

Parent Newsletter

June 2018



Thank You

Another school year is quickly coming to a close. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your continued support. It takes team work; staff and parents working together, to ensure our students are receiving the best possible elementary school experience.

Staff Changes

Every year we must say goodbye to a number of staff. We thank them for their important contribution to Latimer Road and wish them every successes as they move on to other positions!

Teachers

EA/ABA

Ms. Gill

Ms. Carreira

Mrs. Kariya

Mrs. Roth

Ms. Colby

Ms. Nelson

Ms. Nadasdi

Mrs. Cuadra

Ms. Saini

Ms. Schelp

Ms. Jeram

Ms. Saraf

Mr. Spetifore

Ms. Joshi

Ms. Wheaton

Ms. Antunes

Divided recess

Latimer Road student body continues to grow and grow. We will have numerous portables placed on our gravel field before the end of the month and into the summer. This means less playground area for the students. In the fall we will be dividing the recess and lunch hours so students will have enough play space and to support our ability to supervise students. I have attached the new schedule.

Tennis

Tennis lessons were a hit this year so we have booked the series of 4 lessons (in-school time) for all gr. 2 through 7 students in February 2019. The cost will be \$8 per student.

Zumba

We are pleased to be able to offer ZUMBA to all students at Latimer Road. This will be offered at no cost and take place on June 19, 20 and 25.

Cross Country Team for Sept

It has been several years since Latimer has provided the opportunity for students to participate in a Cross Country Running Team. It is a short season and begins very early in the school year. To be able to offer this, it is essential that we have enough parent drivers who can commit for all 4 weeks to drive students to and from the event. I will provide the dates and times very early in the school year but wanted to let parents know this event can only take place if we have enough drivers.

Raising Digitally Responsible Youth

We continue to have challenges with students appropriately using of digital technology. Please note that in September, phones will be collected at the start of each day by the classroom teacher and stored in a locked cabinet until the end of the school day. Teachers may choose to let students use the phones for specific assignments (at the teacher's discretion).

We would like to encourage you to check your son/daughter's phone regularly to ensure text messages are appropriate (we have had numerous situations arise between students who are being threatening, rude and/or disrespectful to each other). Additionally, please keep an eye on social media activity. We need your help in keeping students free from harassment/inappropriate comments.

Student Medication

If your child has any medication at the school, please come and collect it no later than Wednesday, June 27. Thank you.

Get Caught Reading

Now that it is almost summer, please remember the importance of summer reading! If students do not read on a daily basis, they can lose a lot of the reading skills they learned over the year! That is why students want to "GET CAUGHT READING" this summer. Take pictures of your child reading this summer wherever you are – on vacation, at the beach, in your car – the crazier the better! Choose one or two of your favorite photos and have your son/daughter bring them to school in September (be sure to label the picture with your name and where the photo was taken). We will create a bulletin board to post all the fun pictures!

** Be sure to read the attached PDF on SUMMER READING!

Reminders

Friday, June 22 is SPORTS DAY. It looks like the weather is going to be hot so please be sure to have your son/daughter bring a hat and sunscreen!

Thursday, June 28 is the last day of school. Please remember it is EARLY DISMISSAL and students will need to be picked up at 1:30 PM.

WISHING EVERYONE A SAFE AND FUNFILLED SUMMER> SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!