

Lakeshore C.I. Newsletter

Principal's Message....

It seems like just yesterday we were welcoming students to the new 2011-2012 school year. A wide variety of exciting events and learning opportunities have taken place during this first half of the semester, many of these are discussed and highlighted throughout this newsletter, but I would like, before all else, to acknowledge and thank the Lakeshore C.I. **Graduating Class of 2011** who attended our Commencement Ceremony held on October 6th. For me, and the entire staff, it's always gratifying to hear what post secondary destinations our graduates are now pursuing, and to see them proudly walk across the stage, with their family and friends in attendance, to receive their diploma.

Our dedicated staff continues to work diligently towards higher student achievement and improved student success for all our students; through engaging curricular course work and in the multitude of extra curricular activities, programs, teams and clubs available at Lakeshore. This year we had our second annual **Grade 10 Camp Olympia** trip. This very successful four day excursion with a focus on team building, outdoor activities, fun and instructional leadership skills was once again the highlight for the grade 10 start of the school year.



Many new and exciting changes continue to take place at Lakeshore and to celebrate the depth and breadth of programming and our students' accomplishments at LCI,

we have launched a campaign – **Amazing Inside** – to share with the community all the great things from academics to drama to tech to athletics and beyond that take place at LCI.

Our **LCI Showcase** for Grade 8 students and parents will be held on **Tuesday, November 29th at 7:00 p.m.** It's a great opportunity for our future grade 9 students and their families to learn about the outstanding academic programs at LCI as well as the innovative CyberArts and WoodLINKS programs. Also, find out how our school is linked to both Humber College and the University of Toronto through our programs – and learn why LCI is known for its philanthropic work and strong sense of community.

We have revised our school website and added some interesting features, including a brief video tour. Our aim is to have all parents regularly visit www.lakeshorecollegiate.ca to get information and find out what is happening at LCI. Announcements to the community continue to be made via our two electronic signs which are on the two walls at the South-East corner of the school, at the Birmingham-Kipling

intersection, and through the Lakeshore Collegiate website at www.lakeshorecollegiate.ca.

Albion Hills

It was another fun and successful year at Albion Hills. fifteen senior leaders, from grade 10 to grade 12, led approximately 35 grade nine students in a series of exercises designed to encourage them to come out of their comfort zone, expand their group of friends, work efficiently as a team, and to become positive leaders. At the end of the weekend, students felt that they were more of a family than a group of students. .

Many grade 9s have already indicated that they are interested in leading the camp next year! Any interested students should actively participate in school clubs, teams, and academics this year, and apply to Albion leadership in the spring of 2012.

Thank you so much to the participants, the student leaders, and the teachers who visited or stayed over at the site. The program could not exist to build strong leaders without you.

DON'T MISS THE 13TH ANNUAL...

PLAY BY THE LAKE DRAMA FESTIVAL



Three amazing nights of Student Written, Student Directed and Student Produced plays!!!

December 14, 15 & 16

7:00pm

Lakeshore Auditorium

Lakeshore Drama...Where excellence comes alive!

Swim Team

Calling all fishes! We already have a strong group of swimmers this year, but are very happy to welcome more dedicated members to the team. .

We take all levels of swimmers, but you must swim at least four lengths without stopping for safety reasons. Practices are Tuesdays and Thursdays immediately after school until 4:30. Practices run from the end of October to early January. Please come with a permission form, bathing suit, goggles, and a towel.

We will participate in three regular season swim meets. Specific dates have not yet been determined. Volunteers are needed for timing at swim meets, so please see Ms. Ibsen if you have any interest.

Boundless Adventures

The second phase of the Boundless Math Credit took place recently. We had 10 students nominated to attend. The autumn weather may have been brisk, but that just made the outdoor activities that much more focusing of our attention. Hearty stomping outside our bedrooms woke us up. Breakfasts were ample and delicious. Then off to focus on our work – Math. Cool!

