



Lincoln Alexander Elementary School

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September 2nd, 2014

Welcome Back!

Welcome to the 2014-2015 school year. We are looking forward to another collaborative and positive school year. We have many exciting opportunities to work and learn together including, our 25th Anniversary of Lincoln Alexander School. This will be held on Thursday, October 23rd from 5-8pm. Our entire staff is to be commended for all their hard work in preparing their classrooms and the school for your children. We hope you have had a great summer and we look forward to helping your children achieve their full potential. Thank you to Mr. Marshall and his team of caretakers, our halls and classrooms are in top notch shape. We have also had all of our classrooms painted during the summer. We are excited and ready for another year of teaching and learning with your children.

School begins at 8:20 a.m. and concludes at 2:40 p.m. Please know that the playground is supervised 15 minutes before school and 15 minutes after school. We would ask that if your child is walking or being dropped off that you are aware of these times for his or her safety. Additionally, please use the **WEST ENTRANCE (by the Umbrella Family entrance)** to ensure a safe arrival and departure. Please avoid dropping students off at the front doors in the morning. It is important to keep the bus loading zone free from traffic and we are encouraging students to arrive before the bell and enter with their respective classes. Please take the time to review our school procedures/routines as well as selected HWDSB policies which are located in the first few pages of your child's agenda. These will also be available on the website and sent home for our students in kindergarten.

Also, in an effort to become more environmentally friendly, we will not be sending home a paper version of the monthly newsletter unless requested by families. We will continue to put newsletters on the Lincoln Alexander website:

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Lincoln Alexander Staff 2014-15:

Office Administrator-Ms. Wright

Caretakers-Mr. Marshall, Mr. Siyad & Mr. Resendes

Educational Assistants- Ms. Jewitt, Ms. Start, Ms. Wellwood & Mrs. Woods

Full Day Kindergarten Rm 13 (JK/SK)– Ms. Vandenburg, Mrs. Amaral & Mrs. Smith

Rm 14(JK/SK)-Mrs. Moulton & Ms.Bourassa, Rm. 2 (SK)-Ms. Kuzmichuk

Grade One-Mrs. Ho

Grade One/Two-Mrs. Berta

Grade Two/Three-Ms. Duemm

Grade Three/Four-Mrs. Andreychuk/Mlle Chiappetta

Grade Four/Five-Mr. Pitkeathly

Grade Five/Six– Mrs. Brandon-Rooth

Character Networks Classroom-Miss Watson

Character Networks Centre- Ms. Maher and EA staff to be determined

Learning Resource-Ms. Chute

Library/Drama & Dance-Mrs. Tadeson

Primary Phys. Ed.-Ms. King

French- Mlle. Chiappetta

Principal-Mr. Hopkins

School Council and Volunteers:

We look forward to seeing many of you at our first Lincoln Alexander School Council Meeting for the upcoming year. Our first meeting is Wednesday, September 24th at 6:00 p.m. in the staff room. We will establish the new School Council for the 2014-2015 school year. Nomination forms will be sent home with your children during the second week of school. Please return forms if you are interested in joining School Council. We welcome all parents and community members; this is a great opportunity to learn about our school and provide advice to the



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principal on issues affecting our school.

We welcome and value the important role volunteers play in helping children learn and we are always on the look-out for more assistance. Every volunteer requires a police check on file and an interview with the principal to discuss availability and the matching of school needs with volunteer preferences. If you are interested in being a new volunteer to the school please make an appointment with me in September.

Nutrition Update:

Pizza Days will resume on **Friday, September 12th** and continue every Friday. The cost is \$2/slice for whole wheat, cheese pizza. If students wish to purchase pizza please bring money in on Friday mornings.

- Milk will begin during the second week of school (Sept. 8th-12th). Milk tickets can be purchased at the office (10 for \$8.00). Milk is distributed at 2nd nutrition break on a daily basis.
- Please remember that we must follow the HWDSB Nutrition Policy
- Please do not send in treats to celebrate your child's birthday, please connect with your child's teacher for alternative plans if you wish.
- We are permitted to have ten nutrition exemption days which allows greater flexibility with respect to food choices
- Our first nutrition exemption day (out of a possible 10) will be on October 23rd when we will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Lincoln Alexander School.
- Additionally, please do not send any food with nut products as we have children with severe nut allergies at Lincoln Alexander School

Safe Welcome Program:

- All exterior school doors will be locked during the instructional day, and visitors will access the school during school hours through the main entrance. **(Please ring the bell on the far right side, introduce yourself and then we will 'buzz' you in)**
- Please note that we will continue to **ask visitors to report to the office for sign-in and wear identification at all times.**



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Family and School Connections:

Communication is the key to a great partnership between home and school. As always, if any concerns arise, please don't hesitate to call us at **905-574-4044**.

Please let us know if your child will be absent or late by leaving a message. Please take the time to check our updated school web site for upcoming events and information.

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Due to new anti-spam laws with respect to email lists, we will communicate ongoing events through our web site. Please take the time to register on the Lincoln Alexander site to 'follow' any updates. When changes are made to the site you will be emailed to let you know there is new information. Additionally, we will be using our automated phone out system and notes home when appropriate.

Forms:

Within this envelope are all the forms required to begin the new school year. Please take the time to complete all forms and send back to your child's homeroom teacher by Wednesday, September 10th.

Throughout the year please let us know if your contact information changes so we have current information in the case of an emergency.

School Agenda:

Is a great communication strategy for parents and teachers (Gr. 1-6). It is also used as an organizational tool for students to help them prioritize and track both short and long term assignments. We would appreciate a **\$5.00** donation per agenda to help off- set these costs.



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

- Mon. Sept. 8th-Ananta-Chaturdasi
- Tues. Sept. 9th-Ksamavani
- Thurs. Sept. 11th-Coptic New Year
- Fri. Sept. 12th-Paitishahem Ghambar
- Thurs. Sept 25th& Fri. Sept. 26th -Rosh Hashanah (day 1 & 2)
- Mon. Sept. 29th-Navaratri

Terry Fox Run

We will be holding our Terry Fox Run to support Cancer Research on Wednesday September the 24th at 1:20 p.m.. Families are always welcome to participate. Please bring a loonie or donation of your choice to support this worthy cause.

Upcoming October Dates:

- Wed. Oct. 8th –Meet the Staff/Scholastic Book Fair (5:30-7pm)
- Wed. Oct. 8th-HWDSB Cross Country Meet
- Thurs. Oct.23rd-Lincoln Alexander School's 25th Anniversary Celebration (5-8pm)
- Wed. Oct. 29th-Class Pictures and individual re-takes

The Lincoln Alexander staff is looking forward to a happy, safe and successful year with you and your children. As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to call me-my door is always open.

Sincerely,

Mr. M. Hopkins