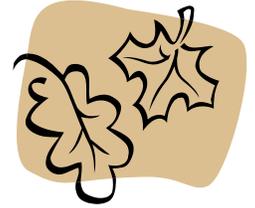




October 2013



LANGTON LINK

<http://lps.tdsb.on.ca/>

School Trustee: John Byrne

Safe Arrival Line 887-2005

Principal: Joan Harpell

“We Help Each Other”

Vice-Principal: Jennifer Johnston

For the month of October, we will be highlighting **PERSEVERANCE** as our Character Education trait. Perseverance is being committed to your goals and overcoming obstacles.
When you persevere, you don't give up!

| Looks like: | Sounds like: | Feels like: |
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| Getting up after falling down. Erasing and re-writing. Taking the shot again and again. Cheering someone on even though they're not in first place. A determined face. | "You can do it!" "Try again." "Don't give up!" "I think I can, I think I can..." "Mind over matter." "If at first you don't succeed, pick yourself up and try again." | Finally succeeding. Strong hands helping you up after you fall. Exhaustion and reward all at once. Rewarding Self-esteem Success at last! |

A SUCCESSFUL START TO ANOTHER BUSY YEAR!

It feels great to gear up for another fantastic year at Langton PS. Everyone is starting to settle in to their routines, getting used to those scheduled lunches, early morning wake-ups, and other fun features of getting back to school. With the arrival of cool weather, we encourage parents/guardians to send students to school with enough layers to keep them toasty in those chilly mornings. Layers can be removed in the warmer afternoons if necessary. What we want to avoid is chilly children out in the cool weather.

DISMISSAL AT THE END OF THE DAY

To ensure student safety, it is important that school staff is made aware of any changes to your child's end of day routine. Please write a note to the teacher or call the office early in the day if your child's dismissal routine is changing.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our wonderful Breakfast Club coordinator, Judy Caesar, retired in June, making it clear that she was very hopeful that Breakfast Club could continue. We are going to do our best to keep it going. We got off to a start on September 4th and are going to try to provide it on a daily basis as long as our funds last. We are very fortunate to receive support from individuals in the community and we value these contributions greatly. If any former Breakfast Club volunteers would like to be included in our plans, they should call the school and speak with Mrs. Harpell or Mrs. Johnston.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The first meeting of the council is on October 7th, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there. Further information about School Council events can be obtained by emailing langtonpc@hotmail.com.

TERRY FOX UPDATE

Our annual Terry Fox Run was a success again this year. Our students and staff displayed excellent determination and school spirit as they walked/ran around the surrounding community in honour of a national hero and his fight to end cancer. **All pledge donations are to be returned to the school by October 15th, 2013.**

A REMINDER TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

The use of volunteers in various areas of the school assists in a variety of ways. We are appreciative of the help our volunteers have provided in the past. Policy requires that all volunteers have a police reference check completed prior to working in a school, supervising on a trip or driving students to sports events. These forms **must be updated each year**, either with an offense declaration, or, past a certain lapse of time, a new police reference check. The forms are available from the school office. Volunteers must also sign a Confidentiality Form. Volunteers are expected to follow the rules of the school, including the dress code.

BAND NEWS

What an awesome group of musicians in Langton's Band of 2013!!

Upcoming events:

October 25th: Harp recital - Bobcaygeon (sponsored by Bobcaygeon Music Council)

November 6th: Aladdin - Toronto

A choir for grades 6, 7 and 8 will be starting every Tuesday until Remembrance Day with Mrs. Wolven and Cicela Mansson- 11:00 a.m. A special "thank you" to Ms. Mansson, Mrs. Tomblor and Mrs. Susan Baker for their assistance!

COMMUNITY NEWS

QSP FAMILY READING PROGRAM - MAGAZINE FUNDRAISER

Once again, we are selling magazines as a fundraiser. Our kick off assembly took place on October 1st. Please ensure that all orders are turned into the office by October 16th. Thank you in advance for supporting this campaign. Our school retains an average of \$10 for every magazine subscription purchased, which helps a wide variety of programs at our school.

WE DAY 2013

Langton's "Me to We" group attended WE DAY in Toronto again this year. The kids were fortunate to see many amazing performances like the Jonas Brothers, The Barenaked Ladies with Chris Hadfield, Serena Ryder, The Kenyan Boys Choir, Demi Lovato, and MANY more. The motivational speakers were extremely inspiring again this year. Some included Martin Luther King III, Spencer West, Mike Pinball Clemons, Chris Hadfield, Hon. David Johnston, Hon. Kathleen Wynne and MANY more. It was a very early morning for the students, which made for a long day, they represented Langton AMAZINGLY. Langton's Me to We group are refreshed, inspired and ready to begin another great year raising money to build a school in Kenya.

ALLERGY AWARENESS

We feel that all parents/guardians would like to be aware that there are people at our school with severe life-threatening allergies to peanuts and other nuts. We must avoid packing peanut and nut products in lunches, especially in classrooms where an allergy is present. We also have people at our school with severe life-threatening allergies to bee stings. For this reason, we do not permit students to take food on the playground. If your child has a serious allergy or other health problem, please inform your child's teacher or office immediately so that the necessary health protection steps may be taken.

IMMUNIZATIONS

Once again this year, the HKPR Health Unit is offering school based immunization programs as required by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. Human Papilloma Virus vaccinations are offered to all Grade 8 girls and Hepatitis B vaccinations are offered to all Grade 7 students. The clinic for the first dose took place on September 30th. If you have any questions regarding immunization programs, please contact the HKPR District Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577.

INDIVIDUAL EQAO RESULTS

Individual student results for EQAO have arrived at the school and will be sent home to each of our students who wrote last year.

KEEP THOSE POP TABS COMING!

