

THE LASALLE STORM



Kindergarten Registration

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GREATER ESSEX COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

In order for our Board to adequately prepare for the 2010-11 school year, we will begin accepting registrations for kindergarten programs from February 22nd – March 5th. A child must turn 4 by December 31st 2010 to be eligible for Junior Kindergarten. The age requirement for Senior Kindergarten is 5 by the end of December this year.

Many of you reading this message are happily aware of the quality and scope of Early Years education at LaSalle P.S. We are very proud of the programs and resources available for our littlest learners. If you have a pre-school child at home preparing for school this fall, we look forward to seeing you in our office this month. Everything will be ready to make the process a smooth one.

If you know of parents with pre-schoolers, we would sincerely appreciate you sharing your experience at LaSalle P.S. with them. We believe that our kindergarten programs are unmatched anywhere, and that children start building the foundation of a great education in our classrooms.

Come to our Open House,

Wednesday, February 24th at 5:30 p.m. to see for yourself.

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READING EXPLOSION AT LPS

On January 21, 2010, in collaboration with our School Council, we sponsored a Family Literacy Night for our Early Years and Primary families. Over 150 parents and children attended! They had the chance to see a Mad Science presentation and then to participate in five different workshops that focused on high yield reading strategies to use when reading with their children. Parents went home with handouts and many children went home with fabulous books or gift certificates. Many staff members were on hand to speak to parents and answer their questions. We were very proud of the wonderful support from our students, parents and staff. If you want more information and the chance to view some pictures from this event, please go to our school website and check out the “Hotlinks to Library” link. If you wish to volunteer for our “Take Five” Reading program to listen to children read, please contact the office. Most importantly, continue to read with your children!

COLOUR HOUSE OLYMPICS AT LPS

Between Feb. 16-25 LPS will be participating in a variety of activities that parallel, where possible, many of the events in the Winter Olympics. This will give us the opportunity to cultivate lots of school spirit and community building through our colour houses as well!

SAFETY IS OUR PRIMARY CONCERN

Our crossing guard on the corner of Mayfair and Sacred Heart is only on duty until 8:50 in the morning. Even though our entry time is 8:40 a.m., there are still quite a few students who are arriving late and may have to cross the busy intersection on their own if they are late. When children arrive late to school, they miss the beginning of the instructional day. If your child is a walker, please encourage your child to be on time. This will set a positive tone for the day.

Parking continues to be a challenge at our school. We realize that our parking situation is far from ideal, but it is essential that we do our best to adhere to the parking signs. Please do not double park or park in the handicapped zone. Thanks again to our parents who park in the designated areas and show patience when we are welcoming and dismissing our students. Safety is our primary concern!

CANWEST CANSPELL - 2010

Juliana Harris is a grade 7 student in Mrs. Breschuk’s class. She is preparing to compete in the Regional final of the Canwest Canspell National Spelling Bee on

February 21, 2010 at St. Clair Centre for the Arts – Chrysler Theatre. We wish her good luck and we know that she will represent LPS well. We are proud of you, Juliana!

GRADE 7 AND 8 DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

The grade 7's and 8's visit the Essex Elementary Technology Centre (formerly called "Design 2000") three days each year. The centre provides the environment, materials, tools and resources necessary for students to discover the impact of technology on today's society. Technology basics are presented through hands-on activities and a series of challenges. The level of student achievement is integrated with the home school Science and Technology assessment. Students receive a better understanding of structures and mechanisms and are involved in the designing, building and testing of Robotics, Towers, Automobile Structure, Electric Motors and more. The experience provides an early exposure to the skills that engineers, designers and tradespeople use in their careers.

**Robotic Speed
RECORD 6.31 SEC**

Matthew Brown
Catherine Goetz
Kyra Wardell

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“MITTENS FOR MICHELLE” AN LPS SUCCESS

LaSalle Public participated this year in the "Mittens For Michelle" campaign. Michelle Zanet was an Early Years teacher with the GECDSB who passed away this summer from cancer. Her wish was that children could be helped long after she was gone.

Mittens were collected in December and counted in January. Our school collected over 360 pairs!! These mittens will help young children across Windsor and Essex County to have warm hands for the winter. Mrs. Storino couldn't have done this without the help of Tamara Bartlett, Michelle's niece. A job well done, LPS! When people are in need you really step up!

