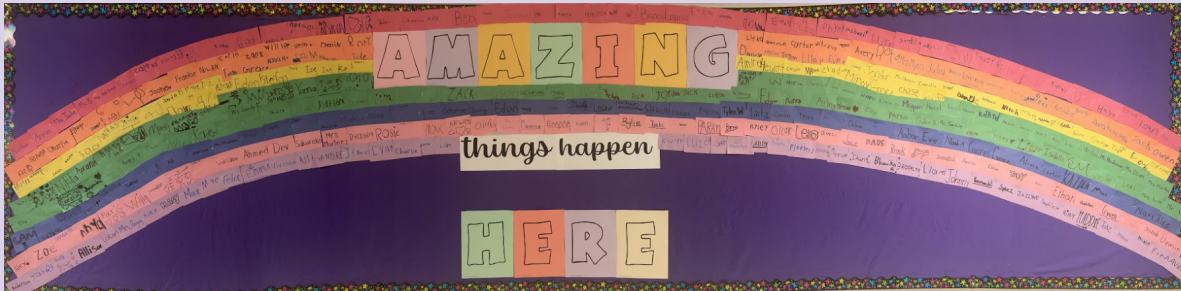


Lexington's November 2022 Newsletter



Important Dates to Remember at Lexington:

- Nov. 2-School Council-Virtual-6:30 pm
- Nov. 11-Remembrance Day
- Nov. 18-PD Day
- Nov. 23-Progress Reports Go Home

Principal Message:

What a beautiful October this has been. We have had plenty of sunshine, bright coloured leaves, almost all outdoor recesses and lots of fun activities this month. Hopefully, our Lexington families have been enjoying the Fall colours and warm weather throughout this month! On November 11, Lexington PS will have a short assembly to encourage Peace and remember those who have left us. We will assemble in the gym for 10:15 am. Parents are welcome to come. Standing room only. Read below for updates, reminders and fun learning happening at Lexington!

Reminders:

This is a friendly reminder for parents to call or email (lex@wrdsb.ca) the office each day their child is absent due to illness or any other reason. We have a safe arrival protocol to call every parent who has not called in which can take a lot of time if you don't call. Thank you for helping to ensure all students arrive at school safely.

We know that students are excited to bring in their Halloween candy in their lunches. Please help your child choose healthy choices for their lunches and a couple of treats to ensure they have the nutrition needed to learn. Also,

If your child(ren), are arriving late, please ring the bell and the office will open the door for your child to come to the office to check in before going to their class. Kindergarten students will be met at the door. If you are picking your child up early, ring the bell and the office will call your child down to meet you at the door.

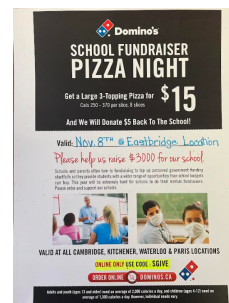
If your child usually rides the bus and will not ride the bus on a specific day, please call the office **prior to 3:00 pm** so that we can ensure this happens. If we are not informed, students will be put on the bus.

School Council:

Our second Virtual School Council Meeting is on Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2022. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend to support a variety of initiatives, provide input and to meet other Lexington Families. If you are interested, please email lex-schoolcouncil@wrdsb.ca to add your email to our Google Meet invite. All School Council Meeting Minutes are posted on our Lexington P.S. Website at <https://lex.wrdsb.ca/>.

Lexington Pizza Night: Help us raise \$3000 for our School

On Tuesday, November 8th, Dominoes is having a Lexington Pizza Night. For every large, 3 topping pizza you buy for \$15, Lexington P.S. will earn \$5.00. This only applies to the Eastbridge Dominoes Location. If you order, use the code: SGIVE. Any monies raised will go towards Home Reading Books for our Primary Grades. Thank you for supporting Lexington P.S.

