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Five Mile School  
Fall Newsletter - 2019

## ADMINISTRATION CORNER:

What a busy start to a new year at Five Mile! I, along with a wonderful staff and fantastic community partners, are very pleased to be sharing your child's educational journey. I hope that everyone was able to take advantage of the great summer weather and spend some time with family and friends. We are very excited to be back at school to learn and grow together.

We have been very busy over the summer making some notable changes at the school including: repairs and expansion of our parking lot paving, repainting designated parking spaces and safety areas, removing unnecessary fencing and replacing those in need, we have expanded the asphalt area at the North end of the building and will be adding an additional basketball area and painting playground games on our new surface, a gate has been added to the JK/SK area for added safety, new trees which are growing nicely, and the list goes on.

Staff have been working hard to create the wonderful learning spaces and activities for our students. Parents and guardians have a very powerful impact on their students success and learning. It is important that you know that we value your partnership and that we are available to discuss your child's progress at any time. Please contact the school to speak with a teacher or myself.

Our meet the Teacher Open House will be next Thursday September 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 6:30. The School Council will be serving off the barbeque beginning at 5:00 and classrooms will open at 5:45 for you to meet the teacher and see the wonderful spaces that your students will be learning in. We look forward to working with you in partnership as your child learns and grows at Five Mile.

Thank You,

Mr. Oades - Principal



## Our Five Mile Staff

SK/JK - Ms. Savinainen & Ms. Watt	SSP - Ms. MacArthur
JK/SK - Ms. Schiavone & Ms. Beck	SSP - Ms. Anderson
Gr.1 - Ms. McCallum	SSP - Ms. Ariganello
Gr.1/2 - Mrs. Ortgiese	SSP - Ms. Reid
Gr.2/3 - Mrs. Caddo	IST - Ms. Vaillant
Gr.3/4 - Mr. Meilke	Chief Custodian -Mr. Briand
Gr.4/5 - Ms. Pavletic	Custodian -Mr. Boire
Gr.5/6 - Ms. Wilson	Custodian - Mr. MacPherson
Gr.6/7 - Mrs. Chambers	Lunch Supervisor - Ms. Downs, Ms. Carrier, Ms. Cashaback, Ms. Briand, Ms. Bouvier Ms. Crowe
Gr. 8 - Mr. Crane	Secretary -Mrs. Wickstrom
Primary Science/Art/Music - Mrs. Cross	Principal - Mr. Oades
French/Primary Science - Ms. Lombardo	
Music - Mrs. Fleury, Ms. Windsor	
Facilitator - Mrs. Lee-Milionis	

## Safety Drills:

Lakehead Public Schools is in the process of reviewing and updating safety practices for all our schools. Throughout the months of September, October and early November, Five Mile will be conducting 3 fire drills and one lockdown practice at the school. If you happen to be in the building during one of these practices, you are expected to participate with all students, staff and visitors. Should we experience an emergency in which we need to evacuate our school, North McIntyre Recreation Center is our alternate safe location.

## ALLERGY ALERT AND MEDICAL FORM UPDATES!

A friendly reminder: No Nuts/Tree Nuts or Nut products at school please!

Forms for current students who require special medical considerations were sent home last spring. New students will receive these forms upon registration. Students who require Epi Pen and Asthma puffers must have updated forms 1 and 2, as well as their Grab and Go Emergency Medical Management Plans, reviewed and updated each school year. If you require additional copies of those forms, please contact the school as soon as possible. As reminder, any student requiring an Epi Pen for anaphylaxis is always required to have their Epi Pen on them while at the school. Please contact the school for a website link to acquire a belt or shoulder pouch for safekeeping.

### BUS SAFETY:

Every Fall, bus evacuation drills are completed to remind/inform students on evacuation protocol. It is the school bus driver's role to perform the evacuation drill as it gives them the practice required along with their students. It is important that all students, not just those who rely on bus transportation to get to school every day, participate in the evacuation drills, and view the video, as it is likely that all students will ride a school bus on educational trips or to extra-curricular activities at some point in the school year. Our drill will occur within the first few weeks of October.



## Five Mile School

Invites you and your family to our

### School Open House and Barbeque



**Thursday, September 19th, 2019**

**5:00 – 6:30 pm**

**Family Barbeque**

**School Tours**

**Meet the Teacher**

**Play & Mingle On Our Playground**

**\*\*\*Parent Council Information Table**

**\*\*\*Tours led by Five Mile Falcon Leaders**

**\*\*\*Students selling Hot Chocolate to raise money for new Soccer Nets!!**

**\*\*\*Math On-line tutoring resource with Mr. Sawyer**



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Users may borrow a maximum of three titles at a time and choose a lending period of one, two, or three weeks for each title borrowed. At the end of the lending period, titles automatically expire.

