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Principal's Message

Lexington students have quickly settled into the daily routines of learning and growing together. Teachers, support staff, and administration are deeply committed to providing a strong academic environment in which children are engaged in learning and develop a high level of self-esteem. You may have heard your child use the term 'growth-mindset'. We continue to encourage our students to feel OK about making mistakes and how we tell our brains that it is important to practice what we don't know.

This past month students and teachers alike have been having a GREAT time getting outside to enjoy the excellent Fall weather. Our new playground is getting a fantastic workout by our students! During nutrition breaks this week, we went outside to run laps in our annual Turkey Trot! Many, many ballots were earned for the turkey draw. Last week we came together as a community for the annual Terry Fox run. It was wonderful to see so many parents run with us. Did you hear about our students who demonstrated initiative by raising funds for the Terry Fox foundation? Keep your eye on the wrdsb.ca website, as we will soon be featured in the good news section for our Terry Fox run.

We gathered at our September Character Education assembly to reinforce the attribute of Respect through a wonderful picture book called, Enemy Pie. We will continue to reinforce the 'Eight Attributes of Success; Respect, Integrity, Hope, Initiative, Kindness, Empathy, Social Responsibility and Co-operation'. Congratulations to Mrs. Hattle's gr. 5 students who effectively led this assembly.

Our School Council is up and running and already doing wonderful things for the school. If you are interested in learning more about the work of the school and becoming more involved, I would like to encourage you to join School Council. The monthly meetings are a great way to meet committed and caring individuals in our community, and to be part of decisions that make a positive impact on the entire school.

I continue to feel greatly supported by this wonderful community. Thank you! Have a wonderful and Happy Thanksgiving weekend with family and friends.

With Gratitude,

Mrs. K. Bileski

Read For The Stars

Our Read for the Stars program is up and running again this year. At Lexington we know that reading at home helps our students learn to LOVE books and develop their growing reading skills. There is much literature around the importance of reading at home; whether it is family time or having one-on-one cuddle time with your child, the benefits are endless! We encourage every student to read each night and track that reading.

This year we have made a few changes to our reading incentive program that we think our students will be excited about. Mrs. Elliott has ordered Lexington ribbons for each reading level! The hope is that when your child displays their well-earned ribbon at home, he/she will be encouraged to read even more.

We will continue to announce names on the morning announcements as well as during assemblies. Your child's picture will be posted on the Read for the Stars bulletin board and moved along as they continue to read. Your role as a parent is to encourage your child(ren) to read EVERY NIGHT, even if it's for 5 minutes. We also ask that you read with your younger children and to record and witness the reading of your older children. We work hard to encourage our developing readers at Lexington and we thank you for doing the same at home!

The first milestone is 50 nights of reading. This includes weekends and holidays. We begin celebrating our 50 night readers on **October 27th**. Keep reading!

Treasures Books

Thank you to all who supported our September Treasures Book fundraiser. This is a long-standing fundraiser for Lexington and we appreciate your participation. This year our students sold 200 books, earning \$2000!

Special thanks go out to parent Dee Bingleman for coordinating and managing this fundraiser. She is truly an expert in this department.

To date Treasures has raised **\$19,000** for Lexington P.S. Again, we are so grateful for your generosity.

Toonies for Terry ~ Terry Fox Run



Our school Terry Fox Run took place on September 30th on a beautiful Fall day. All of our students were involved in running/walking around our school property. It was wonderful to have many parents join us for the run. Lexington was responsible for raising **\$811.40** to be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation. Thanks to everyone who participated in the Toonies for Terry and T-shirt raffle.



Congratulations to Rylie, Brianna, Mylene, Naomi and Emery, winners of the Terry Fox T-shirts. Thank you to School Council for purchasing the shirts.

Did you hear about the initiative our students demonstrated? Hats off to Micah, Evan and Holden for setting up a lemonade stand. They donated the \$50 they earned to the Terry Fox Foundation for Cancer research! Lincoln also brought in his \$30 coin collection to donate. Lexington students show HEART and initiative!



School Council

Thank you to all who came out to our first School Council meeting of the 2015-2016 school year. At this meeting, the following council representatives confirmed their commitment to representing the Lexington community:

Co-Chairs	Bobbi Jo Gourley and Emily Schmuck
Vice-Chair	LeeAnn Lobsinger
Temp Vice Chair	Natalie Mieles
Treasurer	Mary Moss
Secretary	Megan MacNeil and Joy Crocket
Teacher Rep	Sylvia Young

Our meetings take place on the third Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m. Please feel free to come out and join us.

