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LANGTON LINK

School Trustee: John Byrne

Safe Arrival Line 887-2005

Principal: Joan Harpell

"We Help Each Other"

Vice-Principal: Jennifer Johnston

"School should not be a preparation for life; school should be life." Elbert Hubbard

WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

Welcome back once again to Langton Public School! We look forward to another excellent year of education and character building. It is hoped that all students are rested and ready to throw themselves into school life. Our teachers have been working to prepare their programs and the custodial staff has everything clean and fresh. We welcome new students and their families to Langton. Our staff looks forward to meeting you at our "Open House" BBQ event on Thursday, September 19th. Please pre-order your family's food and drinks by completing the form at the end of this newsletter. Thanks!

2013-2014 Staff Members

We welcome Ms. Gallagher to Grade 4 while Mrs. Leuenberger is on leave, Ms. Burnie to Grade 2 while Ms. Mathers is on leave and Mrs. Sticca to JK/SK while Mrs. Clarke completes her maternity leave. Ms. Fiddler will be assisting with the 1/2 class and providing some Primary subjects on a part time basis until January. We are happy to report that Mr. Jermyn is returning to teach Resource. And of course, we are welcoming a new Vice Principal, Mrs. Johnston. A list of staff members is included in this package, complete with voice mail numbers; and a copy of our school timetable is on the flip side.

CHARACTER EDUCATION AT LANGTON

At Langton, we have chosen the quotation: "We help each other" as our focus and our staff and students demonstrate this regularly with their enthusiasm for service projects in the community and the world. We invite you to be a part of this in any capacity. September's **GOAL SETTING** is always the right way to begin our character trait line-up. What is your child's goal this year? Students who demonstrate good character traits will be given a "Thumbs Up!" on the morning announcements. We continue as well to work towards a culture of **respect and responsibility** at all times at Langton.

ATTACHMENTS TO NEWSLETTER

Along with this newsletter today, each child will receive:

- An agenda containing the Code of Conduct (Gr. 1-8)
Please note that the agendas were developed by TLDSB and contain specific and relevant information.
- **Or** a separate information package (JK-SK)
- Staff list with voice mail & School Timetable
- School calendar
- Student Insurance (presented to you on a strictly voluntary basis. To purchase, read the brochure and submit directly to the insurance company. **These forms are not returned to school.**)

FORMS TO COMPLETE and RETURN to SCHOOL

Each child will also receive the following to be signed and returned:

- Safe Arrival form
- Phys. Ed. Medical Information/Phys. Ed. Elements of Risk
- Student Verification Forms

Students will also receive:

- School Council information and nomination form
- Volunteer form (if you wish to volunteer)

PIZZA LUNCHES & MILK PROGRAM

Information regarding Pizza and Milk programs will be available in the very near future. Stay tuned!!!

LANGTON DISCIPLINE

Parents and guardians may occasionally see **behaviour referral slips** coming home. This stems from a wish to remain consistent in our discipline, and to keep fair, accurate records but primarily is to **keep parents informed**. In spite of good intentions, it is not always possible to call and in this way we can ensure that an incident is known to you. Students over the years have taught us that no consequence administered has the same impact as having to discuss a mistake with beloved parents. Your children value your good opinion and do not want to do anything that will jeopardize it. The slips therefore, become an effective deterrent to poor choices! Upon receiving a referral, please have a discussion with your child, taking note of whether this was considered a **minor** transgression or a **major** one. Sign and return the slip so that we are sure you have seen it. If there are **any** questions please call at your convenience and ask for Mrs. Harpell or Mrs. Johnston.

BUS REMINDER

A student who is eligible for transportation is entitled to ride on **one bus route only**. Students are assigned one "home to school" bus and are not permitted to switch buses. Alternate transportation may be granted to a pick-up/drop off point on the same bus route if a written request by the parent/guardian is signed by the principal or designate. Bus drivers are not authorized to make changes in bus stop locations. This must be done through the Board. Students and parents are reminded that the expectations of students riding the bus are the same as those of the school. Students who are unable to abide by the rules may lose their bus riding privileges.

