

THE LOCKVIEW LINKLETTER



October 2019

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What a busy but exciting start to the school year! Our students have already demonstrated a dedication to learning, leadership qualities and a willingness to get involved and make Lockview School an excellent school and a place where students are trying to be a "person of excellence".

We are excited to share **Ms. Uguccioni** has been hired for our Grade 2/3 position until April when Mrs. Ceglie will return from her maternity leave. Also, we are very happy to have Mr. Elia (.50 LRT in the morning temporary and .25 prep in the p.m.) join our Leopard family.

Our **School Advisory Council's first meeting** of the year was on Thursday, September 24. We always welcome more parents/guardians to come to our next meeting. It is not too late to get involved! Meetings will be announced on the school website calendar, twitter, and school sign. A list of our executive members is included on the school website. One of the items we discussed was setting up the Remind App for the school to ensure our communication is open. This will be set up later this month.

The following information depicts the percentage of Grade 3 and 6 students at Lockview who are achieving at or above **the provincial standard in the EQAO testing in Reading, Writing and Mathematics** which was conducted in May and June 2019. In **Grade 3**: Reading 88%, Writing 84% and Math 77%. In **Grade 6**: Reading 86%, Writing 80% and Math 64%. Staff will be meeting on October 11 to develop plans of action to continue to improve student achievement. If you have any questions about the following EQAO summary, please do not hesitate to call Miss Findlay.

Education Quality and Accountability Office



Please continue to encourage your son/daughter to use **DreamBox** (now 1-5 math program that every school in the DSBN purchased for their students). It is an excellent program to help improve student success in math. DreamBox is to be completed by students themselves with no parent help.

A reminder is that we have to **complete 3 fire drills and 1 lockdown** in the fall. Please remember October has a Fire Prevention Week from October 6-12. This year's theme is "Not every hero wears a cape. Plan and Practice your Escape!". Fires can happen anywhere.

To be environmentally friendly and to keep communication our continued focus, **please refer regularly to our school website for up to date information**. Please be reminded that the **school calendar and "new Sport and Extracurricular Calendar" and monthly newsletters can be found on our website <http://lockview.dsbns.org>**. Families will receive a school messenger (telephone) message at the beginning of each month stating that the monthly newsletter is posted online. We understand that not all our families have access to a computer, so the office upon request, (please contact the office) will send a hard copy home.

We will be holding **Parent/Guardian-Teacher Interviews from Monday, November 11 to Thursday, November 14**. This year, families will be able to schedule your Parent/Guardian-Teacher interview online as you will be able to make an appointment. More information will be sent home later this month. **Progress Report cards go home on Thursday, November 7**.

If you have **any questions or concerns, please contact the office**. I pride myself on having an open door policy and we will continue to solve any problem/concern together. Because "You Matter at Lockview".

Achieving Success Together,
Miss R. Findlay, Principal

Events that are on the School Website Calendar for October

- 2 - Cross Country Meet and Grade 6 Trip to Walker Living Campus
- 4 - Family Night with the Niagara IceDogs
- 5 - World Teacher Day
- 6 - 12 Fire Prevention Week
- 8 - Gr. 7 & 8 to Walker Living Campus
- 9 - SK Fluoride and Vision
- 11 - P.A. Day (No School)
- 14 - Thanksgiving Day
- 18 - Picture Day and Pumpkin Fund-raiser
- 22 - School Advisory Council Meeting with special presentation about CAPP
- 24 - Dress in Purple to show Child Abuse Awareness
- 31 - Halloween



Teacher Meet and Greet

Thank you to all of our families who attended the Teacher Meet and Greet Night. The staff appreciated the chance to connect and get to know you! Thank you also to our Grade 8 volunteers who helped set up/clean up. Also, thank you for the support at our successful book fair. The Book Fair raised \$3353.30. We purchased new books for the library as well as each classroom received books.



School Photos

Picture day will be Friday, October 18.

Retakes will be Tuesday, November 5 in the afternoon.



NEW: Family Photo Night
(pets are invited)

Tuesday, Nov. 5 from 3 - 7 pm



Parking Lot Procedures

Our School Parking Lot can be an incredibly busy place in the morning when children arrive and in the afternoon when it's dismissal time. **Ensuring that no one gets hurt is always a primary concern of the school staff, but it requires everyone's cooperation.** Below are a few reminders that we need to follow in order to keep our parking lot safe.

Our **south parking lot (near Scott St.)** is our primary parking lot for visitors and parents/guardians picking up and dropping off students. Please ensure that you are **parked in a designated parking spot** to allow for a safe flow of traffic within our parking lot. To reduce parking lot congestion you might consider meeting your child on a side street such as Goldsmith or Rochelle.

We also have a **Kiss and Ride feature** which is a quick and safe drop off zone for our students. Please be courteous to other parents. Dropping off your child should only take a few seconds (**10 - 15 seconds at the most**). If you need to talk to your child's teacher, please park in the south parking lot.

