

June 2018

Principal – William Valoppi
Vice-Principal – Nancy Norton

Secretaries – Sheryl Arnold,
Aimee Rixmann

Message from Principal

2017-2018 had been another great year at Lynndale Heights Public School. I want take this opportunity to thank students, families, staff and the community for making this school a great place to be. The students are courteous, polite and are high achievers. The parents / guardians are very supportive and proud of the school. The staff provide many opportunities for students: field trips, author visits, guest speakers, musical production, intervention programs, extracurricular athletics, intermural sports, and numerous clubs. We welcome many new Junior Kindergarten students in September and we extend our best wishes to the grade 8 graduates as they begin their journey at secondary school. Continue to strive for excellence in all you do.

After 29 years in education, I have made the decision to retire. It has been my privilege to serve the Lynndale Heights school community for the past three years. I am grateful to end my career at a fantastic school and in the same school that my own children attended (2005 – 2008). The memories of the great people and wonderful times at Lynndale Heights will stay with me forever.

I would like to welcome Lisa Van Leeuwen, who has been appointed as the new Principal at Lynndale Heights. She comes from Ryerson Heights Elementary School. Lisa is very experienced school administrator and will be moving to Norfolk County with her husband and family in the very near future. Nancy Norton will continue as Vice-Principal (sharing her duties between Elgin Avenue and Lynndale Heights public schools).

William Valoppi



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Yearbook

Sales for the school yearbook for 2017-2018 continue. The cost is \$12.00. **You can order on-line, using School Cash Online, until the June 8 deadline.** The yearbook is developed and published by a team of Lynndale students. Buy the yearbook and hang onto Lynndale Heights memories!!!

Book Fair thank you!

A tremendous thank you to all who supported our Spring Scholastic Book Fair at Lynndale. We appreciate the parents, students, family members and staff who visited and purchased books. The Book Fair's total sales were in the amount of \$3848.70 and we purchased \$1000.00 worth of books to add to our library. We also have an additional reward amount of \$1530.95 to buy more books for Lynndale's library.

Thank you again for your generosity in supporting this event. We couldn't have done it without you! Also, a special thank you to Mrs. Shawna Brady who so generously volunteered her time to run and manage the Book Fair for the entire week. Until next year!

Literacy at Lynndale

All students are capable of learning. Here at Lynndale Heights, we believe that early intervention is the key for 'at risk learners.' In regards to literacy, there are many exciting programs that Lynndale offers outside of the regular classroom. Beginning as early as senior kindergarten, there is a **Booster Club** that is entitled; 'Boosting Literacy through Differentiated Instruction'. In this 5 week program, children are rhyming, sentence building, word building and increasing their sight vocabulary. Other programs that are offered include **Class Act** (which focuses on specific skills such as rhyming, building words, beginning-middle-ending sounds.). This program works well for Grade One or Two students who require an extra boost before beginning **Levelled Literacy Intervention (LLI)**. This program is designed to improve students reading, confidence and fluency. There are 110 books at varying levels of difficulty. Many times, students will enter LLI viewing themselves as non-readers. They graduate the program as capable, confident readers. Thanks to some amazing volunteers, we also have a **Strong Start Program**. This program is designed for Kindergarten to Grade Two students. This program focuses on giving students a solid foundation. Students will learn letter names, sounds, words and building words, depending on their level of need. **EMPOWER** is a reading program offered to students in grades 2-5. This program does as its name suggests, it Empowers children. It gives them the strategies they need to help them become better, more confident readers. Empower takes place daily, and is referred to as "Empower Hour." This year, we also purchased 20 subscriptions for **Lexia Reading Core**. This is an online application where students learn, practice and consolidate literacy skills. We are very excited to see the positive results from this program.

These programs are designed to help children figure out the way(s) in which they learn and to view themselves as capable learners and readers.

2018 Fun Pass

Celebrate the summer with savings when you plan a trip to Ontario's attractions with the 2018 Fun Pass.

The 2018 Fun Pass coupons provide free admission for up to two elementary school-aged children at [18 popular attractions](#) when accompanied by a paying adult or senior. Parents can also save \$5 on a daily parking permit at selected [Ontario provincial parks](#). Simply bring a coupon to any participating attraction. Visit Ontario.ca/funpass for more information about the program and to download the coupons.



Student Dress Code

Lynndale Heights has set standards for appropriate school clothing. Some types of clothing worn after school and on weekends may not be suitable for school. It is uncomfortable for school staff to have to address dress code violations and we would appreciate your cooperation with ensuring your child is dressed to meet the dress code. In informal discussion, our rule of thumb will always be we don't want to see undergarments or body parts that could be considered as a privacy issue. Even though some clothing will meet the conditions below when a student is standing, this may not be the case when sitting or active in a class or outside and may therefore be considered inappropriate for school. Similarly, if the student finds it necessary to continually adjust their clothing to make it conform to the code it may be deemed inappropriate.

