

# LINSFORD PARK SCHOOL

“Building Healthy, Inclusive Relationships and Academic Competencies”



September 2018

## PARENT NEWSLETTER

**WELCOME BACK** to another school year! We hope that you had an enjoyable summer vacation and are ready for school activities. Through our monthly newsletters we hope to keep you informed about what is happening at school as well as in the community. Please also check out our school website for information about our school community.

### MEET THE TEACHER & PARENT COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

We will be holding our annual Meet the Teacher night on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 pm. Parents will assemble in the gymnasium for staff introductions and the annual meeting of the School Council, and then proceed to their child's classroom to meet with the teacher. Since we will have been in school only a short time, please do not expect the teachers to comment on their progress as they will not have had adequate time to evaluate them fully. We look forward to meeting you!

### PARENT VOLUNTEERS

We welcome parent volunteers at our school. All volunteers are required by the Black Gold Division to complete a Volunteer Registration Form. If additional forms are required please see the secretary in the office. Volunteers are requested to sign the volunteer book each time they enter the school.

**EARLY  
DISMISSAL**

**FIRST  
Wednesday  
of the Month  
@ 2:30**

**Starting in  
October**

*Important*

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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Important  
Message

## VISITORS

Visitors to the school must report to the office when entering the school. This is for the safety of all students. All outer school doors will be locked during the school day except the front entrance. Parents are asked to remain in the foyer by the front office until the bell rings at 3:15 before going to classrooms. In this way less disruption occurs to the learning environment and the security of knowing who is in our school remains optimal. Thanks for your support in this matter!

## VISITOR PARKING

We wish to advise visitors that you may not use the staff parking lots or the bus loading zone when visiting the school. Please also do not park on the crosswalks or by the pylons in front of the school. For the safety of our students, community and traffic, the road in front of the school is frequently monitored by the RCMP who will ticket anyone not abiding by the rules of the road and signage.

## VOICE MAIL



If you know that your child will be absent from school due to illness, medical appointments, or vacations, please call the school office at 780-986-8474 and leave a brief message. Voice mail is available at any time, day and night! If your child is not at school and no message was received, you will receive an Automated Call Out from our system asking you to contact the school.

## MILK PROGRAM & POPCORN CARDS

Please look for more information to come in the next couple of weeks.

## POWER SCHOOL PARENT PORTALS

Each student **must** have a parent with a working Power School Parent Portal. Please make sure you can access your Parent account. If you can't OR if you've never set one up please contact the office immediately. If you don't have a computer at home you can use one here at the school. Without this account you will **NOT** be able to do the student verification, field trip permission forms or any of the on-line consent forms. **Please note this includes our first fieldtrip on September 21st the Terry Fox Walk.**

## FAVORITE TEDDY BEAR (STUFFED TOY) DAY

Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> is favorite teddy bear (stuffed toy) day! It's also the first week of school for our kindergarten classes. Students are encouraged to make our younger students feel welcome to our school on this their first week, by attending school with their favorite teddy bear.



## TERRY FOX RUN/WALK

Our first school-wide physical activity will take place on the afternoon of Friday, September 21st with our annual Terry Fox Run/Walk to Fred John's Park in Leduc. All students in grades 1 to 6 will walk with their teachers to the park sometime during the afternoon. If you want to join your child's class on the walk please check with their teacher for departure time! We are requesting a donation of \$2.00 per student which will be given to the Terry Fox Foundation for Cancer Research. This donation can be given directly to the student's teacher. **PLEASE NOTE:** You must go on to your Power School Parent Portal and complete the online permission form in order for your child to participate.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

The first professional development day of the year will be held on Friday, September 14th. There will be no school for students on that day.

## CHRISTIAN PROGRAM CHAPEL

Chapel times will be held every Tuesday at 2:40 pm, beginning September 25th. This year we will be studying Christian Celebrations & Festivals. We encourage you to come and join us for this special chapel time.

## EARLY DISMISSAL

Early dismissal will be at **2:30 pm** on the first Wednesday of each month starting in October for all students from kindergarten through grade 6. (Pre-kindergarten has their own schedule)



## PICTURE DAY!

Student pictures (Pre-K, K and Grades 1-6) for purchase will be taken Wednesday, October 3rd. Tuesday/Thursday Pre-K and Kindergarten students will have their photos taken on Thursday, October 4th. Parent Council has contracted ICON for this event. Hope to see some amazing smiles on these days!