New this year, is **convenient parking for 15 minutes maximum if visiting the office at the front of the school.** This will help families who are picking up children for appointments or dropping off items to the office. For everyone's safety, our staff will continue to supervise the south parking lot during entry and dismissal times. **Please respect their presence and guidance.** If everyone works together, we can make our pick up and drop off areas safe and more efficient.

A special thank you to Wayne Quirk at Remax Garden City Realty Inc. for donating the signs.



Visitors to the School

As a part of the Safe School Plan, all visitors to the school must report to the main office upon entry. If you are dropping off your child's lunch, homework, jacket, etc., please bring it to the office. As we try to keep disruptions to the class during instructional time to a minimum, we will call your child to the office at break time.

If you are in the school before or after bell times and wish to speak to your child's teacher, please report to the office first and the teacher will be paged to the office. There are times when teachers have meetings with other parents/guardians. We will do our best to help you connect!



LATE STUDENTS

If a student comes in late, the student will come to the office for an admit slip. **Admit slips will be issued to the student,** who will then make their way to class. If the student is in Kindergarten, an office staff member will walk him/her to class. This is part of our Safe School plan.

ALTERNATE ARRANGEMENTS

Plans for alternate arrangements for the end of the day should be written to your child's homeroom teacher in their agenda/communication book. Your child is dismissed from the classroom. Please refrain from calling the office unless it is an emergency. There are many days when it is difficult for all messages to reach students before dismissal time. **IF YOU CALL DURING BREAKS AND A STUDENT ANSWERS, PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE DISMISSAL MESSAGES WITH THE STUDENT.** If it is in the morning, please call back after 10:45 a.m., in the afternoon, please call back after 1:15 p.m..

Students and Cell Phones

Please be advised that students are not permitted to use their cell phones once they have entered the school. Students who do carry cell phones are required to keep them in their backpacks and/or lockers. We understand that there are days that there may be special circumstances and we ask the student to communicate with their teacher. Students who use their phones without teacher permission will be reminded about the school rules, and if

the student continues to forget to follow the rules will then have their phones taken away for the day. They will be able to pick them up at dismissal. If you need to contact your child during the day, please call the office, and we will make sure your child gets your message.



STUDENT SAFETY



Keeping our School Safe and Healthy

If you have a child with a Prevalent Medical Condition (Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes, and/or Epilepsy), we want to make sure we have a current Plan of Care to support your child.

All parents of children with Prevalent Medical Conditions are asked to fill out the Plan of Care and submit to the school.

You can download the forms here dsbn.org/prevalent-medical-conditions.

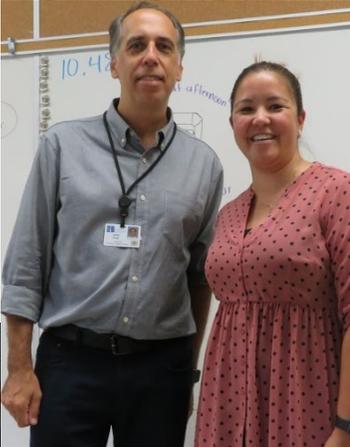
For more information, please contact the school.

NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION

New A revision for Lockview School regarding non-prescription medication. If your son/daughter requires **non-prescription medication** on our trip or at school (cough syrup, children's Tylenol, Gravol etc.), an **Authorization of Provision of Oral/ Topical Medication Form MUST be completed only by a PARENT**, (NOT by a DOCTOR). The form must be fully completed with details of name of medication, dosage to be given, when to be given etc. and **signed by a parent/guardian**.

Students are **not** to keep medication (except: EpiPen, asthma inhaler as according to the student's Plan of Care) in their backpacks, lunch bags, or lockers. All medication should be given to the classroom teacher or office and should be in the original container with the child's full name.

- * Ms. Ostrom and Mr. Elia,
- * Cross Country,
- * Rowan's Law Day,
- * Niagara IceDogs,
- * Winner from Book Fair draw,
- * Special Presentation about Orange Shirt Day



IMPORTANT ITEMS

Fire Prevention Week, October 6-12, 2019. This year's campaign recognizes the everyday people who motivate their households to develop and practice a home fire escape plan; these seemingly basic behaviors can have life-saving impact. Some tips for fire safety: 1) Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas. 2) Test smoke alarms every month. 3) Talk with all family members about a fire escape plan and practice the plan twice a year. 4) If a fire occurs in your home, GET OUT, STAY OUT and CALL FOR HELP. Please talk about Fire Safety in your home.

Not every hero wears a cape.
PLAN and PRACTICE your ESCAPE!
firepreventionweek.org



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School Cash Online

School Cash Online will be the method of payment and all permission forms for all orders and school activities this school year.

Please take the time to setup your account today!

You will be able to access the service by visiting our school website and clicking on "School Cash Online." There, you'll find more information about the system, links to registration and support. You can use School Cash Online with confidence; it is a safe and secure portal; and it only takes five minutes to register. Please note that School Cash Online offers instructions in various languages.

If you have any inquiries, please call the office and Ms. Allison and/or Ms. Stone will do their best to assist you. Thanks for your support.