These are our expectations:

- no hats inside the classrooms,
- footwear is worn at all times (indoor shoes suitable for phys. ed.),
- no undergarments visible,
- no clothing with inappropriate advertising (beer, liquor, illegal substances) or inappropriate language/pictures,
- shorts must be long enough to cover body parts that could be considered as a privacy issue,
- tops should also cover any body parts that could be a privacy concern and be long enough to be tucked into shorts or pants (no bared midriffs).

Transportation / Bus Information

Did you know that the transportation department is around all summer? If you are moving, changing childcare locations or are in need of transportation information, you can contact their staff by calling 519-751-7532 or by emailing transportation@stsbhn.ca. Transportation information is available via the parent portal as of August 15th. Please log in to find the transportation details for the coming school year on or shortly after this date so that any changes in service can be implemented well before the start of the school year!

Safe Welcome program

According to the Grand Erie policy “Access to School Premises” (SO13), schools create and maintain a positive school environment that is safe, caring and welcoming for all students, staff, and the school community. Elementary schools are also required to be locked at all times during the school day. “Invitation to be on school property does not entitle a person to have access to all areas of the school premises.” Keeping this in mind, parents need to sign-in at the office upon entry to the school at the front doors. If you need to speak to a teacher, please make an appointment by calling the school office or by sending an email to the teacher. We do not wish to have parents entering the school building by other doors or walking the halls. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Trips

Trips are being planned by teachers for the months of May / June and we encourage students to participate in class trips. Costs for these trips are subsidized by fundraising. If the cost of a trip is more than parents can afford, please speak to Mr. Valoppi – this will be kept confidential.

Every student must have a photocopy of their Health Card with them when travelling on a school trip. The school does not have a copy. If you need to renew or replace a Health Card for a child, call Service Ontario, 1-888-376-5197 (option 1).

Emergency Procedures

Six **fire drills** are scheduled for each school year, usually 3 in the fall and 3 in the spring. Students and staff practice evacuation routines and emergency procedures in order to ensure safety during emergency situations. This month we will be practising **lock-down** procedures again, in case an occasion should arise that we need to have students and teachers locked in their classrooms.

Sunscreen

Please apply sunscreen to your child before school. For additional applications throughout the day, students should keep sunscreen in their backpacks and apply as needed to themselves. Please teach them how to apply the sunscreen lotion appropriately and ensure that the sunscreen lotion is labelled with your child's name. Students cannot share sunscreen due to skin allergies / irritations (e.g PABA). Hats with bigger brims provide better coverage from the sun (rather than baseball caps).

Parent Council

The Lynndale Parent Council is hosting a free movie night on Thursday, June 7 (the night before the June 8th PA DAY – no school for students). This is an outdoor event where the movie is projected onto an inflatable screen. The start time is approximately 9:00 pm,

depending on the amount of daylight. The movie is "Jumanji – Welcome to the Jungle"
(NOTE that this movie is rated PG-13). Bring your own lawn chairs, blankets and snacks.





Lynndale Heights Public School

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Dear Lynndale Heights Families,

At last night's Regular Board Meeting (May 28, 2018), Grand Erie District School Board Trustees received an update report on the Elgin Avenue Public School rebuild.

The report, which can be found on the Board's website here (pages 85-88): bit.ly/2ksEZYD outlines the significant increase in costs associated with the project. For example: a third-party cost consultant estimated the rebuild will cost \$14.7 million, while Grand Erie only has \$8.6 million allotted for the work. The report highlights each component of the rebuild – from the new three-story addition to critical site development and renovation items (e.g. plumbing and drainage, HVAC and duct systems, masonry work, etc.). Finally, the report notes the reasons for the increase, including rising costs for trades and supplies, and the changing scope of the project due to new Ministry guidelines for childcare that resulted in significant modifications to the overall site plan.

The report offered the Board five options for dealing with the \$6.1 million shortfall. At the Board Meeting last night, Trustees chose to put a pause on the rebuild and have requested Senior Administration bring back a detailed report in November 2018 with options for next steps with the rebuild.

The decision to pause means Elgin Avenue students will not join us here at Lynndale Heights for 2018-19. It also means the 10 portables – set to arrive this summer at our school – will not be placed. Additionally, West Lynn Public School will not close in June 2019, meaning those students will not join Elgin Avenue in 2019-20.

While the decision to pause is a significant change to Lynndale Heights' short-term plans, it is in the best interests of our students and those across our community here in Norfolk. The Board remains focused on the recommendations outlined in the 2016 South East Norfolk Pupil Accommodation Review. As we get more details on next steps, I will share that information with you.

Thank you,

William Valoppi

Principal, Lynndale Heights Public School



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SUMMER SCHOOL 2018

Attention all Grade 8 Students
Get a high school credit over the summer!

