

Lambton Kingsway Junior Middle School

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WOW!

These are some of things the Parent Council purchased to improve LKS:

- Kindergarten snuggle up books and bikes
- Primary levelled readers grade 1,2,3
- French Mini Language labs
- Instrumental storage unit and new instruments including 2 Timpani Drums
- Two smart boards
- New Library furniture

Message from the President

First and foremost, on behalf of the Parent Council, I would like to thank the staff at Lambton-Kingsway JMS for another exceptional year of learning. We know how hard you have been working to educate our children and it is important for you to know that you are appreciated for your efforts. Enjoy your much deserved vacation!

It is the end of another school year and the Parent Council has a lot to be proud of. Please take some time to sit down and read our Annual Report. All of our committees have been hard at work, doing their best to enhance and enrich the education of our children at LKS. It is amazing what can be accomplished when a group of dedicated parent volunteers work together. It is this volunteerism, which sets our school apart from others. Before we all go our separate ways for the summer, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of all of the volunteers at LKS. At any given time in the school day, many parent volunteers can be found helping throughout our school. Many thanks to all of the parents who volunteered at LKS this year- whether it was helping in the classroom, going on a field trip, unloading at Kiss and Ride, serving pizza, marshalling at cross-country practices, helping at the book fair, helping in the library, photocopying worksheets, stuffing Friday folders, selling tickets at Springfest, chairing a Parent Council committee, or one of the many other countless ways parents help at our school... thank you so much!

Ten weeks from now, another school year will begin. The Parent Council is currently looking for new volunteers to participate on our many committees (outlined on the next page). Please consider participating on the 2009/10

Parent Council and lend your expertise, your time and your enthusiasm in a way that will truly make a difference. If we all help out, just a little bit, what a big difference it will make. Elections for the 2009/10 Council will be held on Mon. Sept. 21st, at 7:30 pm in the LKS library. We are always interested in welcoming new parents with unique talents and perspectives to Council. This year, I am graduating from LKS with my children. As a former teacher, I have been naturally drawn to helping out at LKS and it has been a pleasure to help and be involved in the community. Now it is time to pass the torch to the next generation of parents. You will get as much out of the experience, as you put in- I know that I have! If you want to volunteer next year, or if you just want to know more about the Parent Council, please call me at 416-231-8447 or send me an email at liannehill@rogers.com. I would love to hear from you!

Art Card Fundraiser



Cool Stuff

The playground committee has been involved in the consultation process of the new field to be implemented in the fall. We look forward to the new artificial surface that will allow the students to enjoy it year round without dust or mud puddles!

Overview of Program:

- Custom made greeting cards produced from art created by students
 - School-wide Art Day to be held in October
 - Orders received before December 1
- 2) Put up posters
 - 3) Parent intro letter sent home
 - 4) Distribute materials to classrooms
 - 5) School wide art day with parent volunteers
 - 6) Collect orders (2 1/2 weeks)
 - 7) Distribute card orders to students by Nov. 30

2009 Fundraising Goal: \$7,500

Program Steps:

- 1) Staff meeting to brief staff

Committee:

Trish Thomson - Chair
Mrs. Gibson - Staff Liaison
Parent volunteers - 1 parent per grade to coordinate Art Day and order collection

Music Programs

Music News at LKS

2008-2009 has been a busy and rewarding year for the young musicians at Lambton-Kingsway. In December, we rang in the holiday spirit with the Grade 1-3 concert on December 9th and the Grade 4-8 concert on December 10th.

Our senior students did an excellent job at the Kiwanis Music Festival in February, with the Grade 7 Band winning Bronze, and both the Grade 8 Band and Orchestra placing third, and bringing home Silver! Well done!

We were fortunate this year to be treated to an exceptional production of the Wizard of Oz, which featured many of our young musicians on April 28-30, 2009.

