



February 2014



LANGTON LINK

<http://lps.tlidsb.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 February, we will be highlighting **HONESTY** as our Character Education trait.
“Better to fail with honour than to succeed by fraud.” - Sophocles

Looks like:	Sounds like:	Feels like:
Students who admit to errors or mistakes Students who can be trusted to say what happened Continues to be well-behaved when unsupervised	“My friend is the one who had the good idea.” “You gave me too much change.” “I won’t shoplift no matter what you say.” “I broke the window.” “I hit him first.”	Pride Being respected Knowing who you are and what you stand for Being trusted Caring about others

STAFFING NEWS

We would like to wish Mr. George well in his new teaching position at Mariposa E.S. Mrs. Wright will be our new Coaching Class teacher. Congratulations, Mrs. Wright!

We would like to extend a warm Langton welcome to Ms. Millar, who will be our new Grade 6 teacher. Also, welcome back to Mrs. Leuenberger who is returning to the Grade 4/5 class after her extended leave of absence. Some of our Educational Assistant assignments have changed recently. We are pleased to have Mr. Rensink and Mrs. Stuckey on staff as of January 31st.

We will miss Mrs. Green, Ms. M. Norris and Ms. Esdaile, who are moving on to other roles. Thank you so much for your professionalism and dedication to our school!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Next year, our school will offer a Full-Day Kindergarten program. Kindergarten students will come to school every day. The Kindergarten teacher and an early childhood educator will work together to help your child learn during the school day. We are registering new students for Kindergarten between now and February 7th. Please tell your neighbours that forms can be picked up at the office.

REPORT CARDS ARE COMING!!

Report card writing is in full-swing here at Langton PS!
Reports will be going home with students on February 14th.

MORNING DROP OFF

When families enter the front doors in the morning, we ask that you sign the children in at the office and send them off to class **without accompanying them**. While commotion in the halls is one of the factors behind this request, the main reason is to prevent staff and students from becoming too accustomed to meeting unfamiliar adults in the halls.

We hope that our community members can appreciate that, if we are constantly assuming adults in our halls must be parents, we may miss alerting the office if/when an adult stranger poses a real threat to our students or staff.

To assist with this matter, supply EA and teaching staff will be wearing identifying badges to confirm that they are TLDSB employees working in the school. Other visitors and volunteers will continue to wear the badges provided at the office when visiting the school.

If it is greatly distressing for you to send your child down the hall without support, please request that someone in the office escort them to class. We are happy to help. Thank you for your assistance with this policy. Please feel free to call and speak to Mrs. Harpell or Mrs. Johnston if you have thoughts on the issue.

BOOK FAIR

Mark your calendars for the next Scholastic Book Fair - February 19, 20, 21. The family night will be February 20th.

PEDAL FOR HOPE

This year is a very special one, as it marks the **10th anniversary** of Pedal for Hope!! Let's make it the best year yet!!!! We will be selling **Valentine Grams** (similar to Santa Grams) for 50 cents each during the week of February 10th - 14th! If any students are interested in **cutting, shaving or dyeing** their hair this year, just bring a note from home letting us know that you have permission!

THINKING OF A SUNNY VACATION WITH YOUR KIDS OR ANTICIPATING AN EXTENDED ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL?

If your child(ren) will be away from school for an extended period (6-15 days), please see the office for a Temporary Excusal Form. Reasons may include but are not limited to:

- Medical issues beyond the occasional sick day
- Vacation
- Other family obligations

Any excusals that are requested for longer than 15 days need to be brought to the attention of our school Student Services-Attendance Counsellors.

ME TO WE NEWS

Langton's Me to We group is signed up to take part in "TEENS FOR JEANS". Students can donate used jeans and we will give them to Aeropostale, who then distribute them to those in need. Students and staff have until February 12th to bring in their old jeans. They can be any brand, or size. If Langton collects the most jeans we could win \$5000. Me to We is challenging Langton...the class that collects the most jeans will get the opportunity to throw a pie at 4 of Me to We members and give them a makeover.

**BE THE
CHANGE!!!**



Three of Langton's students, Sydney Paulson (Gr. 6), Camryn Hatfield (Gr.5), and Simon Hatfield (JK) decided during the holidays they wanted to give back to those in need. They expressed how lucky they are, and wanted to find a way to use what they were given for Christmas to help others. One of their Christmas gifts was the new popular craft set "Rainbow Loom Bracelets". Sydney and Camryn decided they would make bracelets and sell them at family get togethers over the holidays. They decided they would donate ALL the proceeds to Langton's BRICK BY BRICK (Build a School in Kenya) initiative with Me To We. With Simon's help the girls advertised and became OVERWHELMED with the demand for the bracelets from friends and family members. The girls used elastics they received as gifts, and some they bought with THEIR OWN money. Over the course of the holidays these amazing kids raised \$75.20, and have donated it to ME TO WE. Langton's ME TO WE group would like to send a BIG THANK YOU to Sydney, Camryn, Simon, and ALL the Friends and Family that supported these kids.