- You could be involved in a drama presentation this summer!
- Do a high school art course this summer.
- Maybe you want to learn more about computers.
- Learn about how to pursue your personal goals or,
- Try a high school course that you can take from home on your computer.

Grand Erie is offering 'Reach-Ahead' credits for Grade 8 Students

The Grand Erie District School Board is offering Grade 8 students the opportunity to attend Summer School and acquire a Secondary School credit.

This is a great opportunity! If you struggle picking between Art and Drama, or you watched a brother or sister try to fit in music, gym, and French all into their timetable in grade 10, taking a course over the summer and getting a credit before you start high school will certainly be helpful!

Talk with your friends! Bring a friend or make new friends! Going to Summer School to get a leg up makes good sense!

**If numbers permit, courses will run July 3 - 27, 2018
8:00 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. at Brantford Collegiate Institute and
Hagersville Secondary**

Students may earn 1.0 credit via one of the following subjects:

BTT10 - Introduction to Business Technology

AVI10 - Visual Arts

ADA10 - Dramatic Arts

CHV20 & GLC20 – Civics and Careers (2 weeks each; 0.5 credits each)

(via eLearning as well: CHV20V & GLC20V - Civics & Careers)

PAL10 – Healthy Active Living

Please see your teacher and/or Learning Resource Teacher for more information. Please complete forms from www.granderie.ca and register through your elementary school.

Important: Deadline for registration is June 28, 2018

Contact: Carolyn Kelley, Summer School Secretary, 519-753-6079 x277012

carolyn.kelley@granderie.ca



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Brantford Collegiate Institute & V.S., 120 Brant Ave., Brantford, ON N3T 3H3
Hagersville Secondary School, 70 Parkview Rd., Hagersville, ON N0A 1H0
(519) 753-6079 www.granderie.ca/gela

SUMMER LITERACY & NUMERACY PROGRAM, ELEMENTARY

Semester 1: Wed., July 4, 2018 – July 13, 2018 (8 days)

Semester 2: Tues., July 17, 2018 – July 26, 2018 (8 days)

8:00 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Students can register for Semester 1, Semester 2 or both semesters.

This Summer School program is for students currently in grades 6 & 7 and is offered by the Grand Erie District School Board to provide students with the opportunity to improve their Basic Skills in Literacy and Numeracy. Students will also have opportunities to participate in physical activities and explore the arts.

Program offered at the following schools:

Brantford Collegiate Institute – 120 Brant Avenue, Brantford

Hagersville Secondary School – 70 Parkview Road, Hagersville

REGISTRATION:

All students have to be recommended by the principal and enrolled through their home school.

All courses are offered subject to sufficient enrollment and teacher availability. Students will be notified ONLY if a class is cancelled or if it will be held at an alternate site.

Please see your teacher and/or Learning Resource Teacher for more information.

Please complete forms online at and then submit to your present school.

www.granderie.ca/ContinuingEducation/Departments/SummerSchool

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2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Elementary

	1st Week					2nd Week					3rd Week					4th Week					5th Week				
	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
September	3	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	21	24	25	26	27	28					
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February					1	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	
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March					1	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29
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H School Holiday

The 2018-19 School Year Calendar provided a total of 187 Instructional and 7 Professional Development Days.

B Board Designated Holiday

P Professional Activity Day

- Sep. 14/18 • H&S Training/Safe and Inclusive Schools
- Oct. 2/18 • Focus on Numeracy
- Nov. 16/18 • Interviews/Reporting to Parents
- Jan. 21/19 • Student Assessment and Reporting

- Apr. 12/19 • Improve Student Achievement
- Jun. 7/19 • Student Assessment and Reporting
- Jun. 28/19 • Achievement: Reflection and Planning

SUCCESS for Every Student



June 2018 at Lynndale Heights

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
					1 DAY 4	2
3	4 DAY 5	5 DAY 1	6 DAY 2	7 DAY 3 *** Movie Night by Parent Council (9:00 pm).	8 PA DAY (no school for students).	9
10	11 DAY 4	12 DAY 5	13 DAY 1	14 DAY 2	15 DAY 3	16
17	18 DAY 4	19 DAY 5	20 DAY 1	21 DAY 2	22 DAY 3	23
24	25 DAY 4 *** Grade 8 grad (6:30 at SCS).	26 DAY 5	27 DAY 1 *** SK Celebration (at 2:00 pm).	28 DAY 2 Last day of school.	29 PA DAY (no school for students).	30

**TERM 2 KINDERGARTEN COMMUNICATION OF LEARNING AND GRADE 1-8 REPORT CARDS
GO HOME ON MONDAY JUNE 25th.**

Notes

*** FIELD TRIPS:

June 7 – Grade 6 VIP TRIP TO POLICE COLLEGE;

June 25 - Kindergarten year end trip to Strand & Kinsmen Park;

June 27 – grade 1-6 trip to Safari Niagara;