Many of us finished off the year with the Grade 6-8 Spring Concert on June 1st, 2009. The music program and Parent Council would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents at LKS for their generous fundraising contributions to the music program. It is only through the on-going support of LKS families that we are able to maintain the instruments and undertake necessary repairs and purchases. This year we commenced the renewal of our string instrument cases, and had to purchase 3 flutes, 2 trombones, an alto sax, and a percussion cabinet. Thank you for ensuring that our kids receive a fun and rewarding foundation in music education!

Literacy Committee

Literacy continues to grow at LKS in 2008/09!

The literacy committee is pleased to report some great achievements this year. The Forest of Reading program had it's most successful year to date with participation of over 80 children! We were entertained with stories from 6 outstanding author visits, including the well loved Cheryl Thornton who brought family literacy day to life at LKS this year. We are pleased to announce Cheryl will be joining us again next year. The book fairs were of course a huge success with over \$2500 raised to continue to support literacy in the school.

A big thanks to all the parent volunteers as well as the students for their involvement and support for literacy.

We hope you continue to 'Break into Reading and Exercise your Mind' over the summer break!

The Literacy Committee

Julie Crossland, Karen Miller, Marsha McFadgen, Linda Scapillati, Julie Davies

Physical Education Committee

Physical Education at LKS keeps growing stronger and this year was no exception. We were able to buy supplies needed to help continue to offer both girls and boys junior and senior sports' teams and supplies for all students to have a fun physical education class at school. Here are just a few of the sports we helped, softball, football, basketball, volleyball, soccer, frisbee and badminton. Also, we purchased the equipment necessary to field a senior cricket team for the first time at LKS.

House league sports were offered during the lunch hour and we purchased ribbons

LINK

The LINK Committee would like to thank the parents, staff and teachers for their help with this DVD Yearbook. We would also like to thank our advertisers for their continued contributions. Please let them know you are grateful for their support of our school if you get the chance. We try very hard to get photographs of all children in the school. Please understand that this is not an easy task and we do our best. There are over 2900 photos on the DVD this year. If you look, I'm sure we caught your children on camera. The LINK will be distributed to the eldest child in each family on June 22nd. Enjoy!

Visual Arts

This was the first year of the visual arts committee at LKS. The committee vision was to create opportunities for students in all grades to work with and learn from a visual artist. Mr. McLean and I met numerous times to establish how best to meet this outcome.

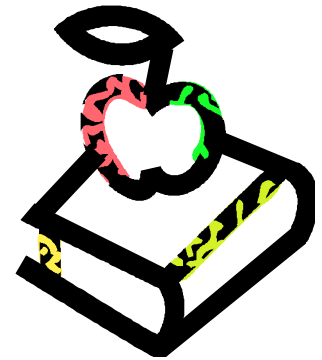
We introduced teachers to the Artist To Go Program hosted by the McMichael Gallery, a program where a visual artist discusses their own work and then introduces students to the landscape genre and acrylic painting. 17 classes participated in this program.

Both grade 7 classes benefited from the Learning Through The Arts Program in Media Literacy. A media artist visited the classes 5 times each to develop a project with students. The school funded this program.

In addition to these other programs, costume

to recognize the hundreds of students who participated. It was a great success!

We started the year by selling LKS gym clothes and athletic wear which many families purchased. To thank the many teacher coaches at our school we were able to buy them LKS Coaching Staff shirts, a professional touch when they are off site at the many competitions with the students.



Grade Parent Committee

A huge thank you goes out to all parents who volunteer, but an extra THANK YOU to grade parents. You have worked so closely with your children's teachers and classrooms to make sure everything runs smoothly. Whether passing on emails and notices, recruiting for class trips and parties or just helping where needed--all of your help is greatly appreciated! The extras you have done for each class has meant so much to the teachers and students alike.

GRADE PARENTS for 2009/2010

- Do you want to be involved at LKS?

- Do you want make a difference in your child's school year?

If you would like to be a grade parent in your child's class next school year, please contact Diane Kress at dkress@thinknet.com or 416-236-1477

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designer/sculptor Kristen Fahrig and ceramist Paul Stewart visited 13 classrooms to do sculpture projects with students. This provided an introduction to the medium of clay and mixed media construction.

