From the office

Happy New Year to all our LSK families! I hope everyone had an opportunity to spend time with family and friends during the holiday break and to rejuvenate for the rest of the school year. Staff and students are excited to be back at school and they are looking forward to the new year!

With our return from winter break, January brings the cold weather of winter. Students will be outside for active breaks each day and need to have warm clothes for the outdoors such as: a hat, mittens/gloves, boots, snow pants, and a warm coat. We want all students to comfortably enjoy the benefits of fresh air and sunshine during outdoor activities.

We welcome new staff members: Mr. Ryan Webb, grade 7/8 Teacher, and Ms. Jennifer Heim, Educational Assistant.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 905-768-3222.

Mrs. MacDonnell, OCT

From the School Counsellor

Aanii LSK Community! It’s an honour to continue to serve the students at LSK and HSS in 2020!

Each Monday I continue to teach ‘Mind UP’ in each of the classrooms. Mind UP is a mindfulness curriculum developed to help foster social and emotional awareness, improve mental wellbeing, and promote academic success. This month we’ll be focusing on Appreciating Happy Experiences, Expressing Gratitude, and Performing Acts of Kindness.

I continue to provide counselling to a number of students on a weekly basis (I currently have a short waiting list for this ongoing service).

In addition to providing 1:1 counselling at LSK, HSS and Nations/New Start, I am also one of the first contacts for mental and emotional support for students as a drop-in counsellor — teachers can suggest I meet with a student, parents can call to ask if I can check in with their child, and students themselves can ask to come and meet with me. I can provide a variety of service options to parents and caregivers so they can make the best informed choice for their child. Options will be different depending on the child, but could include 1:1 counselling with a local provider, a group that meets the need of your family or child, or even meeting with a behavioral consultant. The important thing is to reach out and have your voice heard. Happy New Year MCFN!

NOTICE
Change to LSK Bussing Policy:
LSK will no longer accept telephone calls or notes on a daily basis for changes of bussing. This change in policy is to ensure the safety and security of LSK students.
Changes to bussing will NOT be permissible unless the school is given a schedule the Friday preceding the start of the schedule.

REMINdERS
• If you are changing your child’s dismissal; early pick up only (no bus changes) please call the school by 2pm @ 905-768-3222
• ALL students MUST have indoor shoes in order to participate in daily gym.

Principal
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Email: lsk.principal@mncfn.ca
January’s Value of the Month is:
Dbadendizwin (Humility)

Humility is to know yourself as a sacred part of the creation:
- To be modest in our actions
- To have sensitivity towards others
- To be respectful of our students’ preferred ways of doing things
- To recognize yourself as a sacred & equal part of the creation
- Develop self awareness on personal strengths & limitations
- Knowing you have the capacity for growth & change
- Develop listening & observation skills.

Sports News

Played at Brant County Playoffs
Intermediate Boys Volleyball
The Boys did a great job. They managed to win and go on to the Elite 8 tournament but ended up in a 3 way tie in this tournament giving them an elimination from going to CAGE. Great job boys!
Intermediate Girls Volleyball
The girls places 2nd in their division but it was not enough to move onto the Elite 8, good job!

Reminders

Drop Offs - Please DO NOT drop off your children prior to 8:30. Children left at school before 8:30 are unsupervised and students are not permitted in the school until the bell rings at 8:45.
Absences - If your child will be absent for the day or part of the day please call the office by 9:30am.
Dismissal - Our school day ends at 3:15. Students are expected to remain in their class until the bell rings and they are dismissed by their teacher. If you are picking up your child please wait until the bell rings!

Active and Nutrition Breaks

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Chi-Miigwetch
**LSK Bazaar**

**LSK Christmas Bazaar 2020:**

- Vendor Tables - $555.25
- Bake Table - $398.60
- Kids Crafts - $721.55
- Luncheon - $591.00
- Anishinabek Auction - $1720.00
- Raffle Table - $758.00
- Donations - We donated these to the NC Cancer Support Group Pre-Raffle - $2198.45
- MCFN Chief & Council Donation - $3,000.00
- Dreamcatcher Charitable Foundation Donation - $2,000.00
- K.L Martin & First Nations Engineering Services Ltd. Donation - $800.00

**TOTAL AMOUNT RAISED = $11,681.25**

Chi-Miigwetch to all of our LSK students and families who helped contribute to this amazing fundraiser effort whether it be through donating gifts for the raffle table, selling iPad raffle tickets, donating to the bake sale, cash donations, buying student crafts at the bazaar, or working at the bazaar. We wouldn’t have had the success without all of your wonderful help and efforts!

Miigwetch to the following for your generous donations:

- The Dreamcatcher Foundation
- K.L. Martin & Associates Corp.
- First Nations Engineering Services Ltd.
- L.S.K Home & School Communications Dept.
- Public Works
- All LSK Staff, Students and Families.

**We couldn’t have done it without you!!! Chi-Miigwetch!!!**

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**REMINDERS**

Please make sure your child dresses for the weather as all students are expected to be outside for each active break!

Students are NOT allowed to bring snow sleds onto the school bus. If children would like to bring their sleighs to school they are welcome to but they have to be dropped off and picked up by parents.

**There is a PD day on Monday, January 27th.**

**Grandfather Awards**

Honesty Awards for December were presented to the following students:

- Kindergarten – Teddy Sault, Andariel LaForme
- Grade 1/2 – Ava Hess, Bella Bomberry, Bowen Bacher, Coco Montour, Colton Thompson, Ellie McDonald, Jaxon King, Kiesha King, Payton LaForme, Richard McKenzie, Wyatt Sawyer.
- Grade 2/3 – Bo Hill
- Grade 3/4 – Gracie Hill
- Grade 5/6 – Austin King
- Grade 6/7 – Chase Maracle, Piper Gibson
- Grade 7/8 – Tana King, Kayden Hearn

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**Extra Curricular**

Tuesday ~ Music Club both active breaks.
Wednesday ~ Music Club both active breaks.
Thursday ~ Library Club both active breaks (Jr/Int)
Friday ~ Library Club both active breaks (Primary)

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**Cold Weather Policy**

The cold weather seems to have settled in, please remember that it is important to ensure your child comes to school dressed to be outside. We will be keeping them indoors as per our Parent Handbook in the event of extreme cold weather.

Following the Canadian Pediatric Society recommendations of keeping children indoors:

- If the temperature falls below -25C (-13F) regardless of wind chill factor
- If the wind chill factor is reported as -25C (-15F) or greater, regardless of the temperature. (This is the point at which exposed skin freezes in a matter of minutes)

If you have any questions about this policy please contact the school for a copy of the parent handbook.

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**WELCOME BACK!!**

**First Day Back to School!**

**Award Assembly Honesty**

**Tubing at Chicopee in Kitchener K-Gr. 8**

**PD DAY - NO SCHOOL**

**January 2020**

**Gchi-Mnido Giizis (Big Spirit)**