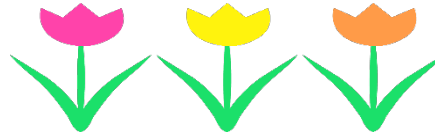


PARENT NEWSLETTER

March 2019



Student Led Conferences

Mark your calendars! The spring reporting season is soon approaching. Wednesday March 13 is early dismissal @ 1:30PM. This provides some extra time for you to connect with your child's teacher around their learning. The Student Led Conferences give students an opportunity to showcase their work. Please check with your child's teacher to get more information on the exact times and the format they are using (there may be a variance between teachers/divisions).

"Food for Thought" – from a parent

Can I make a kind request that the school consider a no-candy rule for the school and advise the parents to cooperate with sending healthier snack choices to school for the kids?

Many other schools have such a policy. I think it's time for Latimer to follow suit. I'm very tired of sending our kids to school with healthier food choices, only to have them given sugary candy daily from their friends.

There are so many reasons to eliminate or reduce sugar from the kids diets - Especially health and behavioural.

There would be an immediate improvement and benefit for the kids and the teachers with such a policy.

There are a lot of creative healthy low/natural/non-sugar snack options avail.

Student Absences

Gentle reminder – please call in to the office if your child is going to be away. This will save our secretary hours of work as she must call every home when a student does not show up and no parent has called in the absence.

Angry Neighbors

We all know how busy it gets around the school at the end of the day! I have had a few visits by a neighbor (192 and 60B) who is complaining that parents are parking in his driveway. Please know this is private property and you run the risk of having your car ticketed and/or towed.

Internet Safety

I want to ensure you are aware of an Internet-safety issue that has recently surfaced. You may also soon see news media reports about something called the "Momo challenge". The challenge invites users on social media platforms to message an account called "Momo". The account may then send disturbing images and instructions for self-harm, as well as threats if the instructions aren't followed. It also warns not to discuss the challenge with adults. The challenge may also involve messages hidden in seemingly child-friendly games and videos.

Parents should have a conversation with children about safe Internet use and the risks associated with any "challenges".

Below are links to a district brochure that may assist you.

Internet Safety brochure (English):

<https://www.surreyschools.ca/ParentServices/ParentInfoBrochures/Documents/InternetSafety-English.pdf>

Another perspective

<https://twitter.com/l/moments/1101110123496435714?cn=ZmxleGlibGVfcmVjcw==&refsrc=email>

Please note that each gr 2-7 class has been spoken to as many students have begun to report their fears around “Momo” and that we have asked that students refrain from any discussion around “Momo” at school; either in class or outside. If they have questions, they are to direct them to their parents.

Changing Schools?

Preparations begin early for next year. If you happen to know that your child will not be attending Latimer next year, please let the office know at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Basketball Season

A very successful basketball season is finishing up. Both the Latimer Road Boys and Girls’ Teams represented our school with skill and sportsmanship throughout the season and at the Play Day. A special thank you to our volunteer coaches; Joanne Bueno, Kate Spencer, Alana Westerhof and Adelaine Uchida-Hicks. Without the support of our staff who dedicate numerous volunteer hours we would not be able to host these extra-curricular activities.

Quote of the Month

In short, the habits we form from childhood make no small difference, but rather, they make all the difference!

Aristotle