

A LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As I look out on the changing, beautiful autumn leaves it seems almost impossible that we are nearing six weeks of school. However much has been accomplished in a short amount of time. Your children have adjusted beautifully to school by meeting academic responsibilities, fulfilling their role within new structures and routines, and developing a strong identity as a learner. Thank you for your continual support in reminding your child of the four London Towne Expectations: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe, and Be a Peaceful Problem-Solver. We work very hard to help students understand what these "look like and sound like" throughout our campus.

On November 17th, the London Towne PTA, together with the Chantilly Pyramid for Minority Student Achievement Committee will sponsor an evening here at school to provide information and opportunity for involvement. Through its Saturday tutoring and mentoring, CPMSAC has helped to increase student achievement and work toward ensuring that no child is left behind. This long-standing organization has been a true partner with schools in this region of the county. I would like to thank Mr. Tony Humphreys and Mrs. Consuelo Villalobus for their important work in representing London Towne and ongoing commitment through the Minority Student Achievement Committee. Already, I am excited about the work we are doing together to ensure success for our children.

One last reminder to sign up for your Parent/Teacher Conference, (if you haven't already), which is coming up soon! See you then.

Sigrid Ryberg
Principal



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 21	6 th Grade Panoramic Picture
November 2 & 3	Teacher Workdays (No School)
November 11	Veteran's Day School is <u>OPEN!</u>
November 11	2 hour early closing Staff Development
November 18 – November 25	Book Fair
November 19	Thanksgiving Luncheon
November 25	2 hour early closing
November 26 & 27	Thanksgiving Holidays (No School)
December 2	Picture Make-ups
December 17	2 hour early closing Staff Development
December 23	2 hour early closing
December 24 – January 1	Winter Vacation (School is closed)
January 6	Spanish Immersion Information Night 7:00 p.m. (January 27 – snow date)
January 18	Martin Luther King Birthday Holiday
January 29 & February 1	Teacher Workdays
February 15	Washington Birthday Holiday



KISS AND RIDE

Please use our Kiss and Ride! Children are being dropped off at Gothwaite Drive and Bentley Square and creating a dangerous situation. Cars are also parking in the fire lanes. If you need a Kiss and Ride number, please come to the office.



AFTERNOON PICKUP

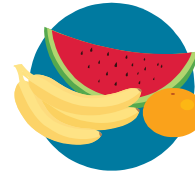
Thank you for understanding that instruction continues until 2:45 p.m. If you need to pick up your child for an appointment, please plan to arrive before 2:15 p.m. so as not to interfere with afternoon announcements, buses arriving for dismissal, etc. Please report to the office. Once we begin dismissal, cars will not be permitted to leave until all buses have been dismissed. All parties picking up a student from the office must show a photo ID and must be listed on the student's emergency care card.

PARENT VISITS

Parents are always welcome at London Towne. We encourage you to spend time at our school – come to performances, join your child for lunch, and participate in our volunteer program. If you would like to visit, please make arrangements at least 24 hours in advance with the teacher to visit the classroom (for not more than 30 minutes so that disruptions are kept to a minimum). Non-school aged children may not accompany parents when visiting or volunteering, except for lunchtime visits to the cafeteria.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

We are in need of volunteers for the Thanksgiving Luncheon on Thursday, November 19. Opportunities would include selling tickets, hostess, serving, etc. If you are interested, please email: volunteercoordinator@londontownepta.com



HEALTHY SNACKING TIPS

The rise in overweight children means that parents need to take an active role in providing healthy snacks for their children.

- Keep snacks small.
- Don't eat snacks straight out of the package.
- Snack only when hungry, not bored.
- Limit sweet snacks such as brownies, cookies, and candy because they are often loaded with calories and sugar.
- Offer fruits and vegetables.
- Offer low fat cheese with whole grain crackers or pretzels.
- Select snacks from MyPyramid.
- Quench thirst with water, fruit juices or low fat milk, not soft drinks.
- Read food labels carefully – if first ingredient is sugar AVOID IT.

Use www.fcps.edu/fs/food/ nutrition calculator to evaluate your snacks at home.

EARLY CLOSING

Please mark your calendar for Wednesday, November 11. London Towne will dismiss 2 hours early (12:45 p.m.). This is for staff development for teachers. Please make arrangements for your child.



DON'T FORGET TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK!

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 1. Don't forget to turn your clocks **BACK!** This is also a good time to change the batteries in all your smoke alarms.