October is Child Abuse Prevention Month and **Thursday, October 24, 2019 is Dress Purple Day**, a provincial day of action when students and staff are encouraged to wear purple and show your support for child abuse prevention. This year's message is "It Takes a Village to Keep Kids Safe #IBreak the Silence"



School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting in the library

Tuesday, October 22, 2019 starting at 6:30 p.m.

Special Presentation at 6:30 p.m.

**By the Niagara Region Sexual Assault Centre
about the education/ prevention program**

**Grade 2-6: Child Assault Prevention Program
and**

Grade 7 & 8: Youth Issues Prevention Program

All parents/guardians are welcome to attend.

**The school council meeting will begin
after the presentation.**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Calling all parents & caregivers

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER!

Join us for an evening of learning & FREE workshops!

Wed. November 6, 2019
4:00 to 8:15 pm at Eden High School
535 Lake Street, St. Catharines



Registration, Food & Child Care are FREE!

Register online at www.dsbns.org/pic
OR speak to someone in your school office for assistance

Early Bird Draw!
Register before October 2, 2019 and you could WIN \$500 of support for your School and School Council!

Parents Matter At DSBN

The DSBN Parent Involvement Committee invites you to join us for an evening of learning, sharing and networking with a focus on ideas for all DSBN parents, caregivers and School Councils.

Session Topics Include:

Mental Health, Special Education, Mathematics, Technology at School and Home, Transitions to Secondary & Post Secondary... and so much MORE!

4:00 - 5:15 Light Dinner and Educational & Community Agency Showcase
Cafeteria and Gym AB

5:15 - 5:25 Opening Remarks
Cafeteria

5:45 - 6:45 1st Session

6:45 - 7:15 Showcase and Refreshments
Gym AB and Cafeteria

7:15 - 8:15 2nd Session

Information about Child Care:

PRESCHOOL CHILDREN: Certified Early Childhood Educators will be available at Sven H. Dohnberg Centre. Enter the Eden High School parking lot (facing Lake St.), the child care centre is on the right.

SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN: Children will be supervised by qualified teachers in the Eden Gymnasium.

CHILD CARE IS AVAILABLE BY PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY AND WILL BE PROVIDED FROM 4PM TO 8:15PM. IT INCLUDES A LIGHT DINNER.

REGISTER ONLINE AT
www.dsbns.org/pic

DSBN Parent Involvement Committee
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Professional Development Day

There will be a professional development day on **Friday, October 11**. There will not be any classes for students on this day. There will also not be any classes on **Monday, October 14**, Thanksgiving Day. Have a safe and happy long weekend!



Pumpkin Fundraiser

Friday, October 18
Only \$5
From 11 - 5 p.m.
while supplies last!
Gr. 8 students are organizing.



Thank you to Mathnasium in St. Catharines for donating these pumpkins.

PALS are Back!

A new team of PALS (Playground Activity Leaders in Schools) has been formed for this school year. Grade 7 & 8 students are training and busy organizing upcoming events for all Lockview students. The goal of the Lockview PALS program is to promote leadership skills, active living, cooperation and school spirit. We look forward to an exciting year of activities and special events.



Halloween Hoot

Our PALS and some Grade 7 & 8 students will organize our annual Halloween Hoot activities on **October 31**. We are asking that students contribute non-perishable food items for our local Community Care.

Thank you for supporting Lockview's Terry Fox Run



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From the School Advisory Council

SCHOOL COUNCIL - Welcome to 2019-2020!

Welcome back Leopards! We had our first meeting of the School Advisory Council (formerly the TLC) on September 24 and we had an amazing turn out! Thank you to all the new faces who came out, it was great to see you and welcome you and we look forward to working with you this school year.

The minutes from our meeting will be posted onto the schools website for those who were unable to attend but wish to keep up to date on what the Council is doing.

The members of the council this year are as follows:

Chair - Trish Houtby

Vice-Chair - Ann Marie Zammit

Secretary - Debi Ramsay

Treasurer - Kerri Runcan

Bingo Co-Ordinator - Kelly Nickel



Our partnership with Delta Bingo will continue to be our primary form of fundraising. This is a beneficial partnership for Lockview. Currently, our zbingo balance is \$5388.65.

We are excited to announce that this year, teachers will be able to choose to bring in Scientists in the classroom or the Niagara Falls Art Gallery with the cost covered from the School Advisory Council funds raised through Delta Bingo.



**SCIENTISTS
IN SCHOOL**

Hot lunch items were discussed and this year, pizza will not be offered every week but more likely once a month. Alternate lunch options are being looked into at this time with the intention of a lunch option being provided once a week for purchase. Traditionally, we have not offered hot lunches until October.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. There will be a special presentation by Mrs. Christie from the Niagara Sexual Assault Centre for parents/guardians. Students in Grades 2 to 6 will be participating in the Child Assault Prevention Program (CAP Program). The CAP Program seeks to prevent child abuse by training children to recognize and deal with potentially dangerous situations and by preparing adults in the children's community to help children in this endeavor. The Youth Issues Prevention Program is offered for Grades 7 and 8. This program focuses on personal safety issues. We encourage you to come out to the meeting and hear about these topics.



Thank you to all of our families who attended our Teacher Meet and Greet Night.

