



WEEKLY DRAGON TALES

January 7, 2024

Living the Langdon LAIR life

Happy New Year Langdon school families!

Coming back from vacation can be tough. In addition to family and friend time, the slow mornings are one of the things I am most grateful for during breaks. I am not the type of person to make New Year's resolutions per se, but I do treat the calendar change as a time to reflect. I wanted to take this chance to say thank you to everyone who makes Langdon School a place I look forward to coming to each day. I consider myself lucky to work with caring colleagues, wonderful students and you, our supportive family members. Every so often I look back on my 20 years in education, and I marvel at how in one day I can experience every emotion imaginable. But the one thing that doesn't change, is the joy I have every time a student calls out my name, excited to be at school. At the beginning of every school year, I always ask colleagues and parents to seek to understand and assume best intentions. We are all here for the same purpose - to support kids and help them grow. Just as children thrive in positive, loving homes, the same is true at school. We are all a team and I can't wait to see all the amazing things that transpire as we begin 2025.

Coming up:

Jan. 6 – First day back
Jan. 13 – Society meeting
6:30pm
Jan. 15 – School Council
meeting 6:30pm

We will continue with our PBIS (Positive Behaviour Intervention Supports) starting with re-teaching expectations. Sometimes these can be a bit fuzzy after 2 weeks off! Staff will remind/re-teach LAIR expectations especially the first few days back, including hallway behaviours, cell phone expectations, recess behaviour, safety in the gym, and so on. Excitement or exhaustion certainly contributed to a lapse before the break. Safety is the number one priority and the hands-on behaviour, (especially common with the junior high boys) is not okay at school. This includes shoving, stealing hats, tripping, "dunking", knocking things off desks, throwing objects. You get the idea. I anticipate this will be less of an issue going forward. Overall, I am very proud of the kind and considerate students we have at our school.

On behalf of our school, I want to give a huge thanks to our Langdon Society, chaired by Brandi-Lee Mouck. Volunteers from our school community gave up their time on Dec. 30 and 31st to run a successful casino fundraiser. This was not a small endeavor, and the board worked until the last minute to get slots filled. Thank you so much to the following family members, staff, community members who generously gave their time:

Holly Galambos

Brenda De La Mare

Carla Ramsay

Ainsley Paul (yes, the one and only Ms. Paul!)

Jackie Caza (we love Jackie!)

Shawna Weir-Murphy

Joanna Young

Erin Baigent

Jolene Fieber

Launa Austin

Kristie Freimark

Tara-Lee Goerlitz

Troy Fredeen

Uduak Nkanga-Godwin

Sara Roth

Chantelle Everett

Jenn Olsen

Terri McNamara

Tamara Ulanicki

Kevin Casement

Jeff Molinelli

+ all of the volunteers who signed up from the city and trekked to the casino in the snow and cold to help out!

We are excited to welcome Ms. Auburn back tomorrow from her leave. Langdon School and Horseshoe Crossing missed her! We were very fortunate to have Mr. Schmid fill in and end his week with a fantastic winter concert before the holiday. We are also welcoming a new staff member, Ashwaq Elrafie, who will join learning support as a learning assistant. Welcome to the team!

Don't forget you can visit our website anytime to find information such as updates, hot lunch info, past newsletters, contact information and so on.

I hope everyone enjoyed some time off for some fun and some rest.
Have a wonderful week!

Shannon Storey