

Principal's Message ~ October 23rd – 27th, 2023

This Week at Lord Tweedsmuir

Thursday October 26th, 2023

Good morning Panthers!

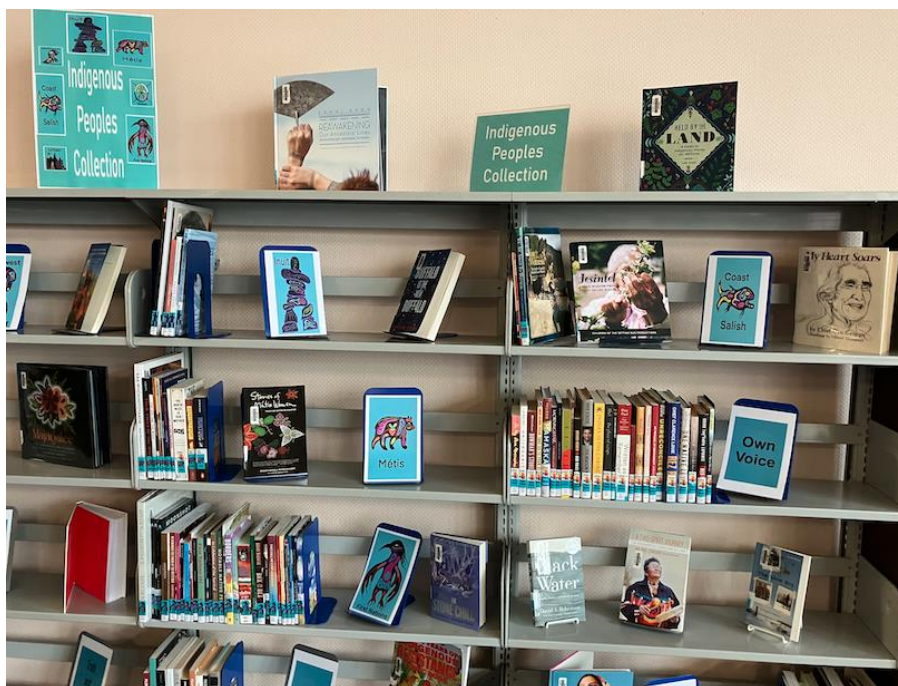
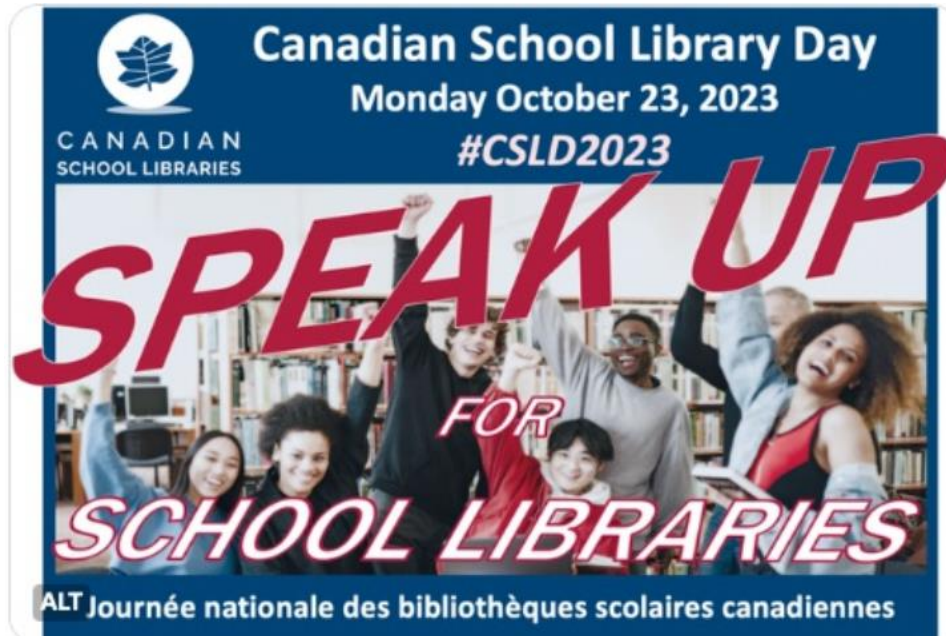
It is Spirit Week at Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary and our students and staff have been enjoying the chance to celebrate the Autumn season and our LTS community. On Tuesday, I've never seen so much flannel in one place! 😊 Thank you to our Student Council for your creativity in sponsoring the week.



It has also been Latin America week at the school with special Latin items on our Cafeteria Lunch menu, Zumba Dancing, a photobooth and Pinata fun. The week was sponsored by our school's Anti-Racism club. Great thanks for your work in celebrating all cultures within the Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary family.



On Monday, it was Canadian School Library Day. We are very fortunate to be able to learn within a beautiful, engaging and current library. I'd like to thank Teacher-Librarian Mr. Sexton for your leadership and encourage all students and staff to take advantage of this powerful learning space. Our recently curated Indigenous collection is an excellent resource for our community.



On Monday, our school's Staff Committee met to discuss our X-block course applications for next school year, our Emergency Preparedness Week and our Core Competency review. All were important conversations and helped us debrief and begin planning for future events. Staff are reminded that you are welcome to attend Staff Committee meetings. The feedback and discussion are a valuable part of our school's operation.

On Tuesday, the skies parted and the rain fell! It was a chilly, dark and very damp day and evening. With this, we were especially pleased to see a solid turnout of parents/guardians for our Grade 8-9 Parent Information Evening. We had the opportunity to review the broad goals of the school, systems of support, orientation and the new Ministry Reporting order. It was an informative evening and a valuable opportunity to establish connections and partnership with our parent community.



Today our school's Technology Advisory Committee had the opportunity to hold our first meeting of the year. The use of technology within our school and across the educational system is such a dynamic and important aspect of how we work and learn. Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary will continue to make very careful and deliberate decisions regarding technology implementation and consider how we can best support the learning environment for both students and staff. Thank you to Mr. Swaddling and members of the committee for your input and guidance.

This evening is our first Music Concert of the 23/24 school year. Our Music students have been working very hard with extra rehearsals and are very excited to showcase their talent and dedication to family and friends. The evening promises to be a very special celebration of music and our Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary Music program.

Our Health and Safety Committee is meeting tomorrow ... this is another very important structure within our school system. The creation of a safe, caring and welcoming school community is our first priority. With this, amazing success happens at Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary every day.

Have a happy Friday and a safe and enjoyable weekend. See you on Monday!

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Traffic Safety





Traffic safety around Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary is a critical priority for our community. With increased enrollment, the number of vehicles navigating around and within our school grounds also increases. It is essential that all drivers are very cautious while driving near the school and are aware of the many student pedestrians who are nearby.

All students and parents/guardians are requested to consider the following:

- If possible, students - please walk and/or bike to school. Fewer vehicles attempting to drop off and/or pick up students will be very helpful.
- Consider dropping off/picking up 2-3 blocks away from the school and avoid the traffic congestion around the school.
- Consider drop-off/pick up earlier and/or later in the morning/afternoons to avoid peak traffic times.

Thank you for your help in protecting the safety of our students.