ON. The team beat Lakewood 2-1, Houghton 3-0 and Boston in an exciting shoot-out, moving them into the semi-finals for the "A" division. Despite a great effort, they lost 2-1 in their final game. We are proud of their spirit both on and off the field. The team members were Lainey D., Taylor P., Hayden V., Jayden H., Olivia Sp., Olivia Sm., Lorin D., Alex S., Monty L., Max T., Tyler H., Nathan B., Vincent H., Dylan C., Vaibhav A., Nick R., Finn F., Jase G., and Logan S. Thanks to coaches Mrs. L. Rustan and Ms. J. Sibbett.



The **Intermediate soccer team** had an excellent team effort at their tournament on September 29 in Delhi ON. The team played well all day and lost in heartbreaking penalty kicks in the semi-finals. Well done team!!! Members of the team were Dildar D., Liam M., Evan R., Lucas S., Lauren B., Kate M., Taylor E., Madie E., Alex T., Jeremy S., Mackenzie S., Haley R., Teresa B., Garrett B., Tyler R., Mason H., and Bailey P. Thanks to Mr. B. Dalimonte for acting as coach.

Nut Aware School

Just a reminder that Lynndale Heights is a nut aware school. We appreciate the co-operation of all families to keep nut products out of the school – we have a number of students with severe peanut and nut allergies. **Please be sure that your child(ren) does not bring nuts nor nut products (e.g. peanut butter) to school**, for example:

**nuts in any form | peanut butter | peanut oil | baked items
containing nut products | chocolate with nut products| foods
cooked in peanut oils, such as home style potato chips**



Visit the Haldimand–Norfolk Health Unit website, for some ideas for peanut / nut-free lunches and snacks: <https://hnhu.org/health-topic/peanutnut-safe-lunches/>

Head Lice

Even though it is very common, many parents have never dealt with head lice and are not sure what to look for nor how to treat them. Head lice are tiny, greyish insects which live and breed on human hair. Nits (or eggs) appear as tiny white specks attached to individual hair shafts. Lice are most likely spread by head to head contact and cannot jump, fly or be spread by pets or animals.

Please check your child for head lice and/or nits (eggs) regularly, especially before they return to school after a holiday period. If you discover head lice, information about the best treatment can be obtained by contacting your doctor, pharmacist or the Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit <http://hnhu.org/health-topic/what-are-head-lice/>.

Please notify the school office if you find that your child has head lice. We understand parents' and students' need for confidentiality, but we need to inform the parents of students in the same class that lice has been found in the classroom (no names revealed). Once head lice have been found, students may not return to school until they have received proper treatment and all nits have been removed from the hair.

Halloween

As in the past, students have the option of wearing Black & Orange clothes or wearing costumes to school on Monday, October 31. Some of the students may choose to dress up in a costume. **If students choose to dress in costume, they need to be able to put it on and take it off by themselves.** Students will not wear masks at school on this day.



REMINDER: weapons (real or replicas) are NOT to be brought to school, even if they are part of a costume. Please be sure to keep these items at home. We will not be responsible for any costumes or accessories that are worn or brought to school.

Attendance

The Ontario Education Act requires students to **attend school regularly and punctually**. Prolonged absence or sporadic attendance will result in a gap in learning.

Parents are required to phone the school if a student will be absent or late. Please phone 519-429-2997 each day of your child's absence, by 9:00 a.m. Messages may be left on the school answering machine, after school hours. When the student returns to school, a written note explaining the absence is required.

Students are responsible for acquiring and completing work missed during their absence.

Parents planning to take students out of school for family holidays should make prior arrangements with the school. A **Request for Absence** form is available in the school office for absences longer than 5 days.

All students who arrive late or who leave early for appointments must sign in and out at the school office. Parents picking up their children must report at the office.

School success depends on excellent attendance

For your child to get the most out of school, he needs to be there—and on time! Research shows that missing 10 percent or more of school days hurts success. To prevent absenteeism:

- **Stick to a schedule.** Maintain routines.
- **Schedule carefully.** Make appointments during non-school hours.
- **Seek help when needed.** If your family struggles with transportation, child-care or other issues, talk with school staff.



Source: H.N. Chang and M. Romero, "Present, Engaged, and Accounted For," National Center for Children in Poverty, www.nccp.org/publications/pub_837.html.

Strong Start

Our school is fortunate to have the “Letters, Sounds and Words” Strong Start program available to help children aged five to seven learn the names or sounds of letters, recognize commonly used words or how to blend sounds together to form words. This program is available through the generous donation of time that a group of dedicated volunteers provide. The Letters, Sounds and Words program is a ten week program in which volunteers work one on one with a child for thirty minutes each week. We appreciate the continued support of the volunteers who are providing this worthwhile program in our school. The volunteers have participated in four hours of training prior to volunteering with a child. If you are interested in this meaningful volunteer opportunity more information is available at www.strongstart.ca . Please contact Tracey Koskela, who coordinates this program at our school, if you are interested in volunteering. We would welcome additional volunteers. There is fall session for Strong Start Training being offered at Elgin Ave PS. on:

Friday, October 14th 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (part one)

Friday, October 21st 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (part two)



Parking Lot

Student safety is paramount. Students should not be in the parking lot without an adult. All students who are walking or riding their bikes or scooters to school should use the sidewalk / crosswalk. Students are NOT to ride their bikes or scooters in the parking lot nor on school property. Instead they should walk their bikes or scooters when on school property. Parents, please be very careful when driving and walking through the parking lot. We appreciate your cooperation.

Lost

Big favour! Could all Lynndale Heights parents check your children's belongings? A student had his high-top Under Armor shoes taken from under his coat hook in the long hallway while he was outside at recess. They are mens size 6 or 6 ½ , blue with white letters. The family would like to see them returned to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.



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September 26, 2016

Re: **Norfolk County Fair – Young Canada Day**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Tuesday, October 4th is Young Canada Day at the Norfolk County Fair. Buses will not be running. Teachers will be in attendance at the Fair.

Regards,

Wayne Baker
Superintendent of Education

SUCCESS for Every Student



October 2016

at Lynndale Heights

Sun. Mon. Tue. Wed. Thu. Fri. Sat.

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2	3 – DAY 4	4 – DAY 5 Young Canada Day at Norfolk County Fair	5 – DAY 1	6 – DAY 2	7 PA Day – No school for students.	8
9	10 Happy Thanksgiving	11 – DAY 3	12 – DAY 4 Chicken Lunch	13 – DAY 5 Pizza	14 – DAY 1 Cross-Country meet	15
16	17 – DAY 2	18 – DAY 3 School photos	19 – DAY 4 School photos Chicken Lunch	20 – DAY 5 Pizza	21 – DAY 1 Chocolate fundraiser ends.	22
23	24 – DAY 2	25 – DAY 3	26 – DAY 4 Chicken Lunch	27 – DAY 5 Pizza	28 – DAY 1	29
30	31 – DAY 2 Black & Orange or costumes					

notes

- Progress Report Cards (grades 1-8) go home November 16, with Parent-Teacher Interviews the afternoon / evening of Thursday, November 17 and the morning of Friday, November 18.
- Kindergarten Conference Reports go home November 16, with Classroom Observations to be scheduled.