# SCHOOL COUNCIL

In September, we encourage parents/guardians to consider getting involved in their child's learning by becoming active in our school council. As a member of school council, you have the opportunity to have your voice heard as an advisory body for our school. The first meeting of School Council will be **September 24<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:00 p.m.** in the staffroom. Elections will be held at this first meeting for Chair (or Co-chair), secretary and treasurer.

We congratulate and thank all school council members for their commitment last year during the 2018 - 2019 school year.

If you wish to get involved, please feel free to come to one of our monthly meetings. Research shows that parental involvement is the most significant factor contributing to a child's success in school. Active participation in school activities improves student achievement and increases school attendance.

We hope you will join us!

## Dates to Remember

Picture Days - September 20<sup>th</sup> Retakes on October 25<sup>th</sup>  
Intermediate Soccer – September 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>  
First School Council Meeting - September 24<sup>th</sup>  
PA Day - September 27<sup>th</sup>  
Orange Shirt Day – September 30<sup>th</sup>  
September 30<sup>th</sup> – October 4<sup>th</sup> – Cereal Drive  
October 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Senior Kindergarten Vision Screening  
Thanksgiving Monday October 14<sup>th</sup>  
Cross Country Running – October 10<sup>th</sup>  
Ultimate Frisbee – October 15<sup>th</sup> (17<sup>th</sup> Extreme weather date)  
Intermediate Flag Football – October 22<sup>nd</sup> (24<sup>th</sup> Extreme weather)

## STUDENT ATTENDANCE and SCHOOL MESSENGER



Just a reminder to parents, please let the school know if your child will be absent ahead of time. (i.e. hockey tournaments, etc.)

All students arriving LATE, please check in with the office before going to your class.

Please report your child's planned absences using SchoolMessenger.

Please follow the link below or click on the image <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca/#/account/signup>

Five Mile Elementary School  
Fall 2019 portrait date information

Picture Day  
9/20/2019  
Retake Day  
10/25/2019

Lifetouch PrintShop  
24"X36" WALL DECAL \$65.00  
WALL DECALS FOR YOUR SCHOOLS HALLS

ENJOY Summer Holidays

Lifetouch Canada, Inc.  
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Territory Manager  
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Thunder Bay On. P7B 6G3  
cell 807-474-9404  
office 807-683-0922  
email - ponelli@lifetouch.ca

A reminder to send a fork and spoon with your child for their snack and lunch. The school has a limited supply. Thank you!

## POLICE RECORD CHECK

We really appreciate all the help we get through friends and family that volunteer at Five Mile. If you would like to be a volunteer, please contact your student's teacher or call the office to discuss opportunities. We encourage you to get a PRC for use here at the school. This allows you volunteer on all field trips and school outings, sporting events and Kingfisher trips. Police Records Checks and Vulnerable Sector Screenings need to be completed once, then yearly declarations make it easy for you be involved in your student's activities. Please update/complete your declaration with Mrs. Wickstrom if you already have a current PRC on file at the scho



Private piano lessons returning in September  
at

Five Mile School!

Half hour lessons once a week during school  
hours.

For more information please feel free to  
contact :

DONNA'S MUSIC ACADEMY  
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Thunder Bay ON P7G 2G1  
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## Free Parenting Seminar Oct 15 & 22

### Misbehaviour is Normal

EarlyON Children & Family Centre (Confederation College)

5:00 to 8:00pm

Supper, bus tickets & limited free childcare available.

Register at <http://bit.ly/parentingclass2019>

or call 625-8825. For more information visit

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## Grains for Healthy Brains Cereal Drive



**When: Mon. Sept 30 – Fri. Oct 4**

**Where: at our school!**

**All cereal collected remains at our school**

**Multigrain Cheerios, Life Multigrain and  
Shreddies are good examples of healthy  
cereal.**

### Healthy Smiles for Life

Oral Health staff from the Health Unit will visit selected grades in all elementary schools between September and June to check their dental health.



Parents of children in the selected grades will receive a letter approximately 3 weeks before their visit.

After the screening, a card will be sent home with your child that will inform you of any obvious dental needs and may recommend preventive dental services.

If you do not have dental insurance and cannot afford the cost of treatment, the Health Unit can help determine eligibility for no cost dental programs and assist with enrolment.

For more information call the Oral Health Program at 625-5984.

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