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**The character trait for the month of June is:
OPTIMISM**

C'est l'été!

On behalf of the entire staff of Lester B. Pearson P.S., we wish the children and their families a most wonderful summer filled with happy days and wonderful memories. Some staff members will be busy taking courses. All will be enjoying time to spend with their families. We'll be ready to welcome all the children back in September. To the families who are leaving our school community, and to our graduates, we wish you the best in your next academic endeavours. Bonne chance à tous.

BONNE CHANCE AND WELCOME!

Some staff members are on the move! We wish best of luck to Mme Hodge who will be returning to Mazo de la Roche in Newmarket. We also thank Mme Rajabi and Mme Presacco for all their hard work this past year and wish them the best in their new endeavours. We wish a hearty "welcome back" to Mme Hampton who has been on maternity leave this year. We welcome Mme Harrison who will be teaching a variety of subjects at the primary level. Welcome back to Mme Belzile who will be teaching grade 5. At this point in time, our staffing is complete. Our caretaking team and administrative teams are stable for September, 2009. We are thrilled that Mme Thorne, Mme Challenger and a third assistant will join us in the office.

Please note that a re-organization is still possible over the summer months due to fluctuation in enrollment and / or teachers moving. At this time, our organization for next year is as follows:

- Grade 1:** Mme Cimarelli/ Mme Ladouceur, Mme Dowson, Mme Vigneau, Mme Tessier et Mme Pascu
- Grade 2:** Mme Malchelosse/Mme Ladouceur, Mme Tremblay, Mme Leniveau et Mme Gagnon
- Grade 2/3:** Mme Mackillican et Mme Dumont
- Grade 3:** Mme Abela-Nagels/ Mme Mainolfi, Mme Taylor et Mme Maw
- Grade 3/4:** Mme Giguère et Mme Bossé
- Grade 4:** Mme Franklin et Mme Iannicello
- Grade 5:** Mme Belzile, Mme Drapeau et Mme Duggan

- Grade 6:** Mme Bourgault, M. Isaac et Mme Beatty
- Grade 7:** Mme Argouin, Mme Hoekstra et Mme Keenan
- Grade 8:** Mme Flavelle-Harrison, Mme Jean, M. Jourdain

Music, English, and Physical Education

Teachers: Mme Filion, Mme Ledlow, Mme Williams, Mme Primeau, M. Rainsford and Mme Harrison

SERT: Mme Matthews

Librarian: Mme Reed and Mme Ledlow

Vice Principal: Mme Weafer

Principal: Mme O'Malley

Superintendent: Mr. J. Parappally

Trustee: Mr. Gord Kerr

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER

Classes resume on **Tuesday, September 8 at 9:00 a.m.** Our new grade 1 children will be met at the buses by a staff member, escorted into the gymnasium and assembled into their class groups by their teachers to ease their adjustment to the first day of school. Grade 2 students will meet in the lunchroom.

Due to the fact that students will not be receiving the name of next year's teacher on the June report card, **ALL** students will assemble in the schoolyard as usual where class lists will be posted and teachers will be ready with signs to assist students in lining up in their new classes. Thank you for your cooperation in making this a smooth transition.

OUR ANNUAL LBP JUNE FAMILY PICNIC WAS A BLAST!

We were blessed with great weather, a huge crowd, entertaining Lip-Sync and Dance Team performances, fabulous food, amazing Loonie Draw baskets, and lots of free games and activities! Next year will be hard to beat ... but we're already starting to plan.

We want your input! If you have any suggestions on how to improve the picnic even more, please contact Lisa Wilson at lisanigro@yahoo.ca

Tremendous thanks to everyone who contributed and/or volunteered in any way! The picnic would not have happened without you. Wishing you all a great summer!

The 2009 LBP/SSA Picnic Committee

Kim Dodd (Volunteer Coordinator), Shannon Ketelaars (Loonie Draw Coordinator), Liz Klugerman (Entertainment Coordinator), Elizabeth LeClaire (Equipment Coordinator), Gillian MacPherson (Prize Patrol), Karen Ruddock (Advertising & Promotion), Lisa Sproul (Food Coordinator), Lisa Wilson (SSA/School Liaison)

ARTS CAMP 2009

Each year, York Region hosts an integrated Arts Camp for 250 students at Camp White Pine in Haliburton. Students from grade 7 to grade 12 have a wonderful week full of creativity, new friendships and intensive learning in a stunning setting. It was a great success. Two of our Grade 7 students and Mme Weafer were fortunate enough to attend. A great time was had by all!

OVERDUE / LOST LIBRARY BOOKS

We still have a number of library books that have not been returned. Students with outstanding books were given payment letters. Thank you for continuing to search for these resources!

We know that due to a variety of possible circumstances, these books may appear over the summer and even in the fall. Any money which is paid for lost books will be gladly refunded.

Mme Reed would like to express her deep appreciation to the many parents who have given of their valuable time to volunteer in the library this year.

LITERACY FAIR



Each year, York Region teachers participate in Literacy Collaborative sessions to provide professional development in the areas of Literacy and Mathematical Literacy. The focus this year at LBP was on student achievement in the area of writing. On May 13th a huge Literacy Fair was held at the Sheraton Parkway in Richmond Hill and our team was proud to present our work on the second year of our writing project and to be part of such a worthwhile initiative. We look forward to another great year of professional growth next year. Merci à tous pour le bon travail!

AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to our award winners for third term. Our assembly was held on **Wednesday, June 24th**.



READING OVER THE SUMMER

Read-Aloud During the Summer Months

Parents frequently ask us what they can do during the summer months to help their children from “sliding” in their reading skills. There are many options available to parents, from specialized summer camps to private tutors. However, an easy activity is to read aloud to your child.

Why Read Aloud?

