



MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS

November was another a busy month at LCNS! Our fall neighbourhood walks, though grey, wet, and cold, were a wonderful chance for the children to discover a little more about our community. Thanks to the parents and grandparents who accompanied us. We'll head back to Lakeshore Optimist Park for another walk in the coming months to observe what changes the winter season will have made.

This month we noticed that the children have sustained a high interest in cars. Initially, we set out a steering wheel and chairs and observed lots of "driving". Adding props like tires and tools, and supporting play with vocabulary, personal stories and picture books helped the children to extend their play. They began adding details, re-enacting scenes from their own experiences, and exploring new possibilities. We are excited to follow and support this interest and see where it goes next. Why is pretend play like this important? When they engage in dramatic play children are developing social, communication and cognitive skills – taking turns, negotiating roles, creating and re-creating stories, expanding vocabulary, and coming to a deeper understanding of their world.

We have some special events planned for December and January!

Photo Retakes: Thursday December 6th

Christine will be back to takes photos of children who were absent for our photo days or wish to have a retake. Please let us know if you are interested in this opportunity.

Festive Family Storytime: December 19, 20 and 21st.

Families are invited to come to the classroom at 10:30 and join us for songs and stories to celebrate the season. We may even have a visit from a special guest!

Starry Night Walk: Thursday January 10th, 6:15-7pm

Join us for a lantern walk in the woods and enjoy the peacefulness of a quiet winter night. Bring your own lantern. Don't have a lantern? Check out YouTube for ideas about how to make your own from a mason jar or tin can.

Dental Health Visit: January 24th and 30th

Melissa, a dental assistant from Smiletown, a local dental practice, will be visiting LCNS to answer parents' questions about oral health and hygiene, and to make a presentation to the preschool children about the importance of healthy teeth.

We wish all families a safe and restful holiday! Happy New Year!

Cooperatively yours,

Kelly and Marci



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Hello LCNSers,

My name is Katarina Szyszlo and I am your Membership Officer for this school year 2018/2019. I have three daughters – Paulina (6), Adela (3) and Sofia (1). Our journey with LCNS started few years back when I was looking for a part time day care for my oldest daughter. I am so grateful we had the opportunity to join LCNS! Paulina loved her first preschool experience and till this day she always points out her preschool when we walk/drive by, and asks her sister Adela to invite her for muffin mornings so she can visit the school again. Adela is also very proud to be finally old enough to attend preschool on her own.

LCNS really became part of our family. I feel very fortunate that I was able to find an exciting learning environment for my little one without having to register her for full day care. Although we are a partial participating family this year, I really like the concept of parent participation and I look forward to have the opportunity to witness my child's learning in class when it is Sofia's time to join LCNS.

Cooperatively Yours,

Katarina Szyszlo

Membership Officer 2018-2019



Clean Out Your Child's Cubby

Please clean out your child's cubby at the end of the class and bring home their craft bag as the cubbies are used by more than one child through the week. Indoor shoes can be stored in the bins provided.



Child Absences

Please make sure to call the school and/or email the teachers if your child will be away for any reason.



Clothes for Bathroom Use

Please send your child in clothes that are easy to get on and off in the bathroom, especially for those that are using the toilet themselves.

Reminder

Please bring home your child's craft bag **every day**, even if empty. This helps the craft parent and teachers keep everything organized from day to day, especially for those children who are not attending 4 days a week. Please also empty cubby of craft items if craft bag was not brought that day, to keep free for the winter accessories and for those who share their cubby with another child.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Region of Waterloo Early Years Engage

As a licensed childcare centre in the Region of Waterloo, LCNS participates in *Early Years Engage*, a continuous quality improvement program. *Early Years Engage* supports childcare programs to participate in an ongoing process of reviewing practices, developing goals, putting plans into action and evaluating progress.

On November 6th, The *Early Years Engage* team from the Region visited LCNS to see our program and to meet with educators and executive members of the board. We were able to share with the Region our successes and challenges and to receive feedback on our program. We were delighted that the Region was impressed not only with our beautiful space indoors and out, but also with the quality of our program and the positive interactions they observed between children, parents and educators. We are proud that the Region recognized the dedication and hard work of families, board members and educators which combine to make LCNS a special place to work and learn.

Membership Breakfast

We had a great time at our membership breakfast in November.

While there is no membership breakfast planned for December, we hope there will be more such events in the following months.

Fundraising

I am very pleased to announce that we have had an extremely successful fundraising month! We have raised over \$600 through our Kernels campaign!!!

Yes, this means we met all three of our goals and the teachers will be able to get new items for the classroom!

Kernels Orders will be in on December 3 and 4 at pickup time. Please arrive a little bit early to get your order.

If you have any questions please email me,
Jenn Bentley,
lakeshorenursery.fundraising@gmail.com.

ONGOING Fundraisers



Did you know there are a number of ongoing fundraising campaigns during these 2018-19 year?

Perhaps these are places you already shop at, but did you know a portion of your purchase could be going to our school? Mention LCNS or select our name from the list of schools and charities in their fundraising tab or when you go to checkout. Thanks for supporting our school!!



Looking for a new home for your gently used items? Consider donating your items to our school by consignment at **The Children's Marketplace** under the Lakeshore Cooperative Nursery School account. Sorry, since there is no way to track your donations, we cannot credit your fundraising deposit, but

We thank you for helping our school in this way!



SCHOLASTIC

Did you know you can now order your Scholastic Books **online**?? Instructions on the parent's portion of the Scholastic website will guide you through setting up an account and placing an order. Lakeshore Co-Op is the 'school' to search for and Kelly Anne Velle is the teacher to 'connect' with. Happy reading! 📖

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Gingerbread Social

We hosted the **Gingerbread Social** on November 24 and welcomed over 70 people to the event. There were great activities for kids of all ages at the event including gingerbread cookie decorating, crafts, games and a very popular button sensory table.

The silent auction featured a variety of items including hockey tickets, home decor and bath/spa items. I am excited to announce that we raised over \$1200 through this event. Thank you to everyone who came to the event, sold tickets, bid on items and provided/sought out prizes for the event. Thank you also to the event committee for putting this fun event together!

This month has really shown the membership's commitment and support of our school and we cannot thank you enough for that.



GIVING TREE



Families can support the co-op by donating the following items:

- clear salt and pepper shakers- various sizes
- snowpants size 2-6
- brown paper towels (bundles) from Costco
- green bin liners
- plastic zipper bags -large and sandwich size
- green garbage bags
- table salt and cream of tartar for making playdough (must be packaged-no bulk products due to allergies)

We thank you in advance for your generosity!



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