We all want to have enough money, so keep these three helpful tips in mind:

1. Spend less than you earn.
2. Save the rest.
3. Be disciplined – with your impulses, with your planning, with your purchases.

So, you see the course is “Math for Everyday Life”; perhaps the best course of high school Math. Indoor learning was in a comfortable setting with large windows looking over spectacular fall scenery. Interesting questions: What job pays the most? What are deductions from your pay cheque? How to manage a budget? What do you need to know about percentages? Yummy lunch.

The first field trip was neat. We all learned how to stretch a dollar (and met an inspirational man in a wheelchair who had achieved his goals). Equally enlightening was the second stop, where we learned many inside tips how to purchase used vehicle and not to get ripped off. .

Back to the Ranch. Simple and Compound interest; what is it? How does it work? Interest rates when saving and interest rates when borrowing. Now we were ready to think about housing. How to decide where to live? Rent or Own? Invited guests were 3 Bank of Montreal Bankers. Next, it was time to put all this knowledge together and learn how to apply for a mortgage. Yikes. The Bankers checked the mortgage applications and decided whether to decline or approve them. A long day, but rewarding. Another fresh, homemade and delicious dinner together.

What is OSAP? Ontario Student Assistance Plan was explained and discussed. Most high school students will be needing this knowledge in order to further their education. Again, most practical. The last learning activity was learning about credit cards, pay day loans, and budgeting. Phew.

Trick or Treating in the Haunted Forest was our last evening’s activity. Spooky and yummy, ending in a campfire and story; Sad to think about going home.

What Boundless means to me: Boundless High School = Laughter, Love and Learning

Thanks everybody, from Mrs. Russell.

Basketball

GIRLS SENIOR BASKETBALL TEAM GO TO SEMI-FINALS

The Girls Senior Basketball team finished their best season yet by making it to the Tier 2 semi-finals in the West Region. Led by amazing captains Eliora Johnson and Lisa Huynh, the girls worked diligently on improving their game and scoring capabilities. The team consisted of 5 senior students and 8 grade 9s. The girls battled against teams with more experience and size and still held their own with rivals like ESA. In the end, the girls lost at Semi-finals by a score of 38 – 37 against George Harvey after playing their best game ever. Next season looks bright for our awesome team with the likes of Eliora Johnson who averaged 30 points a game, Tahnee Buchanan whose offensive and defensive play has improved greatly in these past 3 years and rookie grade 9, Hodan Mohamud whose defensive skills are solid for being so young. Great season girls!!!!!!

Nadine K Mohammed – Coach.

Me to We

In September, a group of 15 LCI students attended an inspiring We Day event at the Air Canada Centre that included engaging speeches and performances from Craig and Marc Kielburger, Rick Hansen, Danny Glover, Patch Adams, Nelly Furtado, Classified, Shawn Desmond and Nikki Yanofsky. In October, Me to We students started selling Rafiki bracelets (Rafiki means 'friend' in Swahili) for East African famine relief. The sale of one bracelet (\$10) will feed a hungry child in East Africa for one month. The demand for the bracelets at Lakeshore quickly out-paced our supplies - Lakeshore sold 350 bracelets in two weeks raising \$3500 for famine relief! Another shipment of backordered bracelets is due this week and bracelets will be on sale in the cafeteria at lunch during November and December for the holiday gift season - it makes a great gift. Get your bracelet now before they run out! On November 30th, Me to We students will be leading a Vow of Silence campaign at Lakeshore. No talking, texting, email, Facebook or any other electronic communication for 24hrs in order to raise awareness for 'voiceless' children who have been silenced by global poverty.

Student Council

The Student Council has already facilitated several great events for the students at LCI! In September we had three successful lunch time activities to help welcome the Grade Nine students into the school. For Halloween, we brought back our spooky Haunted House for over 150 students who were brave enough to walk through! Our first dance of the year on October 28 was well attended by students from all grades. Our Halloween events culminated in our annual costume contest in the cafeteria. Hundreds of students and staff were there to cheer for their favourites.