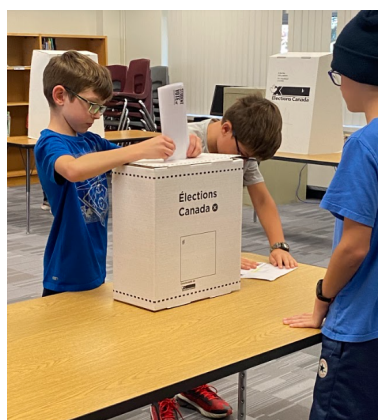


Student Vote:

Thank you to all students who volunteered for the democracy club and ran our Student Vote program this year. Student vote took place on Friday, Oct. 21st. The Lexington Student Vote results were as follows:

- Mayor of Waterloo-students elected Shannon Weber
- Ward 5 Councillors-students voted a tie for Jen Vasic and Rob Evens.

Thank you to all our Junior students for casting their ballots and practising your democratic duty as Canadian citizens. A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Hill for providing this experience for our Junior students. Great hands on learning for all!



Lexington Student Spirit Wear:

Our online Lexington P.S. Spirit Wear will continue to open. Our first order was due yesterday and will be filled sometime this week. Orders will be sent home with your child when they come in. Our next order is due Dec. 9th and will be in before the Winter holiday. If you wish to order items for your child(ren), please visit the following link and complete your order by Dec. 9 at 3:00 pm:

<http://lexington.deco-apparel.com/>

If you want this to be a surprise for your child, please send an email to your child's teacher to let them know (and perhaps a bag to put the item in) and the item will be placed in your child's backpack to go home. Thank you for supporting Lexington P.S.

Mabels Labels:

There continues to be many items in our lost and found. Please make sure your child's personal items are labeled with their names. Lexington P.S. continues to be signed up with Mabels Labels and if you would like to purchase labels for your child's items, use the following link:

https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/

A portion of the purchase will be paid back to the school as a fundraiser. Thanks for helping to keep your child's items organized and NOT LOST and for supporting Lexington P.S. at the same time.

School Day Forms Reminder:

If you have not yet signed off the following forms on school day, please do so as soon as possible.

- Media Release Form
- Concussion Code of Conduct Form
- Responsible Use Procedure Form

To access these forms, go into your School Day, click on "forms", and then "continue to forms". Feel free to call the office if you have any questions.

Volunteers:

Volunteers are welcome to Lexington PS. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact your child's classroom teacher with your request. We will require a police vulnerable sector check from all volunteers unless already employed by the WRDSB. We look forward to seeing parents involved at Lexington!

Lexington's First Fall Festival:

On Oct. 27th, Lexington P.S. students participated in their first whole school Fall Festival event. It was a beautiful day full of fun activities, apple snacks and apple cider tasting. Students were put into "houses" that were made up of all the grades. Our spirit team was made up of Grade 5 and 6 student volunteers were the cheerleaders in making the day positive and exciting. It was a day to cheer each other on, celebrate differences, support one another and just have fun! Thank you to Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Cassidy, and Ryan Sonnenberg for organizing and setting up the event. Thank you to Mrs. Marche for providing hay bales for our obstacle course. A special thank you to Andrea Hill who donated apples for our snack table and Yohne Yogeswaran who donated mini pumpkins for one of our activities. Thank you also to the parents who volunteered to help out! It was a great event and a day full of fun on a beautiful fall day!



Kindergarten Fall Festival:



