



Lincoln Alexander Elementary School

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Friday, October 3rd, 2014

As always, the month of September has been quite busy at Lincoln Alexander School. It is a time when our energy and enthusiasm is high. We get the opportunity to reflect on our experiences, set goals for ourselves and put a plan in action to prioritize what new approaches/strategies we are going to put in to place to achieve our goals. On the recent PA day we followed this process to determine our area of greatest student learning need in our classrooms and the corresponding learning focus for our staff to help students improve. Our focus for the next four to six weeks will concentrate in two main areas: literacy and problem solving.

Meet the Staff:

We look forward to seeing our students and families on Thursday, October 9th from 5:30-7:00 p.m. for our annual meet and greet evening. This is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher(s) and to review communication strategies between home and school. Mrs. Tadeson and her team will be hosting a book fair in the library.

Lincoln Alexander School's 25th Anniversary Celebration:

We are looking forward to celebrating 25 outstanding years at Lincoln Alexander School on Thursday, October 23rd from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. We will get the chance to honour our past and celebrate our present including students, staff, families and community members. Our special guests this evening will be our superintendent, Laura Romano; school trustee Lillian Orban and Mrs. Marni Alexander. Classrooms will be open to see many artifacts (pictures, plaques, awards, videos) from the past, outdoor games for the students (planned by School Council) and food will be offered by Curbside Burgers, and snacks and drinks will be sold in partnership with School Council and our staff. I would like to extend a special thank you to Diane Lumsden (former staff member) who has spent an enormous amount of time organizing our Lincoln memorabilia. Mlle Chiappetta has taken the lead on organizing this fantastic event and our committee of staff and parents are to be commended for their time and dedication to this great event.

Activities in Motion:

Mrs. Andreychuk has our choir in tune. They are practising during nutrition breaks. We are looking forward to their first performance of the year. We are fortunate to have 'the arts' as a focus at Lincoln Alexander School. Mrs. Brandon-Rooth and her class are taking the lead for our monthly LINC assemblies which will be during the first week of each month (the specific date will be in the newsletters and posted on the school's website). Ms. Chute, Mrs. Moulton and Ms. King have our swimmers training for the upcoming meet on November 6th. Our cross country team is eager to compete at Christie's Conservation Area on Wednesday October 8th. Mr. Hopkins and Mrs. Moulton are encouraged to see so many future team members (SK's, grade 1's and 2's) running regularly at recess.



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Reminders:

- Please make sure you have returned all emergency forms to your child's homeroom teacher with up to date contact information
- Please remember to call the school (905-574-4044) when your child is going to be absent, late or not taking the bus home—your child's safety is our greatest concern (you can call anytime during the day or night and leave a message on our voice mail)
- A reminder that for SAFETY, all guests must sign in at the front door and where a VISITOR/VOLUNTEER lanyard (thanks to Ms. Wright for our shiny new ones!)
- Please take extra time to be safe in the parking lot when dropping off and picking up your child
- Please go to our web page and subscribe to get weekly updates for upcoming events. When you subscribe, an email will be sent any time there are changes to the web page

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School Council:

On September 24th, we established our Lincoln Alexander School Council which includes: parents, staff and community members. We are thankful for all who have set aside time to advise the principal on areas such as school improvement, dress code and issues that arise within the school. Our school council is focusing on providing parent/student/community engagement activities this year including helping out with our 25th anniversary. Stay tuned for future events. This year's School Council Chair is Mandy Bullard, the secretary is Kerri Nelson-Higgins and our treasurer (who will work with Ms. Wright) is Emily Bolyea-Kyere. Our next meeting is on Wednesday October 29th at 6pm in the staff room. All are welcome to attend.

Habits of Mind:

Our school is beginning a journey of learning and exploring 'Habits of Mind' presented by Arthur Costa and Bena Kallick. We are trying to introduce a common language for students, staff and our community to teach, recognize and value these habits of mind which will help our children be the best possible 'thinkers'. There are 16 Habits of Mind, they are not an exhaustive list, just a check in point. The one that sticks with me right now is "Listening with Understanding and Empathy". This is when we take the time to truly hear what other people are saying, trying to understand their perspective without judgement.



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

Please click on the following link to see all the days of significance for October 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 November, 2014:

- QSP Fundraising in early November (magazine and photo album sales)
- LINC Assembly-Tues. Nov. 4th @ 11:00 a.m.
- Swim Meet-Thurs. Nov.6th @ 9:30 a.m.
- Progress Reports Go Home-Tues. Nov. 18th
- PA Day November 21st (Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences)

As always, have a great month and if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Mr. M. Hopkins