




## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

September was a super month – having all of our students back in the school was wonderful! I'd like to thank our amazing staff for their tireless commitment to making our students feel safe and happy at school. They have been working so hard to ensure all of their students are receiving quality instruction while providing them with safe, fun and engaging activities at school.

I'd like to thank our parents and guardians, too, for your patience and cooperation this past month. We know the daily screening confirmation form added a layer of complexity to your daily routine! Fortunately, we don't have to do this again until the two weeks following the Thanksgiving holiday. Until then, please continue to use the government's school screening tool <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/> to determine if your child should come to school. If in doubt, feel free to call us at the school or contact the public health unit for more information at 1-866-236-0123.



On Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, we participated in Orange Shirt Day. On this day, we talked about how Canadians wear an orange shirt to demonstrate their commitment to reconciliation by opening and continuing the dialogue about residential schooling. We believe, as educators, it is important that students are aware of this, beginning in the early grades, and lessons focus on what it means 'to matter' and how all children matter in our communities, with a particular focus on Indigenous children and the impact of residential schools. All lessons have been

developed to allow for an age appropriate understanding of National Truth and Reconciliation Day.

### Terry Fox School Run

On September 24<sup>th</sup> our students participated in the Terry Fox School Run. They walked or ran around the school grounds with their class as a whole school. It was great to see everyone outside together! Thanks to everyone for the online donations this year! We raised just over \$1500!



### Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures

If you are dropping off or picking up your child at the curb, **please remain in your vehicle**. Your child should **only access the passenger side of the vehicle** for safety purposes. If your child is too young to enter or exit the vehicle independently, please park in the Visitor parking lot and go to the crosswalk to receive or drop off your child.

Parents are asked to remain on the south side of the bus/vehicle lane at all times when dropping off or waiting for their child at the crosswalk. There is NO PARKING in or near the staff parking lot or near the dumpsters. These lots are labelled on the pavement. Please pass this information on to others who may be picking up or dropping off your child.

We also ask that you refrain from bringing dogs (or other pets) on to school property when picking up your child at the end of the day.

### Halloween at Lyn PS

Although Halloween is on a Sunday this year, we are very happy to announce that Halloween will be celebrated on Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at Lyn Public School! We know this is an exciting and fun time for our students so we will be having a whole school outdoor Halloween parade and teachers will be planning activities for their own classes. Please ensure you follow the COVID-19 protocols below so our



students can safely engage in our Halloween parade and activities:

- Students **must wear their costumes to school and leave them on all day**. Therefore, costumes should be comfortable.
- Students can choose to wear orange and black instead of a costume.
- Props or accessories **may not** accompany the costume. Please avoid a costume that has accessories that students will want to remove or parts that need to be removed for a student to sit.
- Masks will still need to be worn by students in Grades 1-6.
- The parade will occur outdoors, weather permitting, and follow social distancing measures.
- Students will remain with their class throughout the whole day.
- No food/candy may be brought to school for sharing or distribution.

Thank you for your cooperation with this school activity.



We have a character development recognition program at Lyn PS called “Pawsitive Behaviour” and students who demonstrate positive behaviour receive a Lyn Lions ‘Paw’ and get recognized on our morning announcements and in our monthly newsletter. We want to recognize the following students for the month of September:

Elijah Code (Gr. 1)

Ben Craig-Pettem (Gr. 3)

### Emergency Procedures

We have three emergency codes that we teach our students. *Shelter in Place, Hold and Secure* and *Lockdown*. We also practice fire drills three times in the fall and three times in the spring. We have reviewed these procedures with our students and we will continue to work with them in age-appropriate ways to help them understand why and when we use these codes. Similar to a ‘Fire Drill’, these codes must be understood and practised so that children know what to do in the event of an incident. When we practice our fire drills, we ensure that we are following safety procedures to minimize risk regarding COVID-19.

### Bullying Prevention and Intervention

Bullying is defined as mean, aggressive, repeated behaviour that is intended to cause harm, fear or distress. This behaviour includes physical, verbal, electronic, written or other means. As part of our [school bullying prevention policy](#), the staff and students at Lyn use W.I.T.S. – a strategy that students can use to help with peer conflict. It provides a common language that children and adults at school can use to talk about and respond to peer conflict in a positive way. We encourage students to always Seek Help from an adult if using their WITS is not effective.



We met on Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> virtually. Allison Myre chaired the School Council meeting and Brandy Smith took the minutes. We will keep you apprised of school council activities on our Facebook page and our minutes will be posted to our school website. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.**

If you are interested in running for the School Council executive (chair, vice chair or secretary) please contact the school with your self-nomination by Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup> and we will vote at the next meeting. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend our meetings. Please contact the school if you would like to attend the next school council meeting. Thank you!





- Anyone 12+ (born in 2009 or earlier) who received Moderna 28 days ago
- Anyone 18+ who received AstraZeneca 8 weeks ago
- For **youth ages 12–17**, more information can be found here.
- Walk-ins are available at all clinics. See locations, dates and times here.

**Proof of Vaccination Certificate:**

Download your COVID-19 vaccine receipt from [here](#) or call the Provincial Vaccine Booking Line at 1-833-943-3900

**Testing:** Visit our updated [Assessment and Testing](#) page for information about what tests you need and where to get them.

The advertisement is for 'FALL PHOTOS GOOD NEWS!' from PhotoVisions. It features a white background with a blue border. The text reads: 'PhotoVisions' COVID aware photography procedure has been reviewed and approved by your school board's Health and Safety. So, we are ready to safely take your amazing photos - with a few tweaks! This year all orders will be only available for viewing and ordering from our website unless you... We will not be sending home any paper order forms. All students will be supplied a personal Online Code at time of photography. All photos will then be accessible in approximately 48-72 hours after their session.' There is a small image of a 'KEEP THIS CARD' with a QR code. At the bottom, it says 'PHOTO DATE: Monday, OCTOBER 18th' and 'A Retake Day is not available at this time.' The PhotoVisions logo and website URL are also present.



Please use the [Ontario.ca school screening tool](#) daily prior to sending your child to school. If your child shows one symptom, they should remain at home and the guidelines in the screener should be followed.

**Covid-19 Updates**

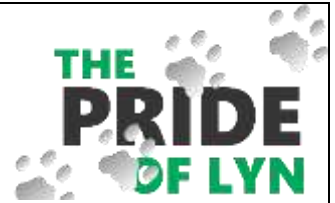
**Vaccine:**


Health Unit clinics use mRNA vaccines (either Pfizer or Moderna) depending on availability of the vaccine). The province recommends Pfizer for age 12 to 17. Anyone 12+ (born in 2009 or earlier) is eligible for first dose.

- Second dose eligibility:
  - Anyone 12+ (born in 2009 or earlier) who received Pfizer 21 days ago



# October 2021



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5 World Teachers Day	6	7	8	9
Fire Prevention Week						
10	11 	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 SCHOOL PHOTO DAY <b>*NO retake day this year</b>	19 IEPs go home <i>Parent Council Meeting 7-8 PM</i>	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Outdoor Costume Parade	30
31 Halloween						

