



Lincoln Alexander Elementary School

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Tuesday, April 7th, 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Celebrations:

I am very proud of our grade 5 and 6 leaders who researched, planned, organized and ran a very successful fundraising initiative for the Salvation Army. Our community raised approximately \$94.00 through yogurt sales. Our LINC assemblies continue to demonstrate student leadership as well. We have student hosts/hostesses, an I/T team and also these assemblies give us an opportunity to hear about the many great stories of improvement and success at Lincoln Alexander School. Also, we were treated to an exceptional theatre production of 'Peg and the Yeti' thanks to an HWDSB foundation grant.

School Council:

We are thankful for the support from School Council which includes soliciting advice around school improvement planning, organizing parent engagement evenings and fundraising. This year, our community has raised funds to purchase a wireless microphone to support the Arts, additional books for the library and outdoor equipment for the Kindergarten play area. We are looking forward to the Family Fitness Night on Wednesday, April 15th from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Habits of Mind:

Our positive school climate initiative focuses on increasing the awareness and knowledge of 'Habits of Mind'. For more information about these ways of thinking, please follow this link. <http://www.ascd.org/publications/books/108008/chapters/Describing-the-Habits-of-Mind.aspx>

Courtesy Transportation:

We are preparing for a smooth beginning of the 2015-16 school year. Many of our students qualify for transportation (gr.1-6 must be a minimum of 1.6 km from the school and JK/SK must be a minimum of 1.0 km) and others we have been able to provide courtesy transportation. We will continue to follow the same process as last year, where families who are interested in courtesy transportation can apply in September and will be considered for approval when we know how much space is available on our buses. I thank you in advance for continuing to follow this process as it is extremely important to know who is on the bus at all times. There are a few students in Senior Kindergarten who currently qualify for transportation; however, as they will be in grade 1 next year they will have to apply to be a courtesy rider in 2015-16. Ms. Wright will connect with those parents to ensure a clear and safe transition.



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Hockey Canada Skills Academy

The **Tapleystown Hockey Canada Skills Academy** (formerly Billy Green Hockey Canada Skills Academy), is a Program of Choice offered by the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board. Tapleystown Elementary School is located at 390 Mud Street East Stoney Creek, Ontario L8J 3C6. **The Hockey Academy is accepting applications from Grade 6 and 7 students for our Grade 7/8 class for the 2015/2016 school year.** Please visit Billy Green's website for applications: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/billygreen/hockey-academy-program/>

EQAO Update:

From Monday, May 25 to Thursday, June 4, students in grade 3 and 6 will be participating in the Education Quality and Accountability Office's (EQAO's) Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. In six sessions, students will complete a variety of assessment activities designed to allow them to demonstrate their skills and knowledge relating to reading, writing and mathematics as described in *The Ontario Curriculum*. The assessment is administered province-wide and is developed by assessment experts and Ontario teachers to reflect curriculum expectations. We ask parents of these children to please avoid appointments during these two weeks and help ensure a timely arrival to school. Along with this newsletter, our board has provided some additional strategies to support your son or daughter.

Cookies for Science

The 'Kindies' are having a cookie sale to cover the cost of hosting the event, "Scientists in School". It's the field trip that makes science investigation fun and it's done right in our own classroom. Cookies will be for sale Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for two weeks at 2nd nutrition break. The cost is \$2.00 for each gourmet cookie. Cookies meet the nutritional guidelines and are available to all grades starting April 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16 or while supplies last.



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H.W.D.S.B. Days of Significance for March:

Please click on the following link to see all the days of significance for February and their associated meanings:

<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/schools/calendar/dos/>

If you are having trouble opening the link, right click and select open or copy and paste the link into your browser.

Upcoming Dates for May, 2015:

- Thursday, May 7th (Open House and Book Fair-5:30-7pm)
- Thursday, May 14th (Lincoln Alexander Track and Field Meet-rain date on Fri. May 15)
- Weeks of May 25th, June 1st (EQAO)
- Wednesday, May 27th, (School Council Meeting at 6pm)

Sincerely,

Mr. M. Hopkins