



NEWSLETTER

The PRIDE of LYN



October was filled with learning and fun, with our Halloween parade wrapping up a great month! As we move into November, we are happy to report that we are now able to provide more 'normal' school activities and experiences for our students. We will begin offering a hot lunch program and milk program. We are also able to start planning field trips! These are important school experiences for our students and families and we're so happy to be able to offer them once again!

Our outdoor Halloween parade went very well. The weather cooperated and our students had so much fun showing off their costumes and taking in all of the other students' costumes! Thanks to Mrs. Bradford for, once again, organizing the staff costume – dressing up as a staff to surprise the students as they arrive to school is one of the best Lyn traditions we have!

As we continue to monitor our students' wellness, both physically and mentally, we are focusing on building a 'toolbox' with strategies for our students (and staff) to help them self-regulate and get "back to calm". These strategies can help when our learners with stress and feelings like anxiety or frustration or if they help to stay calm and focused. Ms. Johnston is our Mental Health Champion at Lyn PS and we are working together to build our skills, fill our toolbox and continue the work needed to support all of our members of this school community.

School Photos

School photo day occurred on Monday, October 18th and went very smoothly, thanks to PhotoVisions. *There is no retake date.* If you need retakes, please contact [PhotoVisions](http://www.photovisions.com) directly.

School Spirit Events this Month

Friday, Nov. 12 **Pajama Day** -Wear your snuggly warm PJs.

Mon. Nov. 15- Fri. Nov. 19 – **Kindness Week** -Practice acts of kindness all week.

Friday, Nov. 19 – **Rainbow Day** -Wear all the colours of the rainbow to celebrate diversity and inclusion.

Friday, Nov. 25 – **Jersey Day** -Wear your favourite team jersey, sportswear or school spirit wear.



We want to recognize the following students who demonstrated positive behaviour and received a Lyn Lions 'Paw' for the month of October:

Avery Paul	Jack Steacy
Ryland Alexander	Isaac Massey
Adley Melchers	Caleb Woods
Charlie Wichers	Cole McNish
Rowyn Gurski	Macie Bell

Send in Items for the Santa Food Drive!

Lyn PS is partnering with Elizabethtown-Kitley Township and the Food Banks in our area to help collect non-perishable food items from November 29-December 3. This has been a particularly tough time for many families in our area and we want to help our community! No one should go hungry – and we can make a difference! Please send items with your child or drop items off at the school during this week. Santa will pay us a visit to collect the donations we bring in! Thank you, in advance, for supporting this cause.



The Hot Lunch and Milk Program is Back!

We are pleased to begin offering a hot lunch program and a milk program to our students again. This means that your child will have a choice of pizza and sub sandwich weekly and milk daily. We will be sending hot lunch and milk forms home with your child. You may do **one** of the following:

- 1) send in **exact** cash or cheque with the paper form
- 2) complete the online form and make an online payment using myfamilyroom.ca

IMPORTANT – Please complete and submit only one method (paper or online).

We are emphasizing the use of online payment through MyFamilyRoom and it is our plan to move to electronic payments only next year. Please visit myfamilyroom.ca if you have not yet enrolled.

Please note:

- *If paying cash, send in the exact amount. There will be no change issued to you.*
- *We will follow the deadlines strictly with no exceptions made for late submissions.*
- *There will be no refunds if your child is absent on a hot lunch day.*
- *We will reschedule hot lunch delivery to the next school day if hot lunch falls on an inclement weather day (snow day).*

Schools will be Open on Snow Days!

For the 2021-22 school year, when school transportation is cancelled due to poor weather conditions, **UCDSB schools will remain open to staff and students.**

Cancellation announcements will be made no later than 6:15 a.m. Parents/guardians can verify if transportation is cancelled by going to www.steo.ca, downloading the Bus Planner Delays App, checking STEO's social media sites or you can call STEO's inclement weather hotline at 1-866-629-0629 (updated no later than 6:15 a.m.). You can also go to UCDSB social media sites or Lyn PS's Facebook page. More detailed information about snow days can be found [here](#) on the UCDSB website.

Knowing that many students do not attend school on snow days, activities will be available on your child's classroom Microsoft Team, or in hard copy and sent home in advance. Your child's teacher will be in contact with you, with instructions on accessing these activities and expectations for inclement weather days, in the coming weeks.

Nutrition for Kids Snack Program

We understand the important role that nutritious food plays in creating a better learning environment for our students. The Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services has created guidelines that our nutrition program follows to ensure that we are offering your child/children with the best possible food options. In collaboration with our partners, the Community Development Coordinators from the Upper Canada Leger Centre for Education and Training, we ensure that the guidelines are being followed. Our program is overseen and delivered entirely by our dedicated staff who ensure that these snacks are available daily to all students in our school. Currently, we offer a 'Grab and Go' model of delivery in order to follow our COVID-19 protocols. So many students benefit from this program. We all achieve more when we are well-nourished!

Accessibility and Parking at the School

We understand that it is very busy at the end of the day at pick up time. The parking lot is very congested and it can be difficult to find a parking spot. However, it is important that you do not park in the **staff parking lot** or in a **designated accessible parking spot** if you do not have a permit. These spots are reserved specifically for vehicles with an accessible parking permit. This is not a request, but the law, and we thank you for your cooperation.

Cell Phones in the Classroom Policy

In November, two years ago, the government mandated a policy for cellphone use in classrooms. This rule applies to all personal electronic devices, which include laptops, cellphones, and any device that can be used to access the internet. These devices are not permitted in the classroom *without teacher permission*. If/when they are allowed in the classroom, they may only be used for education purposes, special education purposes or medical purposes.