We would like to welcome our Grade Nine Reps who join the rest of the Council elected last Spring. The Student Council works for the students of LCI! If you have an idea of something you would like to see at school, talk to your grade reps or one of the Executive Members - if you aren't sure yet who we are, check out our display board outside the cafeteria.

Leadership

Students from Mr. Hobbs' Grade 11 Leadership and Peer Support class have had a busy fall. In September, the students were involved in various team-building activities, including a training day at the TDSB Etobicoke Field Study Centre. Students successfully worked together to cross an imaginary lava pit, drop an egg safely into a nest from 30 feet and survive an airplane crash in the woods. In October, students performed random acts of kindness in the Lakeshore community.



Students gave out free hugs, baked treats, delivered flowers, created thank you cards, wrote letters of gratitude, and sang pre-Thanksgiving holiday carols to various classes! Students have also set a variety of personal goals for themselves and are mentoring each other to reach them this semester. Students are learning to juggle, dunk a basketball, get better at public speaking, deal with negativity / anger, play new instruments, get higher grades, and get fit in Lakeshore's fitness room after school. Most recently, the students participated in Mini Mentor Day, where they worked in teams to plan lessons for four elementary school students (Junior Kindergarten to Grade 2) from Eatonville Junior School. The mini-mentees learned new skills in art, crafts, soccer, basketball, gymnastics, music, math, reading and writing. It was a big Eatonville / Lakeshore play date where everyone could be a kid - what fun! Next week we'll know the answer to the question, "Who is The Biggest

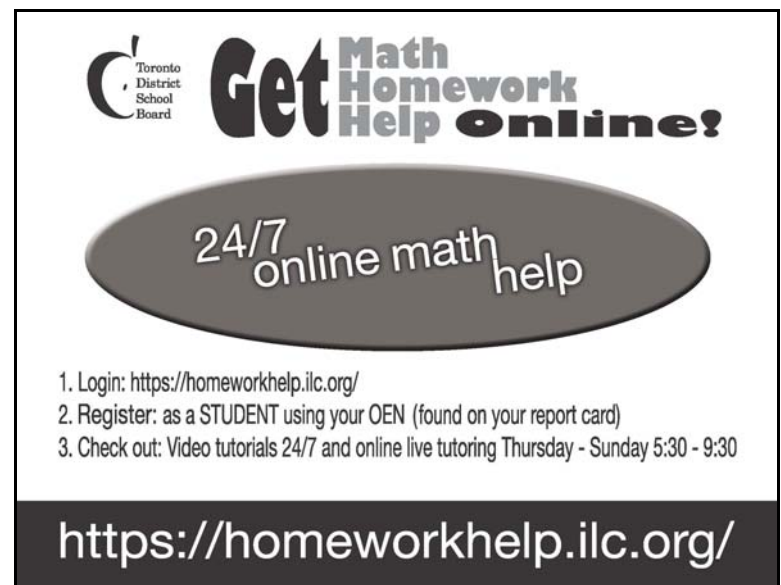
Leader?". Leadership students have been competing in teams in The Biggest Leader challenge. The teams earn points for good grades, punctuality, performing charitable acts, and for successfully completing team challenges. Prizes will be awarded after the mid-term reports have been "weighed in". Good luck to all Leadership students!



All semester one CyberARTS students had the opportunity to attend the first ever *2011 APPLIED ARTS WINNERS EXHIBIT + CREATIVE SCHOOLS EXPO, PLUS CAREERS WORKSHOPS*. They spent a full day at the Artscape Wychwood Barns viewing artwork, speaking with colleges and universities about post-secondary options, and participating in seminars with leading industry professionals.

Our next huge project involves a partnership with a local business called Eventscape, an award winning, high end custom architectural fabricator. The year 4 class is looking forward to working with Lakeshore Arts and Eventscape to create a permanent installation on our school grounds.

Applications to join the CyberARTS program is due Jan 12, 2012 and can be found at <http://lci cyberarts.ca/>.



Get Math Homework Help Online!

