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Welcome and Welcome Back!



We are so excited to see our students back! We are honoured to work with all our families to provide support, opportunities and work as a team to help develop our children. Wednesday was an unusual day with no power at the school. Our staff and students pulled together beautifully to continue the learning that happens here day in and out.

As always, if you have any questions, the best person to contact first is always the classroom teacher to discuss your child's development and growth at school. Do not hesitate to reach out and make those connections early on. We hope that all of you will join us to connect during our BBQ September 12 from 5:00-7:00 pm to start those positive connections.

There have been a number of changes to our school staffing. This year we have a reduction in custodial staff, secretarial time, and educational assistants. We

no longer have a vice principal. This may mean that I will take longer to respond to questions and concerns. Please be patient with us as we adjust to doing more with less.

We welcome Mrs. Handley as our new secretary. Mrs. Tamlin surprised us all at the beginning of the summer by submitting her retirement letter. We also welcome back Mrs. Everitt who is teaching the grade 1/2 class and Mrs. Webster who is teaching the grade 4 class along with Mrs. Jewell until we hire a teacher with French qualifications.

We require 4 parent/guardian volunteers to run our healthy snack program. If you are available at least once a week in the morning from 8:15-9:00 to prepare healthy snacks for students, please let us know in the office as we no longer have staffing for this service.

And thank you to all families who we had to call over the summer. We had 24 new registrations arrive the week before school started and had to adjust classroom assignments as a result to meet class size requirements. All of our classes are at capacity as a result. We truly appreciate your support and patience.

Ana Mena

Meet the Staff BBQ and Book Fair

We have a special evening planned for you on September 12!



At 5:00 we are opening up our classrooms and hope that you take some time to meet the staff, visit the book fair and then chat with us during the bbq. Food will be provided by Burger Bandit. Please note, they cannot guarantee nut free or dairy free. Prices are:
Burgers \$5.00
Jumbo dog \$3.00
Fries \$3.00
Poutine \$5.00
Water \$1.00
Pop \$2.00
Chips \$1.00

Criminal Reference Checks



Please remember that you must have a criminal reference check if you would like to

volunteer at the school. This includes assisting with field trips. The office staff will provide you with a letter to take to the OPP detachment in Lindsay (Highway 35 between Colborne St and Kent St). When your application has been

processed, you must pick up your criminal background check from the OPP and bring it to the school. Once your criminal reference check is on file at the school, you have the opportunity to complete a simple offence declaration each subsequent school year. Please note: if an offence declaration is not completed each year, you will need to re-apply for a criminal background check. The initial criminal background check process takes time, so if you would like to volunteer for field trips later in the year, it is a good idea to start the process now. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Forms are available in the office or at the Meet the Staff BBQ night.

Parent Council Meeting

Please pick up a self-nomination form at the office. Our first meeting will occur September 25, from 5:30 -6:30 p.m. in the school library. All are welcome.



Life Threatening Allergies

Please be aware that there is a student in our school with a **severe life threatening food allergy (anaphylaxis) to milk.** This is a medical condition that causes a severe reaction to specific foods and can result in death within minutes. Although this may or may not affect your child's class directly, we want to inform you of this serious allergy. We are asking that parents remind their children to

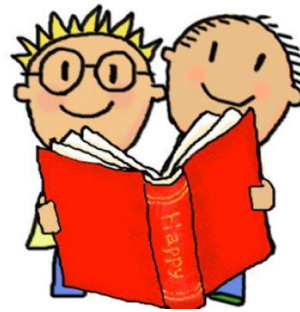
constantly wash their hands to prevent contamination.

We also have a student in our school with a **severe life threatening food allergy (anaphylaxis) to peanuts.** We want to inform our community so that you can send foods with your children that are free from peanuts.

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Book Fair

Our library will be transforming into a Scholastic Book Fair on September 12-17. Look for the special flyer coming home that will highlight new and fabulous reads. The book fair will be opening during our Meet the Staff BBQ. All proceeds will go towards purchasing new books for our library. If you are available, we are looking for volunteers.



Student of the Month

Our character education assembly is September 26 at 9:15. Families are welcome to help us celebrate the achievements of our students showing goal setting.