WE APPRECIATE YOU

- ♥♥ To our wonderful custodians who are working hard to keep our school clean.
- ♥♥ To our Kiss and Ride volunteers, safety patrols and our Noon Hour Assistants for braving the elements each and every day.
- ♥♥ To our school volunteers. You make our school a better place to be.
- ♥♥ To Mrs. Demers for letting us put our JK/SK registration sign on her lawn again.
- ♥♥ To Mrs. Lanno for nominating 3FB for Class of the Week!
- ♥♥ Mrs. Murphy St. Amand would like to thank Mrs. Beth Duri, and Mrs. Dawn Goddard for helping with Art Club every week.

AT LPS WE PAY IT FORWARD

- ☺ **Mrs Helkie’s JK/SK class paid it forward by welcoming Mrs. Stark-Helkie to their classroom with LPS spirit.**
- ☺ **Jasmine Sanders paid it forward by volunteering to help out with the girls’ basketball team.**
- ☺ **Mackenzie Habash paid it forward by wanting to help raise money for Haiti.**
- ☺ **The primary and early years staff paid it forward by going all out to make our Reading Explosion literacy night a fun and meaningful activity.**

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND OUTDOOR RECESS

Wind chill factor is a measure of combining the chilling effect of wind and temperature. We follow this outline in order to determine if we have an outdoor recess (and for what duration). We read a chart that determines our plan for that time. If the following conditions occur then we remain inside:

Wind Speed Plus Temperature

50 km/h-5C 25 km/h-10C

16 km/h-15C

Other factors may include the condition of the playground, location of the school, age of the students and adequacy of clothing.

LIBRARY NEWS

Looking for some March Break reading materials? The book fair is coming to LPS! Join us in the Library Resource Centre **Feb 24th to March 2nd** for exciting new books for everyone. Whether you are on the hunt for the Cahill fortune in The 39 Clues, looking for your favourite Robert Munsch, or following Geronimo Stilton as he races across America, there is something for you at the book fair. All students will receive flyers from their teachers so that they can have a sneak peak at a few of the many titles. Don't forget to fill out the ballot for your chance to win \$25 in free books for you as well as your classroom! Ballots must be placed in the ballot box at the book fair by Friday night for your chance to win. Make reading part of your March Break. Get your favourite titles today, and help LPS earn books for our library! See you at the Library Resource Centre.

Also, we would like to say a big thanks to all of the families who so generously donated books and puzzles to the Library and our Games Room.

CAMPBELL'S LABELS:

We are still collecting Campbell's Labels. These include: Easy Cooking sauces, Chunky Soup, Chili and Ready to Enjoy soups, Prego Sauce, Habitant Soup, Condensed Soup (full label required), V8 beverages and soups, Gardennay, Campbell's Ready to use Broth, Pepperidge Farm Goldfish Crackers, and Pace Salsa. Please check our website at: www.labelsforeducation.ca for a complete listing of eligible products.

ECO NEWS

LaSalle Public is pursuing certification for Eco Schools again this year. Last year we earned Silver status. This year we are aiming for the prestigious Gold status. To achieve this high level, the Eco Team has been involved with various projects around the school. We just finished our school waste audit. This was a huge

school wide project but it did give us some very important information about our school waste.

After analyzing our waste, we discovered that a lot of food is being wasted. We found whole sandwiches, apples, puddings, and yogurts being thrown out. We even found unopened Lunchables! We suggest that parents talk to their children about what they eat at lunch and what they don't. This will save your family money!

We also found a lot of recyclables that were put in the garbage. The Eco Team is working very hard to change this by educating the staff and students about what can and what cannot be recycled. The Eco Team will continue to update you on the exciting projects that we will be doing in the spring. Stay Green!

SKIPPING NEWS

On Saturday, January 23rd, many of our skipping team members were able to attend a skipping workshop at Sandwich High School. The Essex Energizers ran the event and our members learned a whole variety of tricks. The highlight of the day was the double dutch skipping lesson. The skippers had lots of fun and this week, they brought what they learned to the other skippers. Six students were put in charge of leading a centre where they taught other skippers new tricks. The team is getting excited about the competition in April. Practices run every Tuesday and Thursday at lunch recess.

Mrs. Baetens, Mrs. Scheuerman

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Feb. 11 | Anti Bullying Training for new members |
| Feb. 12 | Red, Pink and White Day |
| Feb. 15 | Family Day |
| Feb. 17 | Food Day JK/SK – Gr. 4 |
| Feb. 18 | Food Day JK/SK – Gr. 4/5 - 8 |
| Feb. 22 | Kindergarten Registration begins |
| Feb. 24 | Open House for JK/SK registration |

Feb. 22	Kindergarten Registration ends
Feb. 26	PD Day. No classes for students
March 5	Kindergarten Registration ends
March 23	Report Cards go home