Langton is still collecting pop tabs. The Lions Club of Lindsay picks them up from us in the Spring. The tabs collected support the purchase of medical equipment for those who need it. Students may drop off the pop tabs at the office anytime. We appreciate your continued support for this very valuable program.

Cliff Notes Choir - Come sing with us!

Cliff Notes, Fenelon Falls' treble choir, now in its second year, is taking new recruits from grade 5 to 12 for the 2013/14 session. Musical theatre pieces, folk, classical and world music form the basis of the choir's repertoire. The choir, under the direction of Cicela Mansson, and accompanied by pianist Ruth Eberts, rehearses Wednesday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in Fenelon Falls, starting October 2, 2013. The cost of the program is \$300 for 24 sessions (may be paid in 2 installments; bursaries available). Call 705-731-9661 for more information and to register.

City of Kawartha Lakes Library Fenelon Falls Branch News

- Thursday, October 3: "Junior Writer's Club" at 6 pm.
- Thursday, October 10: "Young Writer's Club" at 6pm.
- Thursday, October 17: "Junior Writer's Club" at 6 pm.
- Tuesday, October 22: "Introduction to Genealogy with Arlene Colman" at 6pm.
- Thursday, October 24: "Young Writer's Club" at 6pm.
- Saturday, October 26: "Read to the Dog" 11 am - 1 pm.
- Tuesday, October 29: "Crafty Tuesday" at 4 pm.

For more information, call the library at 705 887-6300 for information. The library is located at 19 Market Street, Fenelon Falls.

Join Scouts Canada Today!

Beaver Scouts - ages 5-7

Club Scouts - ages 8-10

Scouts - ages 11-14

Venturer Scouts - ages 14-17

Rover Scouts - ages 18-26

Find your closest Scouting Group! Visit scouts.ca or call 1-888-726-8876. You can join anytime throughout the year!

Low Cost Rabies Clinic for Cats and Dogs

No exam required. \$25 per animal (cash only).

Saturday October 19 9am-1pm

Fenelon Animal Clinic (474 County Road 121, Fenelon Falls)

Fenelon Falls Skating Club News

CanSkate Registration - Learn to Skate Program

Oct. 4th, 5pm-6pm

CanSkate begins on Oct. 4th, 6:00-6:50pm (10 week program)

Cost is \$130 or \$220 for Fall & Winter (Jan. 10th - Mar. 21st)

A \$60 fundraising fee is due at the time of registration.

First lesson is on Friday Oct. 4th and runs weekly to Dec. 6th. For more information contact Jayne Bircher at 705-454-9515.

Intermediate & Senior Registration

Sept. 13th 4pm - 6pm

Intermediate skate starts Sept. 13th

Skate times are Tuesdays 4:30pm - 5:50pm and/or

Fridays 4:45pm - 5:50pm (26 week program).

Senior skate starts Sept. 13th.

Skate times are Tuesdays 3:30pm - 5:05pm and/or

Fridays 4:00pm - 5:30pm (26 week program).

Financial Assistance Programs are available.

For more information contact Jayne Bircher at 705-454-9515.

Community Consultation Coming to Your Area

Help Ontario's education system go from Great to Excellent

In-person, digital, and written community consultations are taking place in September, October and November 2013 across the province. This will form the basis for moving Ontario's education system from "Great to Excellent."

Trillium Lakelands District School Board is hosting community consultations on the following dates:

- Thursday, October 24, 2013 from 7 to 8 pm at **Haliburton Highlands Secondary School**, 5358 County Road 21, Haliburton, ON
- Wednesday, October 30, 2013 from 7 to 8 pm at the **Muskoka Education Centre**, 1271 Cedar Lane, Bracebridge, ON
- Wednesday, November 6, 2013 from 7 to 8 pm at the **Lindsay Education Centre**, 300 County Road 36, Lindsay, ON

All community members are welcome. Please visit the school board website www.tlidsb.ca to register at the location closest to you.

You can also submit your feedback and ideas online. For more information about the Ministry of Education Community Consultations please visit www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/about/excellent.html



A WORD FROM YOUR TRUSTEE

**John Byrne - TLDSB School Trustee -
Wards 2, 3, 6 & 7**

As your school Trustee I'd like to welcome back all the returning students and staff to

Langton Public School for the 2013-2014 school year. For those of you that may be new to the school, welcome.

I hope you enjoyed your summer. I know the staff and most students (not all I'm sure) are happy to be back. I'm certain that all the teachers have a great year planned for their students. If your child has just entered kindergarten I'm sure there will be a period of adjustment for some of them, but as the year goes on you will be amazed at what they will be learning.

On another note, parents I would encourage you to become involved with the Parent Council. This is a dedicated group of parents who do many things around the school, including helping to fundraise. Monies raised go back into the school to improve your child's school experience. They need your help, so please check your newsletter, see what night they meet and consider coming out and being part of a great group of parents.

As the year goes by I look forward to meeting as many parents as possible.

"Challenges are what make life interesting; overcoming them is what makes life meaningful" Joshua J. Marine

Curriculum Corner:



Excerpt from Doing Mathematics With Your Child

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacy/numeracy/parentGuideNum2012.pdf>

You are an important partner in your child's mathematics education.

When you find ways to engage your child in thinking and talking about mathematics, you are providing an important key for unlocking his or her future success.

Today, critical thinking, problem solving, reasoning ability and the ability to communicate mathematically are essential skills. These processes are the foundation of mathematics instruction in Ontario schools.

Tips:

- Build strong, positive attitudes about math. When children feel positively engaged and successful, they are more likely to stick with an activity or a problem to find a solution.
- Begin with activities that meet your child's level of mathematical understanding. Early success in solving problems will build your child's confidence. Gradually move to activities that provide more challenge for your child.