

Linklater Public School

October 2017

Dates to Remember

Oct 10
Parent Council Meeting @ 6:30

Oct 11
Cross Country Meet @ Beverley Park - Delta

Oct 13
Pizza

Oct 16
Jr. Girls soccer tournament @

Oct 17
Jr. Boys soccer tournament @ RDHS

Oct 19
UC Cup Cross Country Meet - Brockville

Oct 20
Pizza

Oct 24
Picture retake day

Oct 26
Pizza

Oct 27
P.A. Day

School Council News

Our first School Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, Oct. 10th at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome. Please consider joining our meetings!



A Message from the Principal....

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

A Review of our Healthy Food and Party Policy

Linklater is continuing as we have for the last few year, with our Healthy Food policy. The purpose of this policy is to promote healthy eating among students and staff, and to keep students with health issues (ex. food allergies, diabetes) safe.

Classroom teachers who wish to have food-related celebrations will inform parents in advance of the event. The notice will indicate the menu and will request food donations from students, if necessary. This will avoid duplication of food items (especially too many unhealthy treats) and allow parents of students with health issues time to decide how their child will participate. Your child's teacher will also inform you of any food allergies in your child's class and necessary precautions to take. **Food which is not requested by your child's teacher will be sent home so please do not show up to the class with birthday cupcakes for example.**

At Linklater, we encourage healthy eating. Often children are given an excess of junk food on special occasions. There are many other ways to celebrate! If you enjoy sending treats for each student in your child's class on holidays, please consider non-food alternatives (ex. stickers, pencils, crafts).

We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Safe and Accepting School Committee

On September 29th, the Linklater Safe and Accepting School Committee met to discuss how we continue to keep your children safe and feeling safe. This committee is made up of one Parent Council Member (Rebecca Watson), a Gananoque Police representative (Constable T. Weston), A teacher (Mrs. Pomeroy), an Educational Assistant (Mrs. Crowe), a grade 6 student (Maya Watson) and me, the Principal. Each School in the UCDSB is required to have a Safe and Accepting School Team. On our Agenda we reviewed our Bullying Prevention Program (WITS); our yard supervision; Zones of Regulation; our Police involvement (DARE, Bike Safety) and our safety drills. I encourage you read the Kids Corner where two of our students review the WITS program and how it makes them feel safe. I also have a few WITS posters available to parents who request one. Some parents have really liked the language and want to be a part of how to help their child deal with difficult people. If you wish one to post at home, contact the office and I can send one your way.

Over the next few weeks you will be hearing your child say that they practiced Fire drills and Lockdowns. It is mandated by the province that the we do six Fire Drills (three in the Spring and three in the Fall) and two Lockdown Drills a year. We do these drills to ensure that in the event of a real fire or threat, our students would know exactly what to do to keep themselves safe. We are grateful to our Gananoque Fire Department who is always there to advise if we need them and to our Gananoque Police Department who oversee our Lockdown Drills and help our students and staff feel secure. Keeping your child safe is always our number one concern and we will endeavor to do all that we can in this area.

LINKLATER STUDENTS PRESENT.....

KID'S CORNER

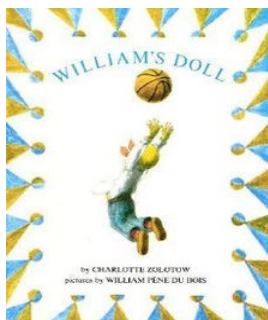
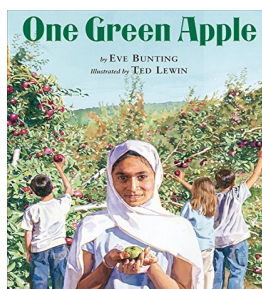


Check out these books from our Parent Lending Library. Thank you to grade 6 students Maya and Noa for the glowing reviews!

One Green Apple by Eve Bunting

Review by: Noa McOnie

This is a great book about a Muslim Immigrant girl named Farah. She moved to a new Western country and went to a new school where nobody speaks her language. She makes new friends for life. I love this book because it shows how somebody can feel so lost then make new friends for life in a new country.



William's Doll by Charlotte Zolotow

Reviewed by: Maya Watson

William's Doll is about a boy who really wants a doll, but his father gets him a basketball instead and his brother calls him a creep. This book teaches your child to not discourage other children who like other things. It also teaches children to embrace changes and differences.

W I T S

A students perspective about Linklater's WITS Program.....

W.I.T.S. are important for kids to understand how to stand up for themselves. WITS stands for Walk Away, Ignore, Talk it Out, and Seek Help. I've asked kids what they think about WITS. "WITS helps me take care of bullies and makes me feel safe. It's important to know how to use your WITS." - By: Noa McOnie



Linklater Hosts it's First Annual Linklater Landon Bay Cross Country Meet!

By: Ava Chubb

We had our first annual Linklater Landon Bay Cross Country Meet this year and it was awesome! Our School performed really well. We got to run real cross country through the woods and there were lots of challenges. We had to run uphill most of the way and navigate through lots of tree roots. It was a very hard course but I loved running it. I love running and it makes me very happy with the wind at my back and the soft ground under my feet. Everybody set a goal and persevered through the challenging course to accomplish it. From fantastic teachers and volunteers who made this all happen, to the wonderful course, to the amazing sportsmanship, it was a terrific meet!

Do you have a question or comment for our Trustee?

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Don't forget
Tuesday, October
24th is Picture
Retake Day!



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OR
NUT PRODUCTS**