



LYDIA TRULL P.S.

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Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that we are already into the last two months of this school year. With all the spring activities, trips, and events, the time seems to fly even faster!

We will soon start to consider class organization for the next school year. We take this process very seriously, and look to balance all classes in terms of academic, behavioural, gender, social, and friendship groupings. We welcome parental input into class placements for your students. This does not mean you can select your teacher, however, if you have some concerns regarding academic, behavioural, or social issues of your child, you are welcome to contribute to our understanding.

You may provide information for us regarding:

- Friendship grouping
- Instructional style
- Avoidance of conflict situations
- Awareness of medical concerns

We will **not** accept requests for:

- A particular teacher
- Straight vs. combined grade
- Location of classroom

Please let the office know by the end of May, in writing, your observations and requests for placement. Letters and requests are NOT saved year over year, so if you have submitted information last year, you MUST SUBMIT AGAIN. Remember, this does not guarantee a particular teacher or classroom, but provides us with further insight to help us sort groups of students appropriately.

In addition to your input, we will also be asking our students for input. In May, students in every grade/class will be invited to provide a list of five students with whom they might like to be placed in the next year. We will try our best that at least one of those mentioned on the list will be in the class together. Encourage your child to think carefully about whom to include.

The teacher's name and location of next year's class will be noted on the June report card. On the last day or second last day of school (still to be determined), we are going to take some time to let students go to their next year's class in order to meet the teacher (if possible), and see who else is in their class.

Our goal is to appropriately place students where they can have maximum success. By seeing their classmates, new room location, and teacher at the end of June, our hope is that we reduce anxiety heading into the summer months. If you have any questions about this process, please feel free to contact the office.

Cheryl Fowler

Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

Please visit our website for dates

EQAO

Each spring, Grade 3 and 6 classes throughout Ontario will complete a common test, assessing reading, writing and mathematics skills that students are expected to have learned by the end of Grade 3 and Grade 6. The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) create these assessments each year. We examine the data from these tests, along with data from other areas such as report cards to identify strategies to improve student achievement.

For parents of our students in Grade 3 and 6, please be advised that our EQAO assessment times will be in the first instructional block (9am – 11am) every day May 23 to May 31 inclusive. Rarely will the assessment take an entire 2 hours, however, we have set aside this time. Please have Gr. 3 and 6 students to school on time and consider making any appointments in the afternoon. When students are absent during the EQAO session, we are obligated to “catch them up” and it may mean your student misses a subject later in the day in order to complete an EQAO assessment. Thank you for your consideration. For further information about EQAO assessments or to find out more about the process please go to the EQAO website: www.eqao.com and click on the orange “Parent” resource link located at the bottom of the screen or go to: <http://www.eqao.com/en/assessments/Pages/parents.aspx>

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION/ ORIENTATION

Registration is now underway for Kindergarten! If you know of any families who have recently moved into the area, please let them know! In fact, our Kindergarten Orientation evening is happening on Thursday May 10 at 6:00 for those who have already preregistered.

CONSTRUCTION AT LYDIA TRULL

Many of you have noticed the fenced off area and large containers at the back of the school building. Our elevator is getting replaced! This is a four-month project and involves a number of precise steps. The first step is demolition of the previous elevator and shaft. Inside the school, the area under construction has also been walled off for safety purposes. We have asked the students to stay away from the fenced area outside so that the workers can work uninterrupted. We have been warned that it will be very noisy at times, so if students come home and tell you about the loud banging, you'll know that it is our construction project. In the meantime, it is important for you to know that without an elevator, classrooms upstairs are inaccessible. Students with temporary injuries involving crutches will be reassigned a space downstairs and work will be brought down for them. Yes, this is inconvenient, but we are optimistic that the project will be completed by school start-up in September!

CURRENT STUDENT INFORMATION

It is imperative that the school always has current student information for both attendance and safety reasons. Please notify the office should you have any address, phone, or emergency contact information changes. If you would like to add contacts, please send an email to: LydiaTrullPS@kprdsb.ca

BIKES, SCOOTERS AND SKATEBOARDS

Warm weather is upon us and bicycle, scooter and skateboard riding is again a viable option. Students are reminded to dismount at the edge of school property and walk their bike, scooter or skateboard to the racks where they should be locking them up. Please be reminded that bike helmets for elementary school-aged children are a requirement of Ontario law. Riding is a healthy alternative to walking, but must be done in a safe manner. Students not riding safely and politely (e.g. riding on school property) will be denied the privilege of bringing their equipment to school. The school is not responsible for stolen equipment. Students are strongly encouraged to use locks.

GRADE 8 GRADUATION CEREMONY

Our graduation ceremony will take place on Monday June 25th at Lydia Trull P.S. Please be sure that you set this date aside if you have a student graduating this year. Each family will be receiving 8 tickets with their invitation shortly

LATE STUDENTS

Students dropped off after the front doors are locked at 9:00 a.m. are considered late and must report to the office for a late slip. We suggest that if you drive your child/ren and arrive at the bell, please drop them off closest to their entry door and have them proceed into the school with their classmates.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR MAY 9 - 11

Scholastic is coming to Lydia Trull! Book Fair preview will take place for students on Wednesday, May 9th. It will be open from 6:00pm – 7:00pm on Thursday May 10th for Kindergarten Orientation. Students will have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair with their class on May 10th. Parents are welcome to stop by before school as well. We will be open from 8:30 – 9:00 am on May 10th and 11th. Last minute shopping will be available on May 11th from 8:30-12:00.

ARE YOU MOVING?

If you are moving and your children will be attending another school, please notify the office by phone at: 905-438-9648 or email LydiaTrullPS@kprdsb.ca

SCENT SAFE ZONE

**Help us keep the air we share
healthy and fragrance-free**

**PLEASE DO NOT WEAR
perfume, cologne, aftershave
and other scented products.**

