

Lexington's June Newsletter



June 2022

Hello Lexington Families,

May has been a month filled with joy, special events and lots of fun! It is nice to see so many students riding their bikes and walking to school. As you know, we have had some sad and hateful events happen here at Lexington PS this past month. I want to thank all of our families for taking the time to speak with their children about racism, hate messages and for working through these very uncomfortable conversations. To our black families who have been targeted, I sincerely apologize for what has happened. As a staff, we are working hard to help students understand the impact that negative speech and actions have towards any racialized community. We have been able to resolve the issue of written hate language on our walls. The person is not from Lexington PS and came to the school to apologize to me personally, as well as wrote a letter to the staff. Although this has been very difficult, I am confident that this has been a much needed learning opportunity for many. Our work at Lexington PS to ensure all students, staff, and community members, particularly those that are from racialized communities, feel safe, included and supported will continue!

Lexington has many reasons to celebrate our students, staff and communities. Please read below for updates, and news from Lexington. Enjoy the beautiful weather.

Upcoming events:

June 3-PD Day

June 16-Primary Splash Day (JK-Grade 3-not including 3/4A who participated in Track and Field)

June 10, 17, 24-Pizza Days

June 27-Last Day of School-Report Cards sent home

June 28-PD Day

Lexington Scholastic Book Fair Update:

Wow! What a great success our first Scholastic Book Fair was! Thank you so much to Mme. Pasel for planning and organizing this event. A huge thank you to all the teachers and parent volunteers who took time out of their day to help out with the Book Fair during nutrition breaks. It certainly was a week of excitement for reading! Our final sales total was an incredible \$7579.00 which in turn raised a total of \$4200.00 to spend on books for our Equity Library! Wow...A-M-A-Z-I-N-G! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

UNLEARN Virtual Parent Event-June 2

Thank you to our school council at Lexington for hosting our evening of deep thinking and inspiration from our virtual unlearn event on June 1st. Thank you to all the parents who took time out of their schedule to attend and learn more about what unlearn is all about.

Days of Significance for June:

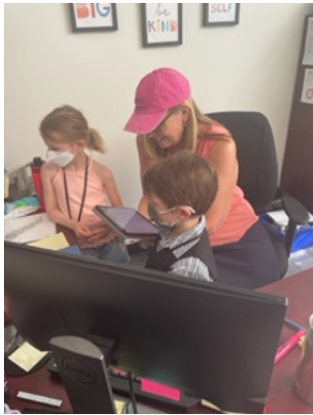
Each day on the announcements, we try to recognize days of significance to promote equity, inclusion and acceptance. If your family celebrates or recognizes any of the following days, we wish you well on these days and encourage all families to read and understand more about these days.

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National Indigenous History Month Pride Month Portuguese Heritage Month Italian Heritage Month Filipino Heritage Month			
<i>Days</i>	<i>Days of Significance</i>	<i>Community</i>	<i>Description</i>
June 5	Pentecost	Christianity (W&E))	Also known as Whitsunday in some Western Churches, Pentecost is the commemoration of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Jesus following his ascension. It comes fifty days after Easter/Pascha. Pinksteren in Low German. Pentecost Sunday, Monday and Tuesday may be observed.
June 16	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib	Sikhism	Sikhs remember Guru Arjan Dev Ji for contributing to and compiling Sikh Scriptures.
June 19	Juneteenth	US holiday	Also known as Freedom Day and Emancipation Day, is a holiday celebrating the emancipation of those who had been enslaved in the United States. Official holiday in New York state (2020) . Given unprecedented global anti-racism protests, there have been more calls across different states and at the federal level to recognize the day officially. Here in Canada as well there have been calls to mark this day, with an uptake of calls to make August 1st, the Emancipation Day of enslaved people in Canada officially recognized as well.
June 20	World Refugee Day	United Nations	The United Nations' (UN) World Refugee Day is observed on June 20 each year. This event honors the courage, strength and determination of women, men and children who are forced to flee their homeland under threat of persecution, conflict and violence.

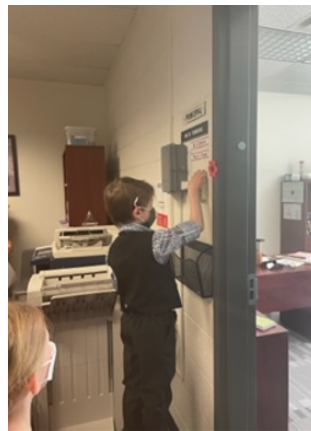
June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day*	First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and non-Indigenous Peoples living in Canada	<p>This is a day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. In cooperation with Indigenous organizations, the Government of Canada chose June 21 as National Indigenous Peoples Day (formerly known as National Aboriginal Day) because of the cultural significance of the summer solstice and the day with the longest period of daylight.</p> <p>Resources related to National Indigenous Peoples Day and National Indigenous History Month are available on the WRDSB Indigenous Education website for staff.</p>
June 24	Litha	Wiccan/Neo pagan	<p>On the longest day of the year, with gratitude, many Neo-Pagans celebrate the sun's life giving light and warmth. Observance begins at sunset of the previous day.</p>
June 27	Canadian Multicultural Day	Canada	<p>Canadian celebration of cultural diversity, and a reaffirmation of the collective commitment to equity, inclusion and mutual respect.</p>

May 31st, Principal Schirm and Vice-Principal Mayer for the Morning!

Ringin the Bell for an Extra Recess



Reading the Announcements



Recess Jobs-watching students, letting students in for drinks, and HAVING FUN!



"Free Candy Everyone!"



Ms. Tomkins: "What was your favourite part of being Principal for the morning?"

Principal Schirm: "Giving out the candy!"

Ms. Tomkins: "What was your favourite part of being Vice-Principal?"

VP Mayer: "Eating it!"



Track and Field Day! Go Lexington Go!





RUN LEXINGTON RUN!



Tug of War!



Relay Run! Go Teachers Go!



Who has the longest jump?



Noah Shares his Talent and Hard work with K1



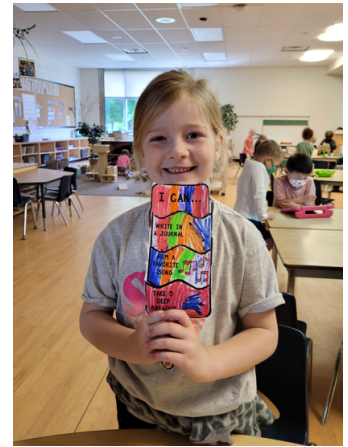
Jump Rope for Heart

Thank you Lexington Community. We raised over \$7500.00 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation!



K3 Learning: Gardening

Gardening, Making Dandelions, Planting Bean Sprouts, Learning to Play T-Ball, Making Coping Strategy Popsicles



Grade 1A Art



Thanks Mr. V. Teaching us about Water and Bubbles



Launching Pride Month at Lexington P.S.



Have a Wonderful Month of June!
B. Tomkins, Principal