

October 14, 2025

Dear Parents,

We are writing to inform you about our Diwali celebrations taking place on **Monday, October 20, 2025**. There will be 4 learning and/or physical activity stations set up in the gym that all classes will participate in at some point in the day. The duration of the gym visit will be approximately 30 minutes.

One station is Henna. No child will be required to have henna designed on their hand. However, if they would like that, we will accommodate. That being said, some parents may not want this temporary design on their child's hand for the "several days" to as long as three weeks that it might last.

Henna comes off over time – the more it's washed, the more it will come off. Alternatively, the longer one goes without washing the top of it off, the longer it will last.

We will go with your child's request to have the henna or not. However, if you want to specifically override their request and NOT allow the henna, then you are requested to fill out a form at the following web address for EACH child that you DO NOT want to have henna. If you already filled out the form from the October newsletter on this topic, you are not required to fill it out again. The form must be filled out by Saturday, October 18, 2025.

<https://forms.gle/aC93fqpMwHGJYo6KA>

Sincerely,

Mr. B. Helland
Principal | Latimer Road Elementary