

Lexington's September 2022 Newsletter



Hello Lexington Families!

This week has been full of excitement, reminiscing and wonder. First of all, I would like to congratulate all of our students and their families on a smooth first day of school. Although it was very different than in the past, most students came into the gym with a smile on their little faces, looking forward to seeing their friends and finding out who their new teacher is. Our staff was amazed at how resilient and patient students were on this first day. This says a lot about how parents prepared them and stayed positive even though deep down, there was probably anxiety within them. Great job!

Today we had our very first Spirit Day and Whole School Assembly. Students wore something today that told others information about themselves. There were students wearing hockey shirts, signs that said, "I love dogs!", painted faces, t-shirts saying "Be Kind" and many more. We played a game to see if we could guess what the person wanted us to know about them during our assembly. This whole week has been a week of accepting and celebrating differences, learning about each other and making new friends.

It has been so much fun watching students at recess this week as we are outside as a whole school. Little kids are playing with bigger kids, and students have access to the whole yard. I recommend parents continue to review the school safety rules and routines with their children to continue to support them having a positive start to their year. This information is located on the "Back to School Information letter" posted on our school website.

As you already well aware, School Day is still inaccessible and therefore families are encouraged to check our website regularly for updates and news from Lexington P.S. until further notice. Here are some updates for the month of September:

Morning Drop Offs:

Please remember that the morning drop off time is between 9 am and 9:15 am. Students are not to be dropped off prior to 9 am as there are no adults on duty to ensure safety. If you see adults on the yard with vests, they are extended day employees who are not responsible for students other than the ones signed up for their program. Thank you for ensuring your child has supervision.

Parents dropping off children from grades 1-6, please stay on the grassy field while your child stays on the tarmac. We have many children on the tarmac playing and we need to limit the number of bodies on the tarmac to ensure safety.

Kindergarten students are to continue to be dropped off where their educator is and parents are asked to stay on the grassy area past the painted line (will be painted on Monday). Kindergarten students who are ready can line up in their designated class lines. If your child is having difficulty separating, keep them with you on the grassy area until the bell rings. At this time, an educator will assist you in transitioning your child into class. When parents are confident and positive about dropping their child off (on the outside at least!), the students will also feel confident and positive about it.

Parking Lot:

To ensure the safety of our students, the parking lot is off limits for parents during drop off and pick up times. We have very few parking spots (if any) available to use and we often have students walking, riding their bikes, etc. in these areas at the pick up and drop off times. If you are needing to park, please park on the side of the street that is closest to the school building to ensure our buses can still get through to drop off our children.

Buses:

Parents of kindergarten students who ride the bus in the morning, please inform the bus driver that your child is in kindergarten so we can ensure they sit at the front of their bus. This helps when they get to school to guide them to their appropriate kindergarten line.

If you have children in grades 1-6 that ride on the bus, please review the safety rules of riding the bus and ensure they know their bus number or colour. They are as follows:

278-Red Bus

275-Blue Bus

292-White Bus

Meet the Staff Night-Sept. 15-6-7pm

We are very excited to share that we are holding our Meet the Staff evening next Thursday from 6-7 pm. This is an opportunity for families to visit their child's classroom, meet their educators, as well as meet other students and families from the same class. Please remember that we will be only in our second week of school and educators are still getting to know your children. If you have important information to share about your child or need to discuss specific issues, please send your educator an email to set up another time to discuss these matters. We want to make sure that all students and their families are given the opportunity to meet their child's educator and find out a little information on how their transition is going. Thank you for valuing and respecting the purpose of this event.

Picture Day-Sept. 21

Next week, your child will bring home information about our Picture Day that will occur on Sept. 21. All students will have their picture done on this day. Parents have the option to purchase (or not) at a later date through an online website.

Terry Fox Run: Sept. 23

Once again, Lexington Public School is proud to be participating in this year's Terry Fox School Run. Last year our school raised an amazing \$4270.00! This year as a goal we would like to try to reach \$5000.00. Come on Lexington, let's get our fundraising going and show everyone how we can "try like Terry"!

Donate to: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/LexingtonPSWaterloo>. Together, we can all make a difference!

Parents are welcome to come and participate on this day. More information to come about specific times.

Agendas:

Some classrooms distributed agendas for their students to use for this School Year. If your child came home with a school agenda, please send \$5 to donate to help the school pay for them. This is a good practice for students to strive for organization when it comes to due dates and special events. Thank you for any donations that you are able to give us towards these books.

Data Verification Forms:

Next week, please look for your child's data verification form in their backpacks. These are important forms for us to verify your addresses, phone numbers, emergency contact's, etc. Once you verify or change any misinformation, please sign and send it back with your child as soon as possible.

Important Dates to Remember:

Sept. 15-Meet the Staff Night-6-7 pm

Sept. 21-School Photos

Sept. 23-Terry Fox Run

-Spirit Day-wear Lexington Colours

Sept. 30-Truth and Reconciliation Day

Continue to check our website at <https://lex.wrdsb.ca/> for updates and news!

Thank you for a great first week! Have a wonderful weekend!

B. Tomkins, Principal