



## ÉCOLE LEILA NORTH COMMUNITY SCHOOL

December 2020 Newsletter

What a year it has been! As we approach 2021, we look back at this unprecedented year and even through these stressful and uncertain times can find examples of personal growth, resilience, and adaptability in our community. At Leila North, we are not only proud of our learning accomplishments, but also how we've demonstrated a commitment to adjusting to new routines and taking care of each other.

We would like to thank all of our Leila North families, staff, and students for their support in keeping schools safe. The routines that were put in place at the start of the school year continue to be practiced every day.

As we approach the holidays our grade 7 & 8 teachers are busy planning for and preparing the students for their period of remote learning from January 4 - 14th. Google classrooms will be ready to access and teachers will be at the school regular hours during that time to meet virtually with students, to support student learning, and to answer questions.

Our grade 6 teachers have also been busy planning with our phys.ed, band and TAA teachers to provide additional, specialized learning experiences for when they return on January 4th.

Please remember that we continue to go outside during the lunch hour and for phys. ed classes. Students need to come dressed and prepared to be outside everyday. The outside time is an important part of the school day; it provides an opportunity to get some fresh air, be more distant from others to allow for a mask break, get some exercise, and become energized for afternoon learning. As the temperatures drop we will continue to encourage some outside time and will expect students to go outside during the lunch hour. We will only have classrooms open during the recess time if the temperature goes below  $-27^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

We wish our families and community a healthy and peaceful winter break and hope for a 2021 that allows us to be together.

Sincerely,

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We also invite you to follow us on our social media pages. We provide regular updates on our Instagram account **@ecoleleilanorth** and on our Twitter feed **@ecoleleilanorth**.








## Spirit Week

A huge thank you to the staff and students that planned a covid friendly spirit week . What a great way to have a school community event while maintaining physical distance. Our hallways were bustling with festive cheer.







# HEALTHY ME

## MIND•BODY•FRIENDSHIPS

Students in Mr. Huynh's class explored what it means to be healthy. Through classroom discussions, brainstorming, and opportunities to share their individual strengths and challenges; students identified and set goals to promote overall well being. The classroom learned that being and feeling healthy means taking care of your mental health, physical health, and social health.

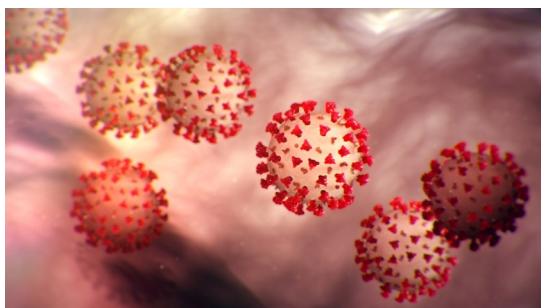
In a fun and creative way, students in Room 26 illustrated themselves by drawing a "Behind My Mask Selfie", an activity inspired by Nashville, Tennessee Art Teacher, Cassie Stephens. In doing so, students shed a positive light on having to wear a mask, while having an opportunity to share their best facial features. Students highlighted a mental health, physical health, and social health goal that they would work on for the Month of November. Ideas include trying new things, thinking positively, including others in their activities, and incorporating regular movement breaks into their day. In understanding that one type of health may affect the other types, students can create awareness and develop strategies to promote overall health.



# Society and Culture

By Sumer (room 11)

We all live in a society. A society is a group of people with something in common. A society should provide safety and security to the people in it. In turn, the people should respect the values and rules laid out by the society. The Canadian society has people with cultural diversity. Cultural Diversity is people with different beliefs, languages, and ways of living. In Canada, people believe in different cultures. An example is some people celebrate different festivals than other people. It is our responsibility to respect other cultures. I chose society and culture because a lot of people don't know the meaning of these words. During times of COVID-19, we have to be extra careful to keep our society safe. We have to wear masks and use sanitizer. Every child has the right to an education, but it does not mean the child can be a hazard to others, so the child should take precautions. Precautions are things we do to prevent diseases and viruses. It is recommended by the province to social distance and wear masks. These are all precautions to keep us safe. It is our responsibility to follow these rules so that everyone has a happy and healthy life. We all can get through these times by taking care of ourselves and each other.



## École Leila North School

### Important Dates 2020-2021

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| AUGUST    | 31      | Office reopens                                   |
| SEPTEMBER | 7       | Labour day                                       |
|           | 8 & 9   | Orientation days                                 |
|           | 10      | First day of classes                             |
|           | 21-25   | Cohort based Terry Fox activities                |
|           | 30      | Orange Shirt Day                                 |
| OCTOBER   | 5       | Picture Day                                      |
|           | 9       | Divisional PD – No Classes                       |
|           | 12      | Thanksgiving – No Classes                        |
|           | 23      | MTS PD Day- No Classes                           |
|           | 26 & 27 | Grade 6 Immunizations                            |
| NOVEMBER  | 10      | Picture re-takes                                 |
|           | 11      | Remembrance Day – No Classes                     |
|           | 19      | Student/Parent/Teacher conferencing – Evening    |
|           | 20      | Student/Parent/Teacher conferencing – No Classes |
|           | 27      | PD DAY- No Classes                               |
| DECEMBER  | 8       | TAA term 2 begins                                |
|           | 11      | PD DAY- No Classes                               |
|           | 18      | Last day of classes before winter break          |
| JANUARY   | 4       | Classes resume                                   |
| FEBRUARY  | 5       | Divisional PD- No Classes                        |
|           | 15      | Louis Riel Day – No Classes                      |
|           | 26      | School PD- No Classes                            |
| MARCH     | 13      | TAA Term 3 begins                                |
|           | 18      | Student/Parent/Teacher conferencing – Evening    |
|           | 19      | Student/Parent/Teacher conferencing – No Classes |
|           | 26      | Last day of classes before Spring Break          |
| APRIL     | 5       | Classes resume                                   |
|           | 16      | Divisional PD -No Classes                        |
| MAY       | 24      | Victoria Day – No Classes                        |
|           | 27      | Seven Oaks Graduation Pow Wow                    |
| JUNE      | 2-4     | Arts in the Park                                 |
|           | 30      | Last day of School – Early dismissal             |