Next year Visual Arts will fall under the Resources Budget. With the programs being so successful this year, money has been allocated for 2009/10 to cover half the cost of an artist in each classroom, similar to the scientist in the school program.

Thank you to Mr. McLean and the numerous teachers who embraced the committee vision and enthusiastically participated in this arts enrichment for the students.

Kathy Kranias

Community Outreach

LKS Springfest Appreciation

Advertising

Julie Burdon*
Mary Fernandes

Food

Johann Cooper
Sandy Halim
Barb Karabin
Kelly Martin
Dianne Quintal*
Denise Wright Ryback

Games

David Cunningham
Carrie Davis-Sydor
Joan Dawson
Rose Ducharme
Miriam Freifeld
Kristine Laco*
Deb Steggles*
Irene Witowych
Karen Zimmer

Silent Auction

Nori Ayer
Cindy Barkway
Julie Crossland*
Joan Dawson
Karen Dockrill
Josette Grech
Marlene Hind
Lisa Jones
Kristi Karens
Tracy Krane
Sheryl McDonald
Donna Mock
Freya Painting
Dianne Quintal
Karen Young

Springfest Booklet

Diane Kress
Sue Pritchard

Tombolas

Cindy Barkway
Allison Brady
Sue Filan
Marsha McFadgen
Karen Miller
Chris McTiernan
Linda Scapillati
Courtenay Skeat
Jill Tyndall*

Treasurer

Janet Robertson

Volunteers

Maureen Dodig
Lisa Nailor
Susan O'Reilly*

* Committee Chairs

"LKS gives back to the Community" Community Outreach Committee
Julie Burdon & Mary Fernandes

Outreach:

- Halloween Parade Coffee money donated to "Halloween for Hunger"
- Winter Clothing drive for Second Street School - over 12 bags of items donated.
- Soccer Uniform drive.
- Book drive for Second Street School, Christmas Presents for the children's party at Stonegate Community Health Centre- 75 gifts donated
- Money from the snow cone machine at Springfest given to Second Street School's Breakfast program.

Activities

- Welcomed the 2009 Kindergarten Families and gave each child a storybook.
- Provided a sit down Lunch for the staff of LKS. Many parents contributed soups, salads and dessert and also help set up and served.
- Lunch provided for the cast of The Wizard of Oz.

Many thanks to all members of the Outreach Committee for their hard work organizing all these events and to all those that helped or donated.

*** See you on the First morning of school at the Welcome Back Coffee Table in the playground. ***

Springfest 2009

Wow, what a great day we had! On May 2 Springfest was in full swing with many new games, activities and food offerings mixed with all the kids' favorites, Tombola, Giant Slide, Obstacle course Snow Cones and Cotton Candy to mention a few. All the committees want to say a big THANK YOU to all the volunteers who showed up at the school at 8:00 am and kept coming throughout the day until it all had to be put away.

We collectively raised over \$36,000 for our great school!! All this money will be used for next year's parent council operating budget.

The committees worked tirelessly for many months before and of course on the day to keep this great tradition going and we applaud you all.

Environment Committee

Earth Week was celebrated in many ways by the staff and students of LKS. A week long focus on the environment included a demonstration of worm composting for the primary students, the opportunity to plant green peas for the junior classes and a thought-provoking speaker for the older students. In addition, the junior classes voted to 'adopt' a red panda as part of the Toronto Zoo's program to help endangered species. Look for the photo in the front hall. An art/photo contest, a playground clean-up and a 'wear green' day rounded out Earth Week 2009.

Ms. Perry's Eco-Warriors continue to hold LKS to its Eco Gold standard with many exciting initiatives. Throughout Earth Week, the Warriors conducted a waste audit challenge for all classes, and encouraged litter-less lunches. The Eco-warriors will host the "Earth Rangers" in mid June to learn more about the importance of animal habitats on this planet. The Eco-warriors have also taken a leading role in Walking Wednesdays: more and more LKS students are discovering the value of walking, cycling or running to school whenever they can. Go Green LKS!

Thanks for your great efforts!
Johann