Cell phones and personal electronic devices **may not be used on the bus, during recess, or outside at any time** as students must be supervised when using them. If these devices are brought to school, the school is not responsible for them if they are lost, damaged or stolen. Students may be required to leave their device at home if they do not adhere to this policy. Students may communicate with their parents by coming to the office, with permission from their teacher.



Student Personal Items at School

We ask for your support in limiting your child's personal items that are brought to school. Students should not bring toys, stuffed animals, trading cards or any other unnecessary personal items to school. We understand that, on occasion, their teacher may allow them to bring something to school for a special event (e.g., stuffie for PJ day or item for Show and Tell). The school is not responsible for these personal items if they are lost, stolen or damaged. Thank you for your support.

Masking for Kindergarten Students

Starting on November 1, Kindergarten students will need to wear a mask while at school. Students will be able to remove their masks for eating, drinking and when they are outside at recess.

Having Kindergarten students wear masks was strongly recommended by both Dr. Paul Roumeliotis, Chief Medical Officer of Health with the Eastern Ontario Health Unit, and Dr. Paula Stewart, Chief Medical Officer of Health for the Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit, indicating there are no negative health risks for our youngest students to wear masks and that it will provide them with more protection. Other school boards in our area have taken similar steps.

Sending Invitations to School with Your Child

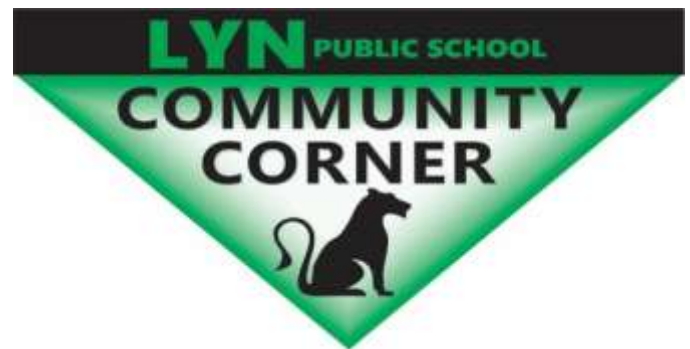
We recognize that a birthday celebration is an exciting time for a child. However, we ask that you **do not distribute birthday invitations** to a select group of children at the school, to avoid the unintended outcome of some children feeling excluded. Since the school cannot provide you with contact information for confidentiality reasons, please find an alternative way to contact the parents of the children you wish to invite. We thank you for your understanding in this matter.



Our October school council meeting was postponed and our next meeting will occur on Tuesday, November 16th. This meeting will be virtual. An invite will be sent to those who indicated interest in September. If you are interested in joining the November meeting, please contact the office and we will send you a Microsoft Teams meeting invite.

We are happy to announce that we are able to begin fundraising again. We look forward to our next school

council meeting when we can establish our 2021-22 executive council, determine our goals for this school year and begin to plan our fundraising events. We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting!



Let us help get your letters to the North Pole!

Have your letters ready to be picked up along the Santa Food Drive Route. If you are not along the Route, Donation drop off locations are:

- 🎅 Elizabethtown-Kitley Township Office: 6544 New Dublin Road
- 🎅 Spring Valley Library: 4103 County Road 29 (during regular library hours)
- 🎅 Elizabethtown-Kitley Township Satellite Office: 424 County Road 29
- 🎅 Green Things Garden Centre: 1892 County Road 2 East.
- 🎅 Smiths Farm Equipment: 32 Jasper St., Jasper



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COVID-19 isn't the only virus we all want to avoid. A COVID-19 test may not be needed when you only have a runny nose or a sore throat but these symptoms can still spread illness to others. Don't go to school, work or visit others if you are feeling sick. Talk to your health



care provider or call the School Health Line at 1-866-236-0123. Complete the school screening tool before each school day at: <https://bit.ly/3v8r8RG>

My child had a high risk exposure to COVID-19 at school, what do we do? Check your email for a high risk letter from the Health Unit sent by your school or school board. The letter gives instructions on self-isolation, monitoring your child for symptoms, testing, and guidance for household members. Public Health will also be calling you within a 24 hour period to review the information in the letter. Call the School Health line at 1-866-236-0123 if your child had a high risk exposure and has symptoms or if you have urgent questions.

Urgent Dental Needs? Call Us! Do you have a child 17 and under who is in pain or you think has a cavity? If it would be a financial hardship to pay for dental care, call us today to learn more about the free government-funded Healthy Smiles Ontario (HSO) dental program. Please call the LGLDHU today for more information at 1-800-660-5853 or visit our website at <http://bit.ly/HealthySmilesON>

Help Support the Elizabethtown-Kitley Santa Food Drive



**Saturday December 4th in Kitley
& Sunday December 5th in Elizabethtown**

Santa will once again tour around collecting food and monetary donations with the help of EK Fire Department, OPP, and Township staff.

Look for route details online at:
ektwp.ca or call 613-345-7480 for more information.






**Supporting Brockville, Athens & Smiths Falls
Food Banks**



November 2021



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Hot lunch/milk forms go home	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 HOT LUNCH and MILK FORMS DUE (No late exceptions)	10 <i>Progress Reports go home</i>	11 Remembrance Day 	12 Pajama Day! Wear your snugly warm PJs!	13 
14	15 Kindness Week Kick Off Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week →	16 Virtual School Council Meeting 7 pm	17	18	19 Rainbow Day! Wear colours of the rainbow to celebrate diversity - everyone belongs at Lyn!	20
21	22	23	24	25 Jersey Day! Wear your favourite team jersey or school spirit wear!	26 PA Day	27
28	29 Santa Food Drive Kick Off! Send in or drop off non-perishable items to the school this week!	30	1	2	3 Last day to donate food for the Santa Food Drive! 	4

