



Larson Newsletter

At Larson School, staff and parents work together to provide a safe, challenging and supportive environment that enables and inspires students to succeed, become lifelong learners and responsible citizens.

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Congratulations to the students who participated in our Cross Country meets in October. Thank you to Mr. Fulton and our parent coach, Jamie Pitre, for the time they spent to assist with the training and the supervision, and to provide such valuable opportunities for our students to participate in a District-wide event.

Thank you to Mrs. Lonergan and Mr. Haywood for providing practices before school and at lunchtime to our Gr.7 students who are interested in improving their basketball skills and gaining game experiences. These students truly appreciated and have learned from these sessions.

This year's **Safety Patrol** members have completed their training to assist students and parents to cross the intersection at the start and at the end of the school day. It is imperative that drivers obey the Patrollers who are directing the traffic at the crosswalk. Drivers should be alert and ready to STOP when they see the red STOP signs raised by the patrollers. Students and parents crossing must wait for the Patrollers to signal that it is safe for pedestrians to cross. Thank you to everyone for making the streets around Larson School a safer place for our students by modeling appropriate behaviour.

We are still emphasizing the need for all drivers to observe the parking signs and to drop off/pick up students in a safe manner. We appreciate all the parent volunteers who put out the traffic cones in the mornings and pick them up after school. With everyone's support and patience our school community will be much safer.

This year, two of our intermediate classes are participating in the **Roots of Empathy (ROE)** program. Our ROE babies, Grace and Miles, and their parents are visiting the classrooms nine times throughout the school year. Mrs. Young, a trained ROE instructor, will deliver lessons based on nine themes to the classes before and after each "family visit". The ROE program has been delivered for more than 10 years across Canada and internationally to teach children from Kindergarten to Grade 8 about respect and care for one another. The ROE mission is "to build caring, peaceful and civil societies through the development of empathy in children and adults." Look for our Roots of Empathy bulletin boards in the Intermediate hallway as we follow the developmental milestones of our two ROE babies.

On Wednesday, November 22nd at 1:30 pm in our school Library, a short orientation and school tour is scheduled for parents of **New Kindergarten** students who wish to register for 2012-2013 school year. Please pass on this information to anyone you know who might be interested in attending.

This year's **Winter Concert** will take place in our Gym on Thursday afternoon, December 15th. Parents and guardians are invited to join us for this wonderful event. More details to follow.

The first term **Report to Parents** is coming home on Friday, November 25th. Due to the BCTF strike action, the content of this Report to Parents may not be complete. Please be assured that teachers are assessing and evaluating students on a regular basis and can provide you with your child's status in their areas of instruction. If you wish to arrange a meeting or have questions regarding your child's progress, please contact the appropriate teacher directly. Staff directory for this school year is posted in Larson School's website www.larsonelementary.ca

Please note that ALL students will be dismissed at 2:00 pm on Monday & Tuesday, November 28th & 29th to facilitate these meetings.

Mrs. Young, Principal

Mr. Haywood, Vice-Principal

Important Dates to Remember

Nov. 10 th	Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov. 22 nd	New Ks School Tour 1:30 pm
Nov. 25 th	Report to Parents home
Nov. 28 th & 29 th	Early dismissal 2:00 pm
Dec. 6 th	Strings Concert at Larson
Dec. 7 th	Band Concert at Brooksbank
Dec. 15 th	Winter Concert at Larson Gym
Dec. 17 th	Vacation Begins
Jan. 3 rd , 2012	School Opens