

# March 2018

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*Vice-Principal – Nancy Norton*

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## **It's not too late for Kindergarten Registration**

Kindergarten Registration continues at Lynndale Heights Public School. Come into the office, during the school day, and we will help you fill out the registration form.

Children who will be 4 years old by December 31, 2018 or children who will be 5 years old (and did not attend Junior Kindergarten) should be registered at Lynndale Heights Public School (to start school in September 2018).

Please let any friends, family and neighbours know about the Kindergarten registration at our school. Having families register their child now, helps us determine the number of Kindergarten classrooms for September 2018.

**There will be a “Welcome to Kindergarten” orientation for parents (and their soon-to-be Junior Kindergarten children) on Thursday, May 17, 2018, from 4:00 to 5:30 pm.**

## **Elgin Transition Committee**

As we move towards having Elgin Avenue Public School students and staff join us for the 2018-2019 school year, a Transition Committee has been formed with 2 meetings held so far (February 6 and February 23, 2018). Committee members consist of a parent council member from each school (Sheila Sloat and Jessica Smith), a teacher from each building (Nicole Auld and Diane Clark), the superintendent of family of schools (Wayne Baker), meeting secretary (Heather-Jo Causyn), trustee (Rita Collver), and the principals of both Elgin Ave. (Samantha Nicholson) and Lynndale Heights (William Valoppi), along with the shared vice-principal (Nancy Norton). The meeting notes are available on the Lynndale Heights Public School website at

<http://www.granderie.ca/schools/lynndaleheights/more/transition-committee>

## **Lynndale Heights Parent Council**

The fifth meeting of the Lynndale Heights Parent Council was held on Thursday, February 15, 2018. The agenda included discussion items such as Turkey Dinner, spring fundraiser and other activities (Snack Program, Hot Dog sales at Open House, sales at school Track & Field). **The sixth meeting for the Lynndale Heights Parent Council is scheduled for Thursday, March 8, 2018 (7:00 – 8:30 pm), with planning for the Lynndale Community Spring Fling on May 3.** All interested parents are welcome to attend any or all Parent Council meetings. Meetings occur once a month, usually on the third Thursday.

## **Greetings from the Indigenous Education Office!**

The Grand Erie District School Board has two openings on two of their Committees of the Board, one for the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) and one for the Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee (GEPIC). We are looking for Indigenous, Métis or Inuit parents to represent these voices at the tables. If you are interested, please contact: [Sabrina.Sawyer@granderie.ca](mailto:Sabrina.Sawyer@granderie.ca) for more information. We look forward to hearing from you!"

## **Hot lunch and Milk Program information**

### ***Hot Lunches ...***

Our hot lunch program continues. All orders are done through School Cash Online and in advance. Chicken lunch is on Wednesdays (April 4, 11, 18, 25) and Pizza is on Thursdays (April 5, 12, 19, 26). **Online ordering for the month of March has ended. Orders for April will begin on Monday, March 5 and will end at midnight on Sunday, March 25, 2018. No exceptions.**

### ***Milk Program....***

Chocolate or White Milk is delivered every day. It is also ordered with School Cash Online. **Online ordering for the month of April will begin on Monday, March 5 and will end at midnight on Sunday, March 25, 2018. No exceptions.**

## **School Cash Online**

### **New Online Payment Program Available at Schools Now!**

Grand Erie made paying for school items that much easier.

- This program is quick, easy and safe
- You can manage payments for each child in one program
- Your banking and personal information is protected

Register by following the easy steps below:

- Visit [www.schoolcashonline.com](http://www.schoolcashonline.com)
- Select "Get Started Now" and follow the steps to register
- After you receive the confirmation email, please select the "click here" option, sign in and add each of your children to your household account.

School staff showcase items for purchase in a School Cash Catalog and post it to the Parent Site. From there, parents receive email notification, check the Parent Site and click through to pay. Funds are moved electronically from the parent's bank account to the school's bank account.

For more information and support contact the Parent Help Desk at 1-866-961-1803 or [parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com](mailto:parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com)

## **Safety in the parking lot**

The safety of our students and community members is very important, especially in the school parking lot. When everyone practices proper school parking lot safety, it makes it easier to keep everyone safe. Our school parking lot can be a very busy place in the morning when students arrive and in the afternoon when it's dismissal time. We need to ensure that no one gets hurt, but it requires everyone's participation, including parents. **If you have children in grades 3 to 8, please drop off / pick up at Rutherford Drive entrance (east side of school), rather than using the school parking lot.**

While driving in the school parking lot, here are some safety tips to help navigate the often crowded area:

- 1)** Yield to pedestrians and buses, and be aware that children who are walking home may not look both ways before moving across a parking lot;
- 2)** Be sure to drive the proper direction through parking lot and follow the one-way signs;
- 3)** Do not encourage students to cross parking lots to reach a car without an adult;
- 4)** Use turn signals when entering and leaving the pick up areas and check blind spots carefully;
- 5)** Once students are in the car, make sure their seatbelts are fastened immediately. Injuries can occur even from slow-moving crashes and fender benders, particularly for young children;
- 6)** Do not dally once students have been picked up, since other parents are eager to pick up their children. Moving quickly and efficiently can help keep the traffic flow more consistent.



PLEASE REMEMBER TO BE PATIENT. Thanks for your cooperation.

## **Green Team news**

During the month of March, our dedicated group of Green Team volunteers will continue to sell gently **used books** during 2nd nutrition break every Wednesday-Friday. Each book will be sold for only 25 cents! The proceeds from our sales to date have allowed us to purchase two mini compost bins and one more large compost bin for this spring!

***Time to clean out your closets?*** Bag 2 School campaign is back for April 2018! Each family will receive a blue bag by the end of March to fill with gently used items such as clothing, hats, shoes, purses and belts. These bags can be **dropped off inside our school entrance between Tuesday, April 3 and Thursday, April 12**. You may also use boxes or plastic bags from home if you want to bring in additional clothing. Our Green team will receive \$200 for every ton of clothing that is donated.

*Did you know?*

In North America over **85%** of textile waste is still disposed of in landfill however it is almost **100%** recyclable! A **Bag 2 School** event provides an opportunity for families to recycle unwanted materials and educate our children on the importance of recycling.



# March 2018 at Lynndale Heights

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 DAY 2 Pizza.	2 DAY 3	3
4	5 DAY 4  *lunch & milk ordering begins.	6 DAY 5	7 DAY 1 Chicken Lunch.	8 DAY 2 Pizza.	9 DAY 3	10
11	12  March Break.	13  March Break.	14  March Break.	15  March Break.	16  March Break.	17
18	19 DAY 4	20 DAY 5  <i>First day of spring.</i>	21 DAY 1 Chicken Lunch.	22 DAY 2 Pizza.	23 DAY 3	24
25  *lunch & milk ordering ends at midnight.	26 DAY 4	27 DAY 5	28 DAY 1 Chicken Lunch.	29 DAY 2 Pizza. <b>SK, g8 grad and sibling photos.</b>	30  GOOD FRIDAY.	31
April 1	April 2  EASTER MONDAY.	April 3 DAY 3				

## Notes

Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> is a PA DAY. There is no school for students.