

THE LASALLE STORM



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

We have
BIG plans



for your
little one!

GREATER ESSEX COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Kindergarten Registration

In order for our Board to adequately prepare for the 2012-13 school year, we will begin accepting registrations for kindergarten programs **February 13-24**. LaSalle Public School will be providing **Full Day** programming.

Many of you reading this message are happily aware of the quality and scope of early year's education at LaSalle Public School. We are very proud of the staff, programs and resources available for our youngest learners. If you have a child at home preparing for school for the first time this fall, we look forward to seeing you in our office this month. Everything will be ready to make the process smooth and concise.

If you know parents with pre-schoolers, we would sincerely appreciate it if you would share with them your experience at *LaSalle Public School*. We believe that our kindergarten programs are unmatched anywhere and our students start building the foundation of a great education in our classrooms. Everyone will be able to see for themselves at our Open House, on Wednesday, February 15th at 5:30, that we do have "Big Plans for Your Little One."

Come to our Open House,

and “Explore & Discover” at LPS

Wednesday, February 15th at 5:30 p.m. to see for yourself.

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Sundowners Day Care Centre in LaSalle Public School is now accepting new registrations for the 2012-13 school year. For more information please call 519-966-9626.

The Sundowners' staff will be at the school until 6:00pm on the evening of the open house to answer any questions and to take information from new parents requesting to attend for the 2012-13 school year.

<p>REPORT CARDS GO HOME ON FEBRUARY 6 INTERVIEWS ON Feb. 9, 3:45 – 7:00</p>

SAFETY IS OUR PRIMARY CONCERN

Important Reminder re: Supervision before school.

There is no playground supervision until 8:25. Students should not be arriving before this time.

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. Please encourage your child if he/she walks to be on time as 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. We appreciate our parents who park in the designated areas and show patience when we are welcoming and dismissing our students. Safety is our primary concern!

ZEHRS TAPE WINNER

Our winner for January is McKenna Smith in 2G.

News from the LPS Library

We've decided to hold our second Scholastic Book Fair later this year. Rather than hosting it right before March Break, as we usually do, we thought we'd try mid-April instead. Stay tuned for more information in our next newsletter!

Take 5 Reading Program in Need of Extra Volunteers

Our school runs a wonderful program called "The Take Five Reading Program." This is a program where students who are developing their reading skills are given the opportunity to read with a parent every day. Students from Grades 1 and 2 are given five books to read, and they read these five books Monday through Friday. This helps to develop reading fluency and sight word recognition, and builds reading stamina. I would like to take the time to thank the **wonderful parents** who are volunteering this year. **Thank you to Mrs. Combres, Mrs. Wilkie, Mrs. Dupuis, Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Gray.** This program requires a commitment from parents to come to the school 1 day each week and read from 9:00 am until approximately 11:45 am with students.

Currently, we **need more parents** who can read on **Wednesdays, and Fridays**. If you are interested in joining us in this wonderful program, please complete the form below and return it to me at the school or feel free to call me at the school to let me know if you are available on any of these days.

Thank you for your support and all you do,

Mrs. Wismer

Yes, I am able to volunteer to read from 9:00 am - 11:45 am. Please check off a day that you are available. Thank you.

_____ Wednesday

_____ Thursday

_____ Friday

Parent name:

Phone number:

My child's name and Teacher : _____

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.

HOSPICE NEWS

A group of four grade 7 students, Abby White, Ben Langlois, Amy Fletcher and Adam Lassaline have put together a fundraiser for Hospice. Hospice is a place where very sick people go for the last couple of weeks of their lives. These students created a fundraiser called "Loonie License Day." This is where other students in the school bring in a dollar to get the privilege of wearing pajama bottoms or listening to music on their iPod or MP3 players. The Hospice team has raised \$680.00. Way to go LPS!

SKIPPING TEAM

The Skipping Team has begun practising and is beginning to prepare for the upcoming County Wide Competition on April 15th. Skippers have been working on speed skipping as well as a variety of tricks in order to develop routines. A few of the skippers will attend a workshop on February 4th and with the help of the coaches from the Essex Energizers, will learn new tricks to share with their team. We're looking forward to a great season!

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Mrs. Martin is desperately looking for **regular, weekly parent volunteers** to assist in shelving our beautiful and plentiful library books. This is one job where you can see you've made a difference right away! Please email her if you are interested, to martha_martin@gecdsb.on.ca and thanks!

News from 5RP

Karlie Moore and Sam Regnier of 5RP have created some cool book marks to sell to the students of LPS during Nutrition Break. All of the proceeds will go toward Exodus House. What a thoughtful way to spend some spare time!!

A Community presentation with speaker Mike Neuts is taking place on Thursday
February 23rd – 7pm @ The Caboto Club.
Public Welcome.

The event is adult-orientated and children are not recommended to attend.
“An inspirational message on hope, healing and the belief in change.”
In 1998, ten-year-old Myles Nuets died after he was found hanging from a hook in
his elementary school washroom, the victim of an act of bullying.

MITTENS FOR MICHELLE

Thanks to the generosity of our LPS Families, and the LaSalle Fitness Club, we
were able to send over 40 pairs of new mittens to both Begley and Benson Public
Schools. The students from these schools are often without such items in the cold
winter months. Thanks to everyone who supported this worthy initiative!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 6	Report Cards go home
Feb. 9	Parent Teacher Interviews 4:00 – 7:00 pm
Feb. 10	PD Day. No classes for students
Feb. 13	Kindergarten Registration begins Grad Pictures for 8B & 8MC
Feb. 14	Grad Pictures for 8M
Feb. 15	Open House for JK/SK registration 5:30 – 7:00 pm
Feb. 20	Family Day (No classes for students)
Feb. 24	Kindergarten Registration ends
Feb. 22	Food Day JK/SK – Gr. 4
Feb. 23	Food Day JK/SK – Gr. 4/5 – 8

March Break is the 12th -16th