## PARENT COUNCIL NEWS FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

Our school is hosting a bottle drive on Wednesday, September 12th from 8:30am-6:00pm. Please drop off any cans or bottles you wish to donate in the trailer in front of the school that day/evening!

Our Mabels Labels fundraiser is still running! Please visit [campaigns.mabelslabels.com](http://campaigns.mabelslabels.com) and search for Linsford Park School to place your order. A big thank you to those families who ordered over the summer!



## ARRIVAL TIME FOR STUDENTS

Just a reminder that students should be arriving no sooner than 8:25 am each morning; with bells ringing for the day's start at 8:35 am. Supervision will occur in front of the school and the south and north side entrance doors beginning at 8:25 am. Students are expected to gather and wait at their designated door entrance until the bell rings. Supervision will not be on the playground apparatus areas at this time and therefore is off limits. Students will have lots of time to play on the playground apparatus during the scheduled recess times throughout the day.

## POWERTEACHER PRO/GRADE BOOK



New this year to our school, is the roll out of Black Gold Regional Schools online grade book and progress reports. Throughout the year teachers will be placing marks for major assignments and tests on Grade Book. Two reporting periods will then occur in which marks will accumulate into the form of a progress report. At Linsford Park, reporting periods for this school year will be September 4th to January 31st 2019 AND February 4, 2019 to June 27, 2019. Our formal reports will be viewable on January 29, 2019 and June 27, 2019. Parent teacher conferences will occur November 6 & 8, 2018 and January 30 & 31, 2019.

For more details, our school assessment plan can be viewed on our school website. Further information as to how and when you can begin accessing this information, will be coming home soon. Please also note, our former end of year Awards Ceremonies will no longer be occurring as we move to this new system of assessment.

## ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

Alberta Health (AH) provides overarching guidelines to Alberta Health Services (AHS) for the school immunization program through the Alberta Immunization Policy. Recent changes in the policy will necessitate school immunization program changes in the coming year. These changes are as follows:

- Shift of routine school immunization program delivery of Hepatitis B and Human Papillomavirus (HPV) immunizations to grade 6 from grade 5
- Review of immunization records for students in grades 1 through 9; in the past immunization review has only been done in grades 1, 5 & 9

With the following changes in place the 2018-2019 School Immunization Program is as follows:

- Grades 1-9: Review immunization records of all students, and offer relevant vaccines to all children who are not up to date according to Alberta Health recommendations.
- Grade 6: Offer Hepatitis B and Human Papillomavirus (HPV) along with all other vaccines the student is eligible for according to Albert Health recommendations.
- Grade 9: Offer Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (combined) vaccine, Meningococcal vaccine along with all other vaccines the student is eligible for according to Alberta Health recommendations.

Further information will be sent home as the school receives it from Alberta Health Services.



### SHOW n' SHINE

Join the Leduc Composite High School in the school parking lot for classic cars, BBQ, mini donuts and prizes.

Saturday, September 15  
10am - 3 pm

Registration for cars is 9 am - Registration by Donation  
Rain Out Date: September 22

Organized by the LCHS Parents' Council

### Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance

Our school board is offering you the opportunity to voluntarily purchase student accident insurance through the Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance program, underwritten by Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc.

Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance provides protection against unexpected costs arising from accidental injuries. The program is especially valuable for families who:

- do not have medical or dental plans,
- have limited plans, as it may help supplement health and dental benefits, or
- have active children who enjoy sports and outdoor activities.

Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance has a selection of plans to suit most budgets. Benefits include coverage for:

- The full school year (September to September), 24 hours a day, while at home and in school;
- Expenses that are often limited or not covered by private or group insurance plans, or Provincial Health Insurance Plans, such as ambulance, physiotherapy, private tutoring, counselling, and much more;
- Injury-related dental treatment (including future dental treatment up to age 26);
- Out-of-province or country emergency medical expenses.

If your address changes during the school year, your Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance plan is transferable from school to school, anywhere in Canada.

Insurance premiums for children are \$14.50 or \$33.50 per year, depending on the plan selected. A discount is available for families with 3 or more children. Adults age 20 to 64 can also be insured for \$32.00 per year.

For more information or to apply online, please visit [www.kidsplus.ca](http://www.kidsplus.ca), or speak with a Kids Plus™ Client Service Administrator at 1-800-356-7411.



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