



NEWSLETTER

The PRIDE of LYN



It is so nice to have most of our learners back to in-person learning at school and engaging in lots of different learning activities, as well as having fun playing outside, with all of this snow we have! It is clear that our students are feeling happy to be back with their teachers and friends!

I can't say it enough - thanks to you, our amazing parents and guardians, for your patience and support in January as we had to go back, once again, to remote learning. Everyone has persevered through the month of January and we are looking forward to maintaining in-person learning from here on out!

Online COVID-19 Screening and Daily Confirmation of Screening Form

Thank you so much for completing this screen with your child each morning prior to sending them to school. This Confirmation of Daily Screening form will continue to be in place until further notice. It is so appreciated that you are completing it and signing it daily. This avoids requiring the teacher to take time away from instruction to complete the form if the parent/guardian does not.

Outdoor Recess in Cold Weather

With our students wearing masks all day, it is so important for them to have a mask-free break at recess. Recess is 40 minutes of free play outside. It is vital that our students come to school prepared with **proper winter clothing** so they can remain outdoors in cold temperatures for 40 minutes. The following table indicates the expected action for schools based on temperature regarding outdoor routines and recess:

Outdoor Temperature with Wind Chill Factor	Action Regarding Outdoor Routines/Recess
Up to -20° with wind chill	Regular routine of outdoor recess/activities
-20° to -25° with wind chill	Principal discretion -may consider shorter outdoor exposure period
-25° or colder with wind chill	Cancellation of outdoor recess/activities

It is our practice to closely monitor our students during outdoor play if the temperature reaches these levels with the wind chill. We communicate with our supervising staff via two-way radio and are prepared to bring our students inside at any time if there is an indication that the exposure to the cold is putting our students at risk. Our staff also ensures that students wear the outdoor clothing that is sent with them to school, including snow pants.

Winter Spirit Days

Monday, February 14 ❤️

Valentine's Day - Wear pink and red!

Tuesday February 15

Twin Day - dress like your sibling, friend, classmate or teacher!



Wednesday February 16

Outdoor Play Day! - Dress for the weather for outdoor fun and games!

Thursday February 17



Lyn Lions Day - Wear green or your school spirit wear!

Friday February 18

PJ Day - it's everyone's favourite! 🌈

Monday February 21

No School - It's **FAMILY DAY!**



Valentine Cards at School



Students are allowed to bring Valentine's cards from home to distribute to their friends at school. Our teachers will ensure proper safety protocols are followed, including hand sanitizing and appropriate social distancing. Please do not send treats, only Valentine cards. Thank you.

Kindergarten Registration

We have started JK registration for September 2022. If you, or someone you know, have a child in the Lyn PS catchment area who will be 4 years old by the end of December 2022 (Junior Kindergarten), we encourage early registration by completing the forms online in [MyFamilyRoom](#). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school at 613-345-1242.

Report Cards

Your child's Term 1 Report Card will be issued this month, on February 16th. We recognize that our students have been at a disadvantage, with so many disruptions to learning - switching between remote and in-person learning models. So, our educators are taking this into consideration when evaluating your child in each subject area. Our teachers are doing their very best to support every learner to maximize their learning and ensure they have the prerequisite skills before moving on to the next skill in all areas of the curriculum.

Grade 6 Virtual Transition Meeting and Open House

Brockville Collegiate Institute and Thousand Islands Secondary School will be virtually visiting Grade 6 classrooms in the coming weeks. These meetings will provide students with an opportunity to learn more about the life of an Intermediate student and to learn about the opportunities that both TISS and BCI have to offer. Parents of Grade 6 students can attend the Virtual Open House sessions with your child using Microsoft Teams. Please click on the links below to access the Open House sessions.

TISS: Wednesday, February 9th at 6:30 p.m.

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

BCI: Thursday, February 10th at 6:30 p.m.

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Pink Shirt Day

On Wednesday, February 23rd, we invite all of our students to wear pink, if possible, to support the common message of *choosing kindness and ending bullying*.



For Families:

Tired of the rollercoaster ride of parenting these days?

Looking for some additional parenting tips or suggestions for the days ahead? Whatever your situation, Triple P Parenting has simple, practical strategies for you to try. There are virtual parenting sessions that you can attend by visiting <https://healthunit.org/clinics-classes/triple-p-parenting/> for a complete listing of parenting sessions. Click the individual session listing or the 'register' button. Parenting matters!

Updated COVID-19 School Screening: Many changes have been made to the school screening tool since the fall term. Continue to complete the [school screening tool](#) every day to determine if your child should be attending school, and for help on what to do next, or call the Health Unit's phone line at 1-866-236-0123.




Changes to School Contact Tracing: Public Health will not be dismissing classroom or bus cohorts after someone at the school has tested positive for COVID-19. If a school's absenteeism rate is 30% above their typical baselines, school administrators and public health will work in partnership to enhance existing public health measures and to provide updates to school families and staff.

Individuals only exposed to a COVID-19 positive individual at school with all public health measures in place are encouraged to monitor themselves for [symptoms](#). If your child has COVID-19 symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19 on a rapid antigen test or a school PCR self-collection kit, follow the instructions at www.ontario.ca/exposed. Share this website link with your child's community close contacts (e.g., family, friends).



February 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 School Council mtg. - 7 p.m. (virtual) 	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Feb 16-Mar 31 Hot lunch orders are due	10	11	12
13	14 Valentine's Day 	15 Twin Day	16 Report cards go home Outdoor Play Day	17 School Colours Day	18 PJ Day	19
Winter Spirit Week						
20	21 Family Day -No School!	22	23 PINK SHIRT DAY <small>celebrating diversity and creating a culture of kindness</small> 	24	25	26
27	28					

*MARCH BREAK is March 14th - 18th