Special thanks also go out to Mrs. Elliott and Julie McCombe for helping to organize the Hot Lunch/Pizza and Milk with ESNS. Our hot lunches and milk are on Wednesdays and pizza and milk on Friday.

Parking Lot Safety



The parking lot is for Kindergarten parents only. Please be sure to keep the parking lot clear at all times. Drop off your gr. 1-6 child off in the appropriate place. The kiss 'n drop is directly beside the school sign. You may also wish to drop your children off on Forestlawn Drive, near the back of the school. There is a sidewalk that leads directly to the yard! We appreciate your cooperation.

Going to be Absent or Late?

PLEASE CALL OUR ATTENDANCE LINE,
NOT THE MAIN OFFICE LINE ☺
519-570-8100 X 3450

We are a Nut Free School

The safety of all our students is paramount to all staff at Lexington. Lexington made the important decision to become a nut-free school. We currently have six out of ten classrooms that have students with severe allergies.

It is the policy of the Waterloo Region District School Board, as required by Statutes of Ontario 2005, Chapter 7 (Sabrina's Law), to ensure the implementation of:

- strategies that reduce the risk of exposure to anaphylactic causative agents in classrooms and common school areas;
- a communication plan for the dissemination of information on life-threatening allergies to parents, pupils and employees;
- regular training on dealing with life-threatening allergies for all employees and others who are in direct contact with pupils on a regular basis.

Anaphylaxis Canada states that approximately 2.5 million Canadians are affected by food allergies! **We hope to greatly reduce the risk by asking families to not send products that contain or may contain nuts.** We appreciate the effort in creating the safest environment for our students.

Thank you for helping us keep all students safe ☺

Communication

Communication is important to us; we want you to know what we are up to! **School Day** is our primary method of communicating with families. We are able to send an email blast to let you know about something that is coming up or enter a product for easy on-line purchasing.

Thank you for signing up for School Day, we are close to 100% participation!

Families and students, with [CASL](#) we need to get your permission to email you about your child. Head to www.lex.wrdsb, and scroll to the very bottom of the web page. You will see the title: **Let Us Email You!** Click on the link and follow the instructions to give us permission to email you!



Congratulations to our Turkey Trot Winners!

The following students went home with a turkey for Thanksgiving: Evan, Karen, Sloan, Bryce, Artin, Matin, Avery, Blake and Gwentyth! Congratulations and enjoy your turkey ☺

Thank you to Mrs. Lobsinger's father for picking up the Turkeys, and to School Council for purchasing the Turkeys.



2015-2016 Lexington Staff

Mrs. Bileski	Principal		
Mrs. Elliott	Secretary		
Mrs. Young	JK/SK rm. 1		
Mrs. Sugg	JK/SK rm. 1		
Miss Davey	JK/SK rm. 1	Mme. Sollows	Core French rm. 10
Mrs. Chisamore	JK/SK rm. 2	Mme. Deering	Core French/Music rm. 15
Mrs. Snook	JK/SK rm. 2	Mrs. Juche	JK/SK, Music rm. 13
Ms. Schneider	JK/SK rm. 2	Mr. Paetkau	SERT
Miss Heideman	Gr. 1 rm. 7	Mrs. Clark	FDK EA, Extended Day PM EA
Mrs. McLean	Gr. 1/2 rm. 8	Mrs. Debus	EA
Mrs. Gregory	Gr. 2 rm. 16	Mrs. Messer	EA
Mrs. Riddell	Gr. 3/4 rm. 12	Mrs. Singh	EA, Extended Day AM EA
Mr. Smith	Gr. 3/4 rm. 11	Mrs. Balkos	Library Clerk
Mrs. Timms	Gr. 4/5 rm. 4	Mr. Romitz	Custodian
Mrs. Hattle	Gr. 5/6 rm. 5	Mr. Stewart	Night Custodian
Mrs. Dunbar	Gr. 5/6 rm. 6		

Dates to Remember

October 12	Thanksgiving Holiday, no school for students
October 31	Spirit Day ~ Wear Orange and Black
November 2	Picture Retake Day
November 11	Remembrance Day Assembly