SCHOOL COUNCIL/OPEN HOUSE BBQ/EMAIL CONTACTS

Each school in the province is required to have, and benefits from, a School Council. At this time we are seeking nominations from any interested parent wishing to serve on this year's council. Please send in the form or contact the school. An election of the new Council will take place on **September 19th** at the "Open House" event if we have more names than we can accommodate. The barbeque will be fired up from 4:30pm-6:00pm. Please take the opportunity to introduce yourselves to our amazing and dedicated staff. Your child can give you a tour of his/her classroom and you can help us to update our volunteer binder by signing your declaration and confidentiality forms. It's handy to have these in place when we need them!

Previous school councils are to be thanked for their diligent efforts. They have raised money to support many large purchases at Langton and they have added an email service to keep parents informed about our school. Good communication, as well as the support and encouragement of the achievement of our students is the primary purpose of school councils. *The first meeting of the new council is on October 7th, at 6:30 pm in our library.*

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 (provided at Open House), or, past a certain lapse of time, a new police reference check.

Volunteers are expected to follow the rules of the school, including the dress code and must sign a confidentiality form (also provided at our Open House).

MEDICATION

The school will only administer medication if it is a prescription authorized by a doctor and if required paperwork is in place. If needed, we will provide the form that must be completed.

Medication should be in its original container. We are happy to fax the forms to your doctor to be completed if that would be of assistance.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos will be taken on September 23rd, with the exception of our alternate Kindergarten classes which will be taken on the 24th of September.

BREAKFAST CLUB and Snack Program

Langton students have the option of dropping in for quick, nutritious breakfasts before school. There are lots of reasons why kids might be hungry before they get to school: a really early morning, sports practice, or maybe they just weren't hungry when they woke up. Regardless, a bit of nutritious food before learning starts has an impact on a child's preparedness for learning. We are always looking for volunteers for this program. Please contact Mrs. Harpell if you wish to help out. Fruit is also provided in classrooms on a daily basis as funds allow. Breakfast club will get started as soon as possible- we will keep you informed!



ON FACEBOOK!

We are happy to remind you that Langton PS is on Facebook. Mrs. Harpell and Mrs. Johnston will be updating the page regularly.

A FEW REMINDERS ABOUT SCHOOL POLICY:

All visitors and volunteers to the school are to **sign in at the office**, wear a badge and accept a staff escort to their destination within the school. Parents or guardians delivering students to our Primary yard before 9:00 also wear badges which will be provided at both gates. While we understand that parents want to be sure their child is well supervised on the yard, they themselves are strangers to other students. We need to prevent staff and students from becoming accustomed to meeting unfamiliar adults in the halls and yard. We hope that community members can appreciate that if we are constantly assuming adults we see are parents then we may miss alerting the office if an adult stranger poses a real threat to our students.

All students, including Primary, are asked to remain outside with their backpacks until the 8:55 bell. Students who walk to school or are driven by parents are asked to arrive after 8:45 am and should proceed to their playgrounds **rather than into the school**. Supervision is not available before 8:45 am. Students who arrive at school by car via the parking lot will be greeted by staff members who will escort students across the bus lanes. Parents wishing to speak with their child's teacher in the morning are asked to come to the office to make arrangements. **Usually** these meetings can happen the same morning.

Students who leave for appointments during the day should have a note and are required to sign out in the office. If a student travels on the bus in the morning and will not be on the bus in the afternoon, the driver should be notified. Otherwise a message in the agenda will help us to straighten out any confusion that arises. Please call the school (705-887-2005) to inform us of students who will be absent from school. The school will call the home of those students from whom we have not had any contact.

Students in **Grades 7-8** require a signed permission form in order to sign out at our second break from 1:05 to 1:50 (forms available in the office). Students must sign out in the office and are expected to follow school rules off the property as well as on. Students are asked not to bring food/candy back to school. JK-6 students may not leave at the break **unless accompanied by parents or with "home-for-lunch" regular arrangements**.

Parents who are picking up students after school are asked to line up in their vehicles around the bend on Wychwood Crescent and move forward in turns to pick up students being supervised at the edge of the 4/5/6 yard. (Name signs are provided to hang in your car's front window so staff supervisors can have your children alert and ready to be loaded.) Vehicles can then exit through our parking lot. This helps to cut down on the numbers of students who are crossing the bus lane, parking lot and road at this busy time of day.

As we recognize that sometimes there are reasons why it is not convenient to do this, we ask that, on these occasions parents park on the school side of the road so that children are not crossing the road (Wychwood Crescent). The areas where we feel it is not safe to load students are marked with municipal signage. If parents are parked rather than driving through, we ask that they meet their children at the supervised area at the edge of the 4/5/6 yard.

