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Principals' Message: Dear LMPS Families:

Thank you so very much for helping us transition over the last few weeks. It is always difficult to increase the number of classes in a school, hire the best people for the positions and make sure that we support our students through these changes in a tight timeframe. We know that your support at home has helped your children become more resilient in the face of change.

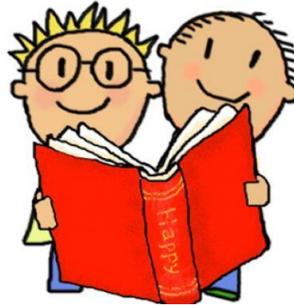
We welcome the following new staff to our school:
Ms. Shealaine Richardson-SK/1
Ms. Kayte Canning-SK/1
Mrs. Delaney Loney-grade 4
Ms. Brea Hodge-grade 5/6
Ms. Janis Minion-prep
Mrs. Stephanie Webster-prep

We also celebrate Mrs. Jewell who has taken on the role of full-time resource teacher and Mrs. Mulcaster as our half-time Vice Principal.

Ms. Mena

Book Fair

The Book Fair was a huge success. We were able to purchase \$1250 worth of books for the library. Many thanks to our parent volunteers: Anne Rogers, Susan Wright, Ashley Todd, and Kaelin Fleguel.



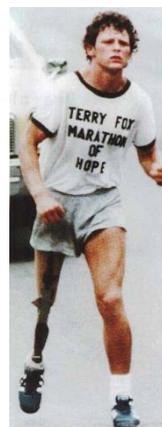
Message from School Council



Your 2019-20 school council is: Chair: Chrissy Mitchell; Secretary: Cassandra Norris. Our next meeting date is November 20 at 5:30 in the school library. We welcome any parents, guardians or community members to join us. Child care is provided and agenda items can be sent to the school.

Terry Fox

We are so proud of all of our students who ran for so many loved ones fighting cancer this past Friday. We were so fortunate to have the support of parent volunteers and our local OPP auxiliary officers.



Sports and Extra Curricular

We are proud to see so many students running at cross country practice, trying out for soccer teams and taking on extra responsibilities such as Healthy Active Team, Me to We, lunch monitoring and paper recycling! Wow!



Our junior (grade 4-6) soccer, basketball and volleyball teams will be running with a slight change this year across the district. We will no longer have tournaments during the school day for these teams. We will have friendly competitive games between schools. All students are encouraged to participate in our intramurals to develop their skills and have fun.

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.

Halloween Activities



Please note that there will be primary (grades K-3) Halloween activities Tuesday October 31 along with a parade. Stay tuned for information on Lady Mac's first dance of the year for older students on the same day! Students not wishing to participate in the dance will be given the option to partake in a games room.

Character Education

At the beginning of the school year, it is always good to set goals for yourself. This past month, we at Lady Mac, worked hard at meeting some of the goals that have already been made. However, setting and meeting goals does not stop here. Continue to strive to do your best by working towards the goals you have made, and new ones yet to come.

Student of the Month

We would like to recognize the students who demonstrated a high degree of goal setting for the month of September. Congratulations to:

- Claire Deighton**
- Dameon Miletics**
- Emily Miletics**
- Diedrik Bruzzese**
- Rylan Mitchell**
- Christopher Cooper**
- Olivia Lewis-Todd**
- Parker Jewell**
- Connor Mitchell**
- Kaycee Bourassa**
- Ryan Lewis-VanVugt**
- Mikki Manning**
- Emma Shaw**
- Destany Viersen**



Our next student of the month assembly is November at 9:15. Parents are welcome to help us celebrate the achievements of our students showing compassion.

Hockey

Floor Hockey intramurals have started for those students who have signed up. Let's play!



ME to WE



On Thurs., Sept 19, a group of students attended WE day in Toronto. They returned excited to make a positive impact on local and global issues such as hunger, poverty, access to education, indigenous communities and clean and healthy living for all.

During the month of October, the WE SCARE HUNGER campaign will be underway. Last year we collected over 700 pounds of food which was donated to the local food bank & supported our school community.

Please help by sending in any donations of non-perishable food items. Please also check the best before date when donating food.

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.

We also have a student in our school with a **severe life threatening allergy to latex.** We ask that balloons be kept at home. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

**** NEW****

**Bumped Head Bracelets
...otherwise known as
“Headbandz”**

During a child's day, accidents may happen. We deal with a variety of injuries in the office on a daily basis, many of which are easily attended to with a band aid or some ice.

Of special concern are injuries to a child's head and as a result we are launching a Bumped Head Bracelet program to “silently” alert adults in the building and parents/caregivers at home that the student has bumped their head.

Starting November 1, if your child reports that they have bumped their head:

- they are sent to the office
- school staff will assess the injury
- a phone call will be made to parents to inform them of the incident
- parents may make the decision to pick the child up from school
- if the student is staying at school they will wear a yellow bracelet for the rest of the day

The yellow bracelet will “silently” alert other adults in the building to be watchful as that child has bumped their head. They will alert the office of any unusual behaviour or concussion symptoms that the student may be presenting. This will provide an added layer of monitoring to protect and support students.

Bus safety

On Monday October 7th, the students will be practicing bus safety skills with their bus

drivers. Each driver will take a few minutes, after they have arrived at school, to present and practice how to cross in front of the bus safely and other skills necessary to ride a bus. Thank you so much to the drivers for reviewing these skills with us.

Big News From the Lady Mac Eco School Team!

Lady Mackenzie has decided to decrease its carbon footprint on the environment so we have started 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

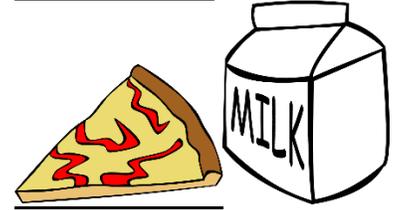
Any packaging from snacks, lunches, and drinks will be sent home with students, including rinsed out beverage containers, juice boxes, pudding and fruit cups. Food waste may be thrown away at school, such as crusts, banana peels and apple cores.

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.

No Milk or Pizza



Please be aware that during the CUPE work to rule action pizza and milk will no longer be sold. Any pre-ordered pizza or milk will be carried forward to purchases once we return to normal.