

# Linklater Public School

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## Dates to Remember

September 11-17  
Tim Horton's  
Smile Cookie  
Campaign

September 19  
Picture Day

September 20  
Meet the Teacher  
Open House  
5:30—6:30

September 21  
Gr. 3/4 Boys & girls  
Soccer Tournament  
in Mallorytown

September 26  
Cross Country  
Meet @ R.D.H.S.  
Rain date—Sept 27

September 30  
Terry Fox Walk

Do you have a  
question or comment  
for our Trustee?

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**WELCOME BACK!**

**SEPTEMBER 2017**

## *Please Join Us.....*

On Wednesday, September 20, from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm we will be holding a Meet the Teacher Open House. Please come and meet your child's teacher, then make your way upstairs to our Learning Commons where you can enjoy a cupcake. Mrs. Clow, our Learning Commons Informationist will be on hand to discuss the vision for our Learning Commons.



## *From the Office.....*

A very IMPORTANT package went home with your child on Thursday, Sept. 7th. It contained the following items:

1. Student Verification Form
2. Acceptable Use Agreement (gr. 1-6 only)
3. On-Going Excursion permission form
4. Appendix F ~ Parent Sport Risk Consent Form
5. Breakfast Club Consent Form

**Important Information**

Please review all forms, make any necessary changes, sign all forms and return them to the school as soon as possible.

*\* The Student Media Release Consent form remains active on your child's file until it is replaced by the most recently signed form. Therefore it is not included in the forms that were sent home. If you have any changes to your child's Media Release please contact the office.*

**Please note: The Student Verification Form must be signed and returned regardless of whether there are changes or not.**

**Deadline:** Thursday, September 14th

## A few reminders as we start a new school year.

**Attendance:** Regular attendance without tardiness is a key component to a successful school experience.

In accordance with the U.C.D.S.B's Safe Arrival Policy the school is required to phone home, work or cell numbers, emergency contacts and, as a last resort, the local Police Department to contact parents/guardians for any unexplained absences. To assist the staff at Linklater in ensuring student safety **parents are requested to telephone the school if their child/children will be absent or late.**

**Changes to your Transportation Plan:** If you plan to pick up your child that normally rides the bus, please send a **written note** to your child's teacher. Do not rely on your child to tell us this information, because children often become confused and relay information incorrectly. If no written note or phone call is received, your child will be sent home by his/her usual method of transportation. Please let us know as early as possible if alternate arrangements for transportation are necessary for your child on any given day.



**For bus information such as:** Stop locations, bus cancellations or delays, safety, guidelines, and much more please visit the Student Transportation of Eastern Ontario website at [www.steo.ca](http://www.steo.ca) or call 1-855-925-0022.

## What's for Lunch ??



**Litterless Lunch and Snacks:** In keeping with Linklater's initiative to help the environment, our school will strive to reduce the amount of garbage it produces. All students and staff are encouraged to use re-usable/recyclable containers for food items.

**Milk and Hot Lunch:** White or chocolate milk can be purchased for 75 ¢. Milk and pizza are purchased on a monthly basis. Please make cheques payable to Linklater Public School or pay by cash. Exact change is required. **Our milk and hot lunch program will begin the week of October 2.**



**Snacks:** Your child will need a nutritious snack for morning and afternoon snack breaks. Please remember that fresh fruit and vegetables are highly nutritious and taste great, too!

## ALERT! Linklater is a Peanut/Nut-Free School

We would like to remind you that our school has students and/or staff with peanut allergies. We kindly ask that you **do not** send products that contain peanuts/tree nuts. There are food suppliers who are marketing peanut-free products that look, taste, and smell like peanut butter. These peanut butter substitute products can cause confusion and create an unsafe environment for our students and staff that are peanut anaphylactic. **Therefore, due to the difficulty in differentiating between peanut butter and a peanut butter substitute, we do not allow these products in our school.**

We thank you for your support in keeping a safe environment for all.



## Drop off Procedures

Please note that the Main Entrance is the door located inside the school yard, beside the office. For safety reasons please do not drop your child off at the North St. entrance by the staff parking lot. This is a safety issue as the lot is very small and can easily become congested with cars and people.

Please be advised that there is no supervision on our yard until 8:20 AM. Students should not be arriving to play on the yard before 8:20 unless they are supervised by parents. Students who go to the Breakfast Club should arrive at 8:10.

In the winter, before 8:20 there could be plows or sanders on the yard and at any time of the year, students could injure themselves without having any adult with them. School begins at 8:30 and students should strive to be here as close to 8:30 as possible. If you are unable to supervise your child before 8:20, please contact the school office and we can give you information on Before School Care which is available at Linklater through the Breakfast Club (8:10) or through the Thousand Islands Daycare (613-382-2654).

## Linklater Presents: The 2016-2017 Staff !!



Mrs. Melvin-Long Mrs. Nash	Principal Office Admin.	Mrs. Pomeroy	L.R.T.
Mr. Micallef Mr. Pos	Custodian Custodian	Mrs. Latchmore Mrs. Currie	Kindergarten Kindergarten
Mrs. Brooks Mrs. Carswell Mrs. Crowe Mrs. Pilon Mrs. Thompson Mrs. Woods	E.A. E.A. E.A. E.A. E.A. E.A.	Mrs. Anderson Mrs. McFarland Ms. Witzke Mrs. Glover Mrs. Tamblyn Mr. Duncan Mr. Kellar Mrs. Swann	Gr. 1/2 Gr. 2 Gr. 3 Gr. 3/4 Gr. 4/5 Gr. 5/6 Gr. 5/6
Ms. Brown	E.C.E.	Mrs. Clow Mrs. McAllister	L.C.I. (Library) Financial Assistant



**Say Cheese! It's Picture Day!**

**Tuesday, Sept. 19th**

Retakes: Tuesday, Oct. 24th

## BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS!

Linklater Breakfast Club is looking for caring individuals to volunteer once a week to assist in serving a nutritious breakfast to some of our students.

If you or someone you know are interested in this worthwhile program please contact Marilyn at 613-463-9364



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## Music Lessons Anyone?

Carol Kenny will be once again offering Piano and Vocal lessons. If you are interested please contact Carol at 613-572-3000 for more information.



## Smile Cookies are back at Tim Horton's!

From September 11 to September 17 please consider purchasing a Smile Cookie

SMILE  
COOKIE  
\$1.00  
plus tax



Get a smile, to give a smile.  
All proceeds will be donated  
back into our community.

A participating measure for a limited time. ©The Hershey Co.

### From our School Council.....

WELCOME BACK!



We hope that everyone had a fantastic summer with their family and friends.

Mark your calendars! The first School Council meeting is on Tuesday, October 10th at 6:30 pm in the staffroom.

**Everyone is welcome. Please consider joining us!**

## The WITS Program at Linklater!



Again this year Linklater PS will follow the WITS program, which is a problem solving approach to resolve peer conflicts. This program brings together schools, families and communities to create responsive environments that help elementary school children deal with bullying and peer victimization. The program uses literature, integrated with provincial learning objectives, to bring the WITS message into schools. It helps to teach children to make safe and positive choices when faced with peer conflict.

**W**alk away, **I**gnore, **T**alk it out, and **S**eeK help are the strategies the WITS acronym reminds us about when dealing with conflict.

Although the WITS Program starts at school, parents have an important role to play. Talking about WITS at home teaches children to apply these strategies beyond the school walls.

