

May 14, 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you well. As we enter the “home stretch” of the school year, I would like to thank you all for your patience and encouragement. It has not been an easy year for anyone, yourselves included, but by working together we have managed to provide a safe and successful learning environment for the children. I would just like to update you on a few items and relay some important reminders.

Covid at LES: As you all received a letter last week informing you that there had been a case of Covid at our school, I want to reassure you that it would appear that it has not spread, as we have not been notified of any additional cases. Since our return in August, the staff has been going over and above to put measures in place to ensure that this doesn't happen and so far (fingers crossed) it is working. Please continue to encourage your children to wash their hands regularly and to wear their masks as per Public Health Guidelines. It is important to also understand that when there is a case of Covid, Public Health is responsible for investigating and making decisions regarding the students affected. As principal of the school, I must follow their directives.

Arrival and Dismissal: Please remember that when dropping off your children or picking them up in the afternoon, a two-meter distance must be maintained between you and other adults and children. For this reason, we ask that you don't crowd around the opening to the gate so that the children can enter and exit safely. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Snow Day Make up Day: Please note that next Friday, May 21st is now a regular school day for all students due to the snow day earlier on in the year.

Kindergarten and Grade 6 Graduation:

Given the restrictions placed on us in relation to Covid-19, we are unable to hold events involving large groups of people. That being said, we are currently trying to find ways to celebrate our graduates (both Kindergarten and Grade 6) and will be sending out information regarding these events as soon as we have all the details. We understand that these are very special milestones for the students and want to do our best to honor them in a way that they deserve.

School Fees: Thank you to everyone who has contacted us to make a payment plan or who have paid their fees. If you have not done so already, please call us as soon as possible. Unpaid fees are sent to a collection agency at the end of the school year and we would prefer not to have to go this route, as everyone loses out.

End of year Trips and Activities: Public Health has provided us with very strict guidelines that must be respected in the event that we choose to hold activities off school property. Please know that we will adhere to these protocols so as not to put your child(ren) at risk. The teachers have planned some fun activities both at school and “in nature” to celebrate the children's hard work throughout the year. While not everyone, will be attending the same events, please rest assured that there will be something for everyone and their teachers will be informing you of these events soon.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have questions or concerns about the content of this newsletter.

Sincerely,

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