



NEWSLETTER

The PRIDE of LYN




PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

There are so many exciting events taking place in June here at Lyn PS! Looking ahead to the last month of school, it is going to be a very busy one! Every class will be going on a year-end field trip this month. A big thanks to our School Council for funding \$45 per student for their field trips. Also, students will enjoy their Track and Field Days again and we hope to see many parents at the school to cheer on their children!

We are also participating in a board wide dance video, with clips from many schools in UCDSB compiled by the Communications Department. This video was inspired by none other than our awesome Lyn Lions! Keep an eye out for the final product on our Facebook page!

Please check out the video on our Facebook page highlighting some of the special things that make Lyn PS such a great place to learn. This was created to share with our UCDSB trustees at the board meeting on Wed., May 25th.

Our staff and students in Grade 3 and Grade 6 are preparing for the EQAO assessment. This year, the test is online and is much shorter than in previous years. While the Grade 3 assessment is a culmination of the curriculum from all primary grades and the Grade 6 assessment is a culmination of the curriculum from both the primary and junior grades, we recognize that, due to the pandemic, these results may not be as high as we would expect prior to the pandemic - for reasons beyond our control. We wish them good luck!



I am thrilled to announce that Kayla Miller, our Office Administrator, and Greg McElrea, Gr. 3/4 teacher at Lyn

PS, both received a Service Excellence award from the UCDSB. There were only 12 given out across the school district and two went to our amazing staff members at Lyn! Congratulations Kayla and Greg!

I am so sad to have to inform you that I will be leaving Lyn PS. I feel so lucky to have been here for the last five years. Although I would love to stay here until I retire, I must move on to a new school next year. I have thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated the great times I have had here at Lyn PS and will remember them fondly. The next stop on my career path will be Vanier Public School in Brockville. While I look forward to my new adventure there, it will be very difficult to leave behind all of the students and the staff here at Lyn. I have been so fortunate to have the opportunity to work with so many amazing people while here in this little gem of a school. I thank each and every one of you for making it such a cherished time in my life. Lyn Public School is so lucky to have such a strong school community to make it the special place it is!

Please welcome Marnie Lindsay, your new principal. She is coming to Lyn from Wellington Elementary School in Prescott. I have every confidence that you will give her the warm welcome you gave me when I first arrived.

Summer Reminders



We ask that all students wear clothing that is appropriate for the school setting, particularly with the warmer weather. Please remember to send a hat for your child and apply sunscreen at home. Students are outside for a minimum of 40 minutes each day in the sunshine, and sometimes more



than that. If you send sunscreen to school, please ensure your child can apply it on their own. It is very important that your child has a water bottle at school. The fountains are closed with only the water-filling stations open and hydration is very important in the heat.



The following students are our 'Pawsitive' behaviour recipients for May:

Addyson Crate	Brady Ferguson
Jett Cook	Jackson Hewitt
Quinn Perkins	Reid Einfeldt
Monte McLeod	Leo Beaudin
Alaina Steacy	Keesie Nolan
Cooper Myre	Sienna Warner
Casey Raison	Bella Antoine
Teaghan Mitchell	Jacob Hanna
Grayson Serson	Carley Meehan

Tick Prevention

Tick season is here! Please check your child daily for ticks. If we find a tick on your child at school, we will contact you immediately. The school cannot remove a tick from your child.

Lockdown Drills

Each school year, our students and staff practice fire drills and lockdowns drills. With the COVID safety measures, we have not practiced a formal lockdown in a long time. However, our teachers have still been teaching students about lockdowns. In June, we will resume these lockdown practices. We will prepare our students well in advance and ensure they feel calm and safe throughout the practice. If you have any questions about these drills please do not hesitate to contact the school.

June is Pride Month



The mission of the Upper Canada District School Board is to prepare all students for a successful life, and we know that students only succeed when they feel safe and respected. It is important for our educators to celebrate diversity

and engage students in conversations around *inclusivity*, not just this month but throughout the year.

Track and Field Days

On June 21, we will have a Track and Field Day for our younger learners (Kindergarten to Grade 2). On June 22, we will have a Track and Field Day for our students in Grades 3-6. There will be a canteen, run by our parent council, for both of these days that will offer hot dogs, drinks, chips, freezies and candy. Parents are

welcome to come to the school to cheer on their child. The east gate by the parking lot will be open to access the school yard. We ask that parents do not enter the school building and do not take your child home with you at the end of the day without first informing the teacher and/or the office.



The end of the school year is upon us. Lyn Parent Council would like to thank everyone for their continued support. Thank you to those who have volunteered to support the track and field day events and run the canteen.

The final meeting of the school year is Tuesday, June 14th @ 6:30 pm. We hope to get a jump start on plans for our Fall Fair. All are welcome to attend the meeting at the school.



