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Monday, March 2nd, 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Celebrations:

Once again, the Lincoln Alexander Community was very generous in supporting the Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart Campaign. We raised \$1299.15 for this very worthwhile organization that has also provided many A.E.D.'s (defibrillators) for schools across the H.W.D.S.B. Special thanks to our leaders: Mrs. Andreychuk, Mrs. Ho, Ms. King, Mrs. McShane and Mrs. Ceh.

School Improvement Planning:

I am very proud of our students and staff as we are beginning to embrace the Habits of Mind. These habits are ways of thinking and learning so we can be successful in both social and academic situations. We welcomed four new members to our positive school climate team: Chanelle, Riley T., Shazib and Lucas to a planning session on Friday, February 27th. We were charged with the responsibility of implementing a plan to help our school move forward in terms of improving relationships within our school. We are concentrating on developing a common language/approach to learning (Habits of Mind) for students, staff and families. It was an amazing experience to listen with ears wide open to the students' creative strategies to implement our plan. Our next step, will be to incorporate some of the language and learning of Habits of Mind into our next LINC Assembly on Thursday, March 26th at 11am.

100's Day

We celebrated 100 days of school in early February. Here are some of the activities that took place: solving a 100 piece puzzle, exercised for 100 seconds without stopping, read 100 words. Leen, Noah, Sienna and Allison all said that they had a great time counting by 10's, 5's, 1's and 2's. Their challenge is to figure out why they didn't count by 3's.

Grade 6 Overnight Excursion:

The grade 6's traveled to Brantford for an overnight trip and according to Mouad, "we had extra privileges and opportunities that we could not do at school." Austin enjoyed the huge hike, playing hide and seek, and activities with Mike the Knapper (not a sleepy guy learned Kenan) and Leon the Drummer. Savannah enjoyed stacking the pillows in front of Mrs. B's door and said, "we all got along a lot better."



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Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon:

We will be thanking and honouring our volunteers on Tuesday, April 14th during second nutrition break (12:40-1:20pm). Our volunteers help prepare materials, read with our students, assist with pizza days, sorting books in the library, participate on School Council and help out with special events. We are very thankful for their time and energy and we are looking forward to sharing lunch with our volunteers.

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.

Registration:

If you have children who will be attending Lincoln Alexander School next year, please come in and register anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. We are looking forward to meeting our new customers. You will need: proof of age, Health Card, current proof of address (ie: Utility bill) and up to date immunization records. If you have any questions or concerns about this process, please call the school for clarification. We are happy to help.

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.



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Upcoming Dates for April, 2015:

- Friday April 3rd and Mon. April 6th (Good Friday, Easter Monday—schools are closed)
- Tuesday, April 14th (Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon)
- Wednesday, April 29th @ 6pm (School Council Meeting)
- Thursday, April 30th-LINC Assembly @ 11 a.m.

Special thank you to Mr. Marshall for his commitment to keeping our sidewalks clear of snow and ice; especially under extremely cold conditions. We are all looking forward to the warmer weather to come.

Take care and have a super March,

Mr. M. Hopkins