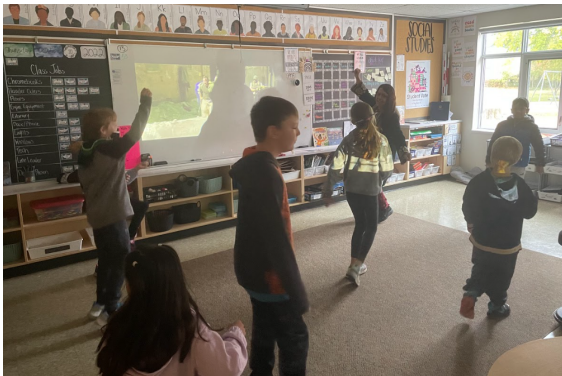
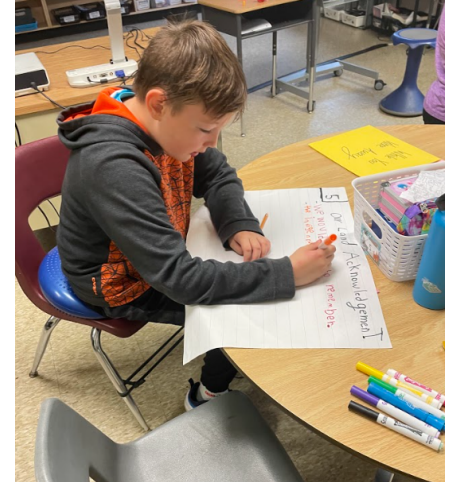


Grades 1-6 Fall Festival:





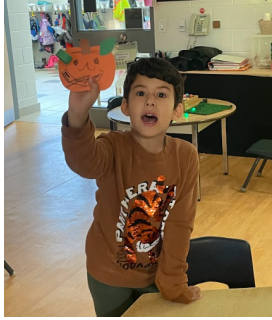
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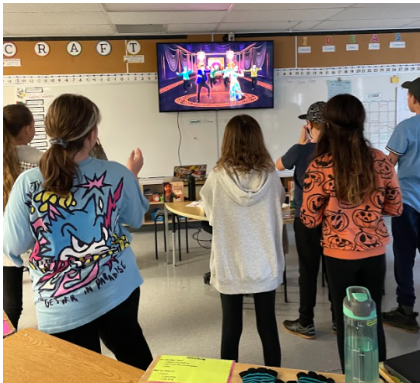
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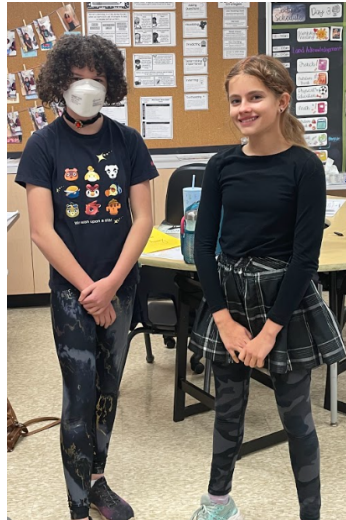
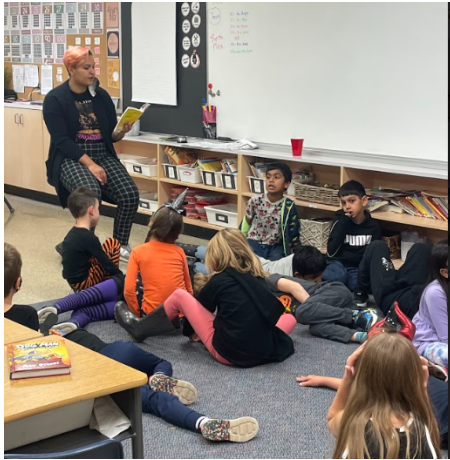
Kindergarten Open Doors Day-Oct. 31:



6A October Learning about Diwali:



Lexington's Orange, Black and Purple Spirit Day!



November Days of Significance:

Days of Significance are announced each day on our daily announcements. We do our best as a board to be informed of the days that are significant to all our families, with the understanding that we may not be aware of all of the Days of Significance. If there is a special day of significance that your family celebrates or recognizes and it is not listed below, please reach out to let us know at lex@wrdsb.ca.

November 2022 Hindu Heritage Month			
Days	Day of Significance	Community	Description
November 1	All Saints Day	Christianity	This day is for honouring Christian Saints, known and unknown, throughout the ages.
November 1-5	Holocaust Education Week	Judaism	Marked annually in the first week of November is an opportunity to engage in learning about the devastating history of Holocaust, anti-Semitism and how they impact the Jewish Community in contemporary society.