24/7 online math help

1. Login: <https://homeworkhelp.ilc.org/>
2. Register: as a STUDENT using your OEN (found on your report card)
3. Check out: Video tutorials 24/7 and online live tutoring Thursday - Sunday 5:30 - 9:30

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Camp Olympia

Our second annual trip to Camp Olympia was a huge success! Students from Grade 10 were led by a great group of Senior Leaders through a series of activities designed to promote leadership and facilitate team building. All the students who attended had a fantastic time - from the Giant Swing to the Climbing Wall, from the amazing entertainment on the first night to the farewell dance on our last night.

Grade Nine students - start counting down for next year's trip! Students who want to be Senior Leaders for our trip next year should apply in the Spring.

Student Services Update

Ontario College and University Application Process:

Timelines:

Students will apply on-line for Ontario colleges and universities through OUAC – the Ontario University Application Centre and OCAS – the Ontario College Application Service.

Application Deadlines:

OUAC – January 11, 2012 PIN#'s arrive in late November to access the application

OCAS – February 1, 2012 no PIN# required but you will need your OEN# (available on any report card or in the Guidance Office).

Students will be given an information sheet on the application process at the College and University Assembly that we hold early in December. If you want the College info sheet ahead of time please stop by the Guidance office.

- Marks and course information are sent electronically from the school board to OUAC and OCAS several times through the year. Universities and colleges may make conditional offers of admission as soon as they determine they have received sufficient academic data.

Offer dates will vary by school and the program.

- February 8 – first semester final marks are sent (a few conditional offers may be made)
- April 25 – second semester mid-terms are sent (the majority of conditional offers are made)
- End of May – the latest date that all applicants will hear a response about the status of their application
- July 4 – second semester final marks are sent.

College and University Research Phase:

this is what should be happening now!

- Attend the college and university visits/seminars held at LCI
- Contact the Liaison Officers at the universities and colleges. They are your best source for detailed information
- Visit the schools – develop your own opinion of the place where you want to go – each school is different and offers unique experiences. Contact the school or go on their website to find their fall visit day.
- Drop by Guidance to pick up additional information.
- Go on electronicinfo.ca and ontariocolleges.ca for information about admission requirements, prerequisite courses etc.
- Visit www.myblueprint.ca for pathway planning assistance and information on all Canadian colleges and universities as well as occupations

- Out of province applications: require that the student request information and an application from the institution directly.
- If you are considering a very competitive or limited enrollment program, have a back up plan.

Reminders:

**Lakeshore Collegiate Parent Curriculum
Night for all Grades 9 – 12
Tuesday, November 29th 7:00pm
All parents and students are welcome to attend.**

The Student Services Department is available to help students with these issues and other personal issues which may arise. Please make an appointment with your counselor if you require assistance or have any questions.

Attention Parents:

Lakeshore Collegiate Institute is pleased to provide an exciting education planning resource available immediately to your students at school or from home.



myBlueprint Education Planner (www.myBlueprint.ca) lets your child create an engaging and interactive Education Plan. They can build customized high school course plans, instantly identify the post-secondary options that are available to them and explore valuable information about apprenticeships, college programs, university programs and workplace opportunities across Canada!

With direct access from home, now you can also get more informed and involved with your child's education. Log in and learn about courses, graduation requirements and the endless options available to your child. From their Profile, your student will be able to set goals, save unlimited plans, short-list programs and occupations of interest, record extra-curricular activities and more.

To access the site, visit www.myBlueprint.ca and input the Activation Key.

Activation Key: Lakeshore (enter this in the new user sign up box if you or your child is a new user, otherwise, enter account information to log on as an existing user).

myBlueprint helps ensure you can assist your child in making the most informed decision about their education. We encourage you to get started today and explore the website with them.

Beginning in February, 2012 the TDSB (and Lakeshore Collegiate) will be using myBlueprint and its online course selection functionality to enter student course selections for the 2012-2013 school year. Please stay tuned for more information on the course selection process that will begin in the new year.

Please contact the guidance department with any questions!