There are enormous benefits to reading books aloud to your child. Reading aloud extends thinking, awakens curiosity and stretches the imagination. It encourages discussion, models the reading process, and strengthens listening and speaking skills. Above all, it develops a love of reading. In order for your child to get the maximum benefit from the read aloud process, you might want to consider the following tips:

Before You Start . . .

Check the book out ahead of time. This will allow you to spot sections that you might want to elaborate on, shorten or eliminate.

Talk about the cover, title, pictures and diagrams throughout the book. Ask questions that will encourage your child to think about what might be in the book.

As You Read . . .

Use plenty of expression, and, if you can, change your tone for the dialogue. Read slowly as this allows your child to build a mental picture of what you have just read. Adjust your pace to fit the story and talk about the author. Encourage conversation during the reading and ask questions about what might happen next.

When You Have Finished Reading . . .

Ask questions about what you have just read without making it into a quiz. Here are some suggestions:

- Tell me the part you liked best
- Tell me a part you want to read again
- Tell me what happened to ___ in the book
- Tell me what was the most ___ thing (e.g. surprising)
- Tell me what you know now that you didn't know before

Finally, be sure to select books that are in keeping with the social, intellectual, and emotional level of your child. Occasionally, challenge your child by reading above his/her level. Don't be fooled by “awards” as this does not guarantee that the book will be a good “read-aloud”. Give the book a chance, but don't continue if it is a poor choice.



RELAY 2008-2009

A great day was had by all on May 25th at Cardinal Carter High School. The schools in the CEC area met for the annual Area Relay Meet under sunny skies.

Lester B Pearson showed enthusiasm, sportsmanship and posted some great times. Nearly all of our teams made it through the heats to run in the finals.

The results for the finals were as follows...

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| FIRST place:
Grade 5 Boys
Grade 6 Girls and Boys | SECOND place:
Grade 5 Girls
Grade 7 Boys
Grade 8 Girls |
| FIFTH place:
Grade 4 Boys | SEVENTH place:
Grade 8 Boys |

The Junior Girls and Junior Boys Teams brought back the official banner to add to the gym wall! Congratulations to a group of great runners who made their teachers and school very proud. Great job!



LESTER B. PEARSON AWARD WINNERS

Felicitations to all our students who worked hard to achieve their very best this term. The following students were recognized during the two assemblies on June 24, 2009.

FRENCH

A, Ana
A, Anthony
B, Anna
B, Jaime
B, Julia
B, Kate
C, Ksenia
D, Yvette
F, Kayla
F, Sally
G, Anthony-Stanley
G, Stephanie
H, Emily
H, Katie
L, Amanda
L, Ian
L, Joanna
L, Sabrina
M, Annie
M, Lindsay
M, Sarah
N, Cole
O, Aylin
O, Jemma-Lee
P, Celeste
P, Frances
P, Laurel
S, Andrew
S, Audrey
S, Ryan
T, Katherine
W, Jack

PERSEVERANCE

K, Irit
A, Riley
B, Alicia
B, Ava
B, Madelyn
C, Nina
D, Marisa
E, Delaney
F, Aidan
F, Jaime
F, Madeline
H, Ian
H, Noah
J, Harper
L, Jenna
L, Rachel
M, Abby
M, Christopher
N, Daniel
O, Emily
P, Jenna
S, Britney
S, Carly
S, Felix
S, Gillian
S, Jillian
T, Chloe
V, Bianca
W, Benjamin
W, Mateo
W, Vanessa

SOCIAL STUDIES

C, Kaitlyn
C, Rees
D, Finn
F, Nicole
G, Madeline
H, Kasia
H, James
I, Alexandria
I, David
L, Jessica
L, Melodie
M, Catherine
N, Isabel
N, Sebastian
P, Emma
P, Mikalya
R, Jessica
R, Rebecca
S, Anna
S, Chloe
S, Kevin
T, David
T, Erin
Wilmsmeyer, C
W, Christopher
W, Lauren

HONESTY

A, Madeleine
B, Caelan
B, Olivia
D, Cameron
D, Julian
F, Alex
H, Owen
D, Tiahn
I, Alyssa
J, Braydon
J, Jeremy
L, Emmanuel
L, Evan
L, Keenan
L, Tianna
M, Dannica
M, Garth
M, Hendy
M, Thomas
M, Tori
N, Sarah
N, Sebastian
P, Krishan
S, Alexandra
S, Jordan
S, Justin
S, Matthew
S, Megan
S, Sabrina
S, Stefano
T, Anna

HISTORY / GEOGRAPHY

B, Kimberly
G, Irene-Antoanette
G, Rachael
K, Graham
R, Trevor
S, Marcus

OPTIMISM

A, Teigan
B, Ava
C, Alexandria
C, Ashleigh
C, Ksenia
D, Carla
D, Carver
D, Chiara
F, Amelia
F, Lily
G, Makenna
G, Steven
H, Blake
H, Kennedy
I, Inez
J, Jaliyah
K, Audrey
K, Devlin
K, Leon
L, Madelyn
L, Sydney
M, Arseniy
R, Daina
R, Meghan
R, Mitchell
R, Zsofia
S, Justin
S, Kuba
S, Olivia
T, Emma
W, Serena

PHYS.ED/HEALTH

B, Christian
B, Georga
B, Mikey
C, Brooke
C, Isabella
C, Krista
D, Jesse
D, Tahla
F, Ryan
F, Sarah
H, Brentyn
H, Evan
I, Shaelynne
K, Logan
K, Madeleine
K, Pauline
L, Taylor
M, Aydin
M, Jack
M, Karice
M, Kian
O, Chuka
P, Adam
R, Edyn
R, Grace
R, Sarah
S, James
S, Joshua
S, Lawrence
S, Lindsay
V, Liam
W, Charlie