Agendas

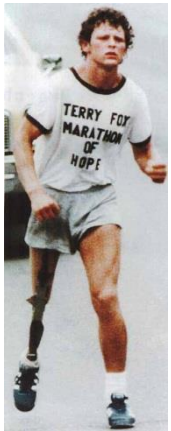
We are delighted that this year the agendas are provided free of charge for each child in order to ensure timely and helpful communication. Please send it to school daily.



There is also a separate parent/guardian and student handbook that outlines our code of conduct, expectations and guidelines for technology at school. Please take the time to read it with your child(ren).

Terry Fox

Our school is proud to participate once again in the Terry Fox run to put a stop to cancer. Our school run will tentatively take place September 27 at 11:40. Volunteers are needed to help with the water stations or run/walk with us! Please contact the school if you are available to volunteer.



Teams & Clubs

Please encourage your children in grades 4-8 to get involved. Try outs for cross country are underway shortly and soccer team tryouts will begin towards the end of September.

Picture Day

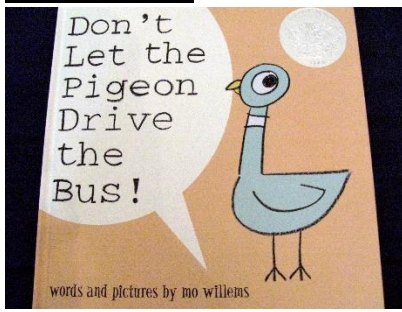
September 23-Smile!!

Safe Arrival Program

For your convenience an answering machine is on operation for you to call us during non-office hours from 4:00 p.m.-8:30 a.m. Please call any time to leave a message regarding why your child(ren) will not be attending school. If we have not been informed, we will make every effort to contact you for information.

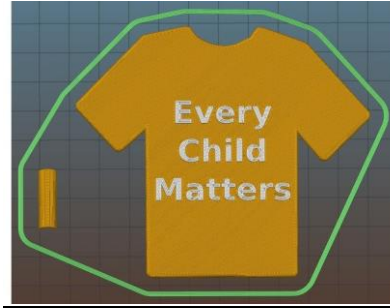


Spirit Day-Dress as your Favourite Book Character by Hilary Handley



I think it would be cool to have a dress up as your favorite book character day. A dress up as your favorite book character day could encourage kids to read more books. They would see their friends dressed up as someone and their friend might say you should read this book and they might like it! Some kids might share a favorite character or the same book and maybe they'll start a book club or become really good friends because they realize they have some of the same interests. Teachers might see some books they think they should read to their class or even their own children. Join us September 13 and dress as your favourite book character!

Orange Shirt Day



Join us showing some school spirit! Orange Shirt Day is in recognition of residential school survivors September 30.

School Cash

It's here! Now you can pay for all of your child's school fees with the click of a button. Never worry about sending cash with your child again. With School Cash Online, you can easily manage all of the items and activities your child needs - 24/7, anytime, anywhere. Visit fldsb.ca/ePayments to get started!



Big News From the Lady Mac EcoSchools Team!

Lady Mackenzie has decided to decrease its carbon footprint on the environment so we are trying a new initiative.

Litterless Lunches



What does this mean? Students are asked to bring snacks, lunches, and drinks in non-

disposable containers. This will not only help reduce waste, it will also help reduce the money spent on conveniently packed food items.

Boomerang Lunch

Any packaging from snacks, lunches, and drinks will be sent home with students, including rinsed out beverage containers, juice boxes, pudding and fruit cups. Food waste may be thrown away at school, such as crusts, banana peels and apple cores.

If your child(ren) order milk, the cartons will stay here at the school. **Juice will no longer be sold.**

We realize that you are very busy, and this challenge may take some effort, but helping our environment is something we can all do and our earth deserves it!

Thank you for your effort and support.

The Coboconk Food Bank

Location Civitan Club, #9 Northline Rd (Concession 7), Coboconk (just South of Coboconk)

Dates and Hours of Operation (2019) Two Thursdays of each month from 11 am to 1 pm. September 19th

October 3rd & 17th

November 7th & 21st

December 5th & 19th

Individuals unable to meet with us during scheduled hours can contact the food bank at coboconkfoodbank@gmail.com. There is free wifi and computer use at the library located in the Coboconk Service Centre (Hwy 35/Grandy Road). Emergency? Please call us at 705-344-4807