We were very fortunate to be able to purchase enough veg trugs, through Eco School funds, so that every classroom in the school could have one. Thanks to Mrs. Shupe for organizing this project! We want to thank Mr. McElrea for working with some of our students to assemble these trugs. We also want to thank Ken Miller Excavation and Blackscape Supply for their donation of soil to fill all of the trugs! Students have been busy in May, planting vegetables in our new veg trugs. As the end of the school year comes to a close, we are hopeful that we will be able to harvest some of our vegetables! This has been a great opportunity for our students to experience the responsibilities and benefits of growing their own food.

Bus Driver Appreciation Month

For many students, the school day unofficially begins when they board the bus each morning. Bus drivers play an integral role not only in overseeing the safety and well-being of their student travelers, but in setting the tenor for the remainder of their day at school. June is *Driver Appreciation Month* and we hope that you will take this opportunity to express your thanks to your child's bus driver for all they do to keep your child safe and happy. Lyn PS will show our appreciation by recognizing Karen, Jim, Don and Bob with some refreshments at the school, a gift and certificate for their service to our students and their families.





Sun Safety: When the weather is warmer, we are more likely to spend our time outside. Studies have shown that sun exposure during childhood and adolescence is strongly linked to the development of skin cancer later in life. Children have thinner skin than adults, making them more sensitive to ultraviolet rays. A few serious sunburns during childhood double the risk of developing skin cancer later in life. Best practices to protect ourselves and our children are using the 5 S's:

Seek – shade or create your own;

Slip – on weather appropriate clothing that protects from the sun;

Slap – on a wide brim hat that protect, ear, neck, and face;

Slop – on SPF 30 sunscreen or higher;

Slide – on some sunglasses to protect eyes.

To see how sun savvy you are check out the quiz to test your knowledge at the bottom of the Canadian Cancer Society's web page.

Immunization Catch Up: Keep your kids up-to-date on their required vaccinations! Why does my child need these vaccines? 3 great reasons to book your appointment today to keep your child up-to-date:

- To protect them from preventable diseases that can have serious consequences
- Some of these vaccines (Tdap booster and Men-C-ACYW vaccine for Meningococcal disease) are required to attend school in Ontario unless you have a valid exemption on file.
- These vaccines are provided for free during certain age windows but once your child is older and is required to have certain vaccines for employment purposes they may need to pay several hundreds of dollars out of pocket to receive them.

To book an appointment for your grade 7-12 child at a catch-up clinic near you - use this online booking portal or call 1-844-369-1234."

E-cigarettes and vaping – they seem to be everywhere, but where are the facts? Health Canada has some youth-specific information on vaping that will help to inform current and future choices.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/health/campaigns/vaping.html>

Speech and Language Skills
Your Child Needs to be Ready for School

Children who start school without the speech and language skills they need can have trouble participating, learning and having fun in Junior Kindergarten.
Check your child's development with the charts below.

3-year-olds should:

- Understand same/different, one/all, heavy/light, night/day
- Enjoy pretend play and playing with other children
- Be able to talk about something that happened in the past (e.g. trip to Grandma's)
- Say 4-7 words in a sentence "I want my red ball"
- Understand and ask "Who?" "What?" "Where?" and "Why?" questions
- Adults outside of the family should understand at least half of what the child says
- Be able to clearly make these sounds in words: p, b, m, n, l, w, d
- Errors on t, sh, ch, v, j, c, th and lips are normal at this age.

4-year-olds should:

- Be able to follow three-step instructions; i.e., "Get your boots, put them on and go outside."
- Tell stories with a clear beginning, middle and end, and be able to anticipate what will happen next in a story
- Use adult-type grammar, e.g. "Sam dropped his cookie, so I gave him part of mine."
- Be able to start a conversation and keep it going on the same topic for three turns
- Answer "Who?" "How?" and "How many?" questions
- Be able to say the following sounds correctly in words: kyf,gt,d
- Errors on l, sh, ch, v, j, c, th and lips are normal at this age.


If your child is not meeting one or more of the milestones, contact Language Express now. Don't wait until your child starts school! It is never too early to refer.
Go to www.language-express.ca for more information, or call 1-888-503-8885. Language Express services are funded by the province and are free for families.
Language Express provides speech and language assessment and treatment services for children from birth to JK in Lanark, Leeds, and Grenville.

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June 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Gr. 3 EQAO	7 Gr. 3 EQAO	8 Gr. 3 EQAO	9 Gr. 3 EQAO	10	11
12	13 Gr. 6 EQAO	14 Gr. 6 EQAO School Council Meeting-6:30 pm	15 Gr. 6 EQAO Grade 1 and 1/2 trip to Aquatarium Grade 2/3 and 3/4 trip to UC Village	16 Gr. 6 EQAO	17 Grade 6 Trip to Camp Iawah Grade 4/5 Trip to Fort Wellington	18
19	20 Grade 4 and 5 Outdoor Ed. Trip	21 Primary Track and Field Day (Canteen)	22 Junior Track and Field Day (Canteen)	23	24 PJ Day & Movie Day	25
26	27 Grade 6 Leaving Ceremony @ 1:30	28 PA DAY	29	30	July 1 	

September 1st & 2nd – PA Days
 September 6th – First Day of School