Parents are reminded that voice mail messages to teachers should not include instructions for the end of the day as teaching and supervision duties prevent the constant checking of messages.

Terry Fox Run

Our school Terry Fox Run will take place September 26th. More information will follow in an individual package later in the month.

X-Country Running

Ms. Austin, Ms. Doucette, and Ms. Wright will be hosting cross country try-outs beginning on the second week of school for all students interested from Grades 2-8. For safety reasons, proper running shoes are required (no crocs, flip flops, skateboard shoes, etc.). Students should listen carefully to announcements for information about the times of practices. The district cross country meet at Ken Reid Conservation Area is scheduled for October 3rd, 2013 so it is important that we get practicing!

BOBCAYGEON FALL FAIR

Are you creative? Would you like the opportunity to win prizes and money for something that you have made? Then you may want to consider putting an entry into the Bobcaygeon Fall Fair. There are a variety of categories for all ages. **Please pick up a prize list at the school to see what you can enter.** Students may bring completed creations to Langton. Please listen to the announcements for further information. All entries will be dropped off at the fair, and brought back, with prizes, to Langton. Students wishing to enter an exhibit in the Bobcaygeon Fall Fair must have their entries at school on, or before, Tuesday September 24th and have written parental consent.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

Susan DeNure Sports Program

Ball Hockey Location: Langton Public School, Fenelon Falls
Ages: Grades JK to 2, Grades 3 to 4, Grades 5 to 6, Grades 7 to 8
Day: Mondays starting September 16 for Grades JK to 2 from 6:00-7:00pm & Grades 5 to 6 from 7:00-8:00pm
Day: Wednesdays starting September 18 for Grades 3 to 4 from 6:00-7:00pm & Grades 8 to 9 from 7:00-8:00pm
Cost: \$10/person for 8 weeks including Tournament November 2 in Lindsay (Minimum Registration Required)
***Financial Assistance** options available for all participants— contact Trevor Tompkins

Registration: Register now at Boys & Girls Club at 107 Lindsay Street South, or at Langton Public School Monday, September 9 from 6:00-8:00pm

Note: Children **must** be registered before they can attend program which includes completed registration form, program selection form and payment.

For **Registration** inquiries please contact our office staff at (705) 324-4493 & press 0.

For **Program** information please contact Trevor Tompkins @ (705) 324-4493 ext. 217 or ttompkins@bgckl.com

Band members!

You will have an opportunity of attending the musical Aladdin, in Toronto on Wednesday, November 6th.

The first band rehearsal will be on Monday, September 16th. Practices: Mondays- 3:30 - 4:45 pm., Wednesdays- 8:00 - 8:50 am. Parents and students...check the music website for important dates and special events.

FREE youth programs

Navy League Cadets will be hosting a registration night on Monday September 9, 2013 at the Fenelon Falls Legion at 6:30 pm. This program is for students aged 9-12 and they learn about naval traditions, seamanship, sports and develop lifelong friendships. If you can't make it out on September 9 come out any other Monday night to check out the program. For more information contact Glenn at 705-340-3135 or check out <http://www.navyleague.ca/en/youth/navy-league-cadets/>. Sea Cadets will be hosting a registration night on Tuesday September 10, 2013 at the Coboconk Legion at 6:30 pm. This program is for students aged 12-18 and they learn about seamanship, sailing, leadership and have opportunities to participate in free summer camps all across Canada. If you can't make it out on September 10 come out any other Tuesday night to check out the program. For more information contact Dave at 705-344-0041 or check out <http://cadets.ca/en/what-cadets-do/sea.page?> .Media Sponsor- Cable Cable in Fenelon Falls

BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ ORDER FORM

Thursday September 19th 5:00 - 6:30pm

Please submit an order form and payment by September 9th. Only 1 order form per family is required. There will be a limited amount of additional hamburgers and drinks available that night for purchase.

	Number	Price	Total
Hamburger		\$3.00	
Drink *		\$1.00	
COMBO(Hamburger & Drink*)		\$3.50	
GRAND TOTAL			

*Chocolate Milk, White Milk, Apple Juice and Water will be available.

Student Name _____

Teacher Name _____ Classroom # _____