November 6-12	Treaties Recognition Week 2021	First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and non-Indigenous Peoples living in Ontario	<p>A week to bring awareness to the treaty relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in the province of Ontario.</p> <p>Resources related to Treaty Recognition Week and treaties are available on the WRDSB Indigenous Education website for staff.</p>
November 6	TransParent Day		<p>First Sunday in November- This day was first established in 2009 and is a day to celebrate and honour transgender parents instead of the traditional Mother's or Father's Day. Today the day also includes parents who have transgender children. This day typically involves small celebrations and gift-giving to one's parent or caregiver.</p>
November 7	International Inuit Day	Indigenous Peoples of Canada	<p>On Inuit Day we recognize the cultures, histories, contemporary contexts and rich contributions of Inuit peoples in our city and across the country.</p>
November 8	National Indigenous Veterans Day	First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and non-Indigenous Peoples living in Canada	<p>November 8th is National Indigenous Veterans' Day, a day of remembrance and commemoration of the contributions of Indigenous veterans in the First and Second World Wars, as well as the Korean War.</p> <p>Resources related to National Indigenous Veterans Day are available on the WRDSB Indigenous Education website for staff.</p>
November 11	Remembrance Day	National	<p>A day to remember those who lost their lives in the line of duty.</p>
November 13-19	Transgender Awareness Week		<p>Dedicated to increasing visibility and awareness of the transgender community.</p>
November 20	International Transgender Day of Remembrance		<p>This day represents awareness of the threat of violence faced by those who identify or are perceived to be under the trans/gender variant umbrella and the persistence of prejudice felt by the transgender community.</p>
November 20	National Child Day	Federal	<p>Canada has declared November 20th as National Child Day to celebrate the rights of children. November 20th was chosen as the day to celebrate National Child Day because the United Nations adopted the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) on November 20, 1989.</p>
November 20-26	Canada History Week	Federal	<p>Canada History Week provides all Canadians with opportunities to learn more about the people and events that have shaped the country that we know today.</p>
November 20-26	Bullying Prevention and Awareness Week	Provincial	<p>During Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week Ontario students, school staff and parents/guardians are encouraged to learn more about bullying and its effect on student learning and well-being.</p>
November 24	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji*	Sikhism	<p>Commemorates the martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, the ninth of the Ten Sikh Gurus. He is remembered not only for his defense of the Sikh Faith, but also for willingly giving up his life for religious liberty of all faiths.</p>
November 25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women	United Nations	<p>Women's activists have marked 25 November as a day against violence since 1981. This date came from the brutal assassination in 1960, of the three Mirabal sisters, political activists in the Dominican Republic.</p>
November 28	Holodomor Memorial Day	Federal	<p>On the fourth Saturday in November, we join Ukrainian communities around the world in remembering the victims of Holodomor and honouring the strength of survivors.</p> <p>"Between 1932 and 1933, Joseph Stalin's totalitarian Soviet regime inflicted mass starvation and genocide on the people of Ukraine. Known to history as the Holodomor, or 'killing by starvation', between three million and four million Ukrainian children, women and men died. Lands were stolen and crops grown by the people were seized.</p> <p>"The Soviet Union's systematic and mass starvation of the Ukrainian people was a heinous attempt to quell the nation's culture and dream of independence. Almost 60 years later, that dream of independence was realized.</p>

November 27 - December 24	Advent	Christianity	The 4 th Sunday before Christmas, this is the beginning of the Church year and the start of a period of spiritual preparation for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ.
November 28- January 6, 2023	Christmas/Nativity Fast begins	Christianity	The 40 day period before Christmas (Dec 25 th New Calendar for January 7 Old Calendar), is a time of spiritual preparation for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ.
November 30	Birthdate of Guru Nanak Dev Ji	Sikhism	Commemorates the birth of the founder of the Sikh faith, an accomplished poet and the first of the Ten Gurus in 1469 CE. Also called Guru Nanak Dev Ji Gurburab.

Have a wonderful month of November!

B. Tomkins, Principal