MOVIE NIGHT: FRIDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2014

Langton is still hosting monthly movie nights. We will be viewing "Smurfs 2". Ticket sales will start at 6:30pm. The cost is \$3.00 per person or 2 tickets for \$5.00. Snacks are also on sale. Come on out and enjoy a fun, family viewing experience. The money raised at this event will be added to the School Council's iPad fundraiser.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Thank you again to all of the families who supported Little Caesar Pizza Kits fundraiser! Remember that the pick-up date is on February 5th between 3:30-6:00pm.

Save the date April 10th in your calendars for our "Healthy School Symposium". The March newsletter will contain more details about the guest speakers and useful workshops focusing on healthy minds, healthy bodies, and healthy relationships!

The next school council meeting will take place on Monday, February 3, 2014 at 6:30 in the Langton library.

CHANGE TO PIZZA PROCESS

Our order forms are now on envelopes which are to be used for the exact change or cheques you send in. If you are ordering for more than one child, please use a separate envelope for each. Thanks for your help as we continue to try to streamline this process!

COMMUNITY NEWS

KAWARTHA LAKES FURY LACROSSE

New This Year - House League will be run out of 3 different arenas - Lindsay, Little Britain and Fenelon Falls. Registration now available online at: www.kawarthalakeslacrosse.ca



Lacrosse Clinic - Nationwide Lacrosse Lacrosse Clinic NLL players Shawn Evans and Brad Self will be running a FREE clinic for our returning, new, and "still considering" players aged 3 - 16 years.

Sunday, February 23rd @ Fleming College Field House - Lindsay

4-5pm Sign-in

5-6pm Clinic

6-8pm In Person - Field Lacrosse Registration and Box Lacrosse Registration Assistance

For details and on-line registration visit

www.kawarthalakeslacrosse.ca

FENELON AETC

Fenelon AETC will be offering a 'Raising Healthy Children' course starting January 31st. The course is mornings only for six weeks. If interested, call Kelli at 705.887.3083. Non-parents, Parents and Grandparents welcome!!

COPS CORNER

A safety message from the Ontario Provincial Police

With winter driving conditions now in full effect, the OPP would like to remind motorists to stay alert, slow down, and plan ahead.

Stay Alert: Weather conditions can change quickly. Keep your focus on the road and on other vehicles. Eliminate all distractions, such as cell phones and other hand held devices.

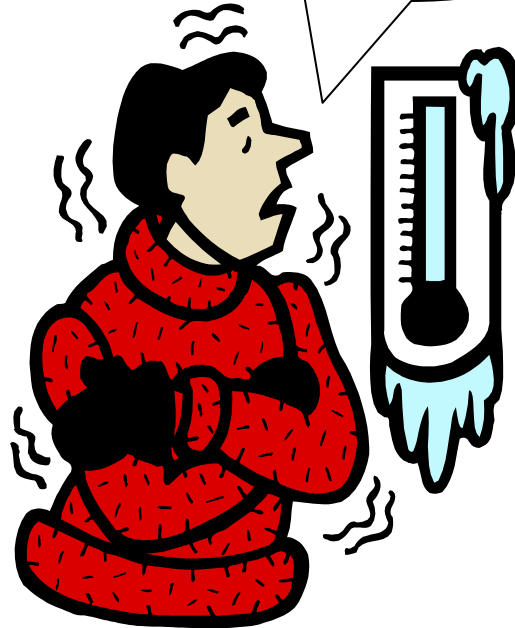
Slow Down: Always drive according to weather conditions. Keep a safe distance between you and the vehicle in front of you to avoid having to break suddenly.

Plan Ahead: Know your route – the quickest way may involve back roads that aren't plowed right away...take a major road instead. It may not be as fast but safety comes first! Also, ensure that your vehicle is equipped with a first aid kit, including a blanket, candle, and snacks.

Be a safe and courteous driver!



Remember to
dress for the
weather
conditions!!



Indoor Soccer Funding Provided by Jump Start Get in the Game Program

Location: Langton Public School

Day: Mondays starting January 20, 2014

- JK to Grade 2 from 6:00-6:45pm
- Grades 3 to 4 from 7:00-8:00pm
- Grades 5 to 8 from 8:00-9:00pm

Cost: \$20 per person for 6 weeks



Boys & Girls Clubs
of Kawartha Lakes
A good place to be

***Financial Assistance** options available for all participants—contact Trevor Tompkins or Joshua Williams

Registration: Register now online at www.bgckl.com/register or at Langton Public School Mondays during Boys & Girls Club Sports Programs.

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 or Joshua Williams @ (705) 324-4493 ext. 211 or jwilliams@bgckl.com