



## Lincoln Alexander Elementary School

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Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Welcome back to school and Happy New Year. I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays with their family traditions, celebrations and simply spending time together. As we begin the New Year, we get the opportunity to reflect on past experiences in order to set new goals for personal and academic success.

### **School Safety:**

As you have probably already noticed our staff are now wearing fluorescent safety vests so students can easily identify and locate a staff member when in need. We also utilize walkie-talkies to communicate with the office when outside. A reminder to parents, to please continue to sign in at the office; and where an appropriate guest identification lanyard when volunteering or dropping off your child in Kindergarten. Thank you for your diligence in reporting your child's absence by phoning the school-this is much appreciated. As the winter weather has definitely arrived please make sure your child has boots, mitts/gloves and a hat to stay warm.

### **School Action Plan:**

Based on the evidence/data from our students and staff, we have selected indicator 3.1 from the School Effectiveness Framework to focus our learning plan which states, "The teaching learning environment is inclusive, promotes the intellectual engagement of all students and reflects individual strengths, needs, learning preferences and cultural perspectives."

Specifically, we will focus on:

- Engaging learning experiences to ensure all students use higher-order thinking skills, solve complex problems, develop increased understanding, and construct new knowledge (e.g. balanced instruction in all areas of the achievement chart)
- Instruction is differentiated and curriculum materials, digital tools, human and a range of other resources are provided to support student strengths and needs (e.g. using what works for our students)



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### **Fundraising:**

We will continue to have pizza available for purchase on Fridays. Please know that you can continue to purchase by the slice (\$2) on Fridays or purchase a strip of 5 slices for \$10 through the office, similar to how we sell milk. We used the profits from our pizza sales to subsidize the IMAX movie trip in December for over \$800 (the cost of bussing) and an additional wireless microphone for school assemblies. Also, thank you for your donations to help support future book sales for the library. In total, we raised \$183.31 which will be added to our money allocated in our school budget to purchase additional books for the library.

### **Oral Health Screening:**

A dental team from Public Health Services, Community Dental Program will be visiting our school to carry out the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Oral Health Survey and Assessment Program in grades: JK, SK & 2 on Monday January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015. To carry out the survey a Registered Dental Hygienist will use a separate sterilized mirror to look in the mouth of each child. If you have children in other grades that you would like to be seen, please send a note to the school. Public Health Services offers dental programs and preventative services for children needing financial assistance. If you have any further questions, please see attached letter or contact: Adriana at 905-546-2424, ext #5289.

### **Updates:**

We look forward to meeting some new students who will be attending Lincoln Alexander School in our Character Network Centres class led by Ms. Maher. We have a PA day, on January 23<sup>rd</sup> designated for report card preparation. Report cards for all students will be sent home on Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

### **H.W.D.S.B. Days of Significance for January:**

Please click on the following link to see all the days of significance for January 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.



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### Upcoming Dates for February, 2015:

- Thursday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>-Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart, Report Cards go Home
- Friday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>-PA Day
- Monday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>-Family Day
- Friday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>-LINC Assembly @ 11 a.m.

For weekly happenings at Lincoln Alexander School, please visit our website and Subscribe to get updates at: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/lincolnalexander/>

Sincerely,

Mr. M. Hopkins