

Ladysmith Primary

2020/2021



Welcome LPS Families!

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year. Our school team is excited to welcome our students and families. **AS YOU ARE AWARE, WE ARE OBSERVING INCREASED HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS DUE TO COVID 19 SO ONLY STUDENTS AND STAFF ARE PERMITTED INTO THE BUILDING.**

In addition to our Kindergarten to Grade 3 programming, our school also hosts the LPS Strong Start program. Strong Start is a program that invites families who have children younger than school age to visit our school each day with their children.

We are looking forward to wonderful year of learning and growth and welcome you to our school community! Please communicate with our school and your child's teacher if you have ideas, questions, or appreciations.

STRONG START IS CURRENTLY CLOSED DUE TO COVID 19
STRONG START is open on school days (8:45 - 11:00)

Enrollment forms are available. A copy of children's birth certificates needs to be included in the enrollment information.

In the event of Strong Start closure, an email will be sent to registered families and signs will be put up in the entrance.

LPS Vision

*Journey to Our Best
Self, Family,
Community, World*

We will be an encouraging and safe environment that empowers all children to develop socially, emotionally and academically through rich, relevant learning.

-LPS Staff

Basic Information and Requests

<p><i>Bell Schedule</i></p> <p>Please be aware that our school does NOT have before or after school supervision. Students are expected to be supervised by parents before and after school.</p> <p>Monday to Friday 8:40 a.m. – 2:25p.m.</p> <p>8:40 Student enter building</p> <p>10:00 – 10:15 Short Recess Div 1-8 10:20 – 10:35 Short Recess Div 9-15</p> <p>11:30 – 12:10 Long Recess Div 1-8 12:15-12:55 Long Recess Div 9-15</p> <p>2:25 Dismissal</p>	<p><i>Visitors - Report to the Office</i></p> <p>For safety reasons, all visitors must report to the office and get a visitor’s badge. We often have substitute staff members who may not recognize parents.</p> <p>NO VISITORS CURRENTLY IN SCHOOLS</p> <hr/> <p><i>Dogs on School Property</i></p> <p>We ask our families to not bring dogs/pets onto school property. While many family pets are comfortable with children, some of our children have allergies and fears. In addition, pets can respond unexpectedly to young children’s behaviours. We appreciate your cooperation.</p>
<p><i>Drop-Off and Pick-Up</i></p> <p>Parking is available for our families in front of our school field on 6th Ave. and along Malone. The area of the high school lot facing the school is for staff parking.</p> <p>The bus loop is available for drop-off only after 8:35. Parking is not permitted in the bus loop.</p>	<p><i>Student Absences</i></p> <p>If your child is going to be away from school, please call the school. Messages can be left on our phone system after hours if that is more convenient for your family. (250) 245-3912</p>
<p><i>Nutrition</i></p> <p>We know proper nutrition is essential for learning and water is a key element. Please avoid sugary and unhealthy treats in student lunches and snacks.</p> <p>Water is by far the most hydrating and best drink for learners. Please avoid juices and other drinks.</p>	<p><i>Nut / Peanut Aware</i></p> <p>We have students who have serious allergies to nuts and peanuts. We ask families to not send school lunches that include peanut butter or other nut products.</p>



Areas of Focus for Our School

Successful Learner Traits

This year every classroom will be learning the Successful Learner Traits. In addition to classroom learning, we will integrate these traits into our morning announcements and Monday morning assemblies. The traits are creative, thoughtful, strategic, compassionate, industrious, confident, risk taking, and enthusiastic.

Social-Emotional Learning

Our school utilizes a Positive Behaviour approach to support our students' learning of expected behaviours. We focus instruction, practice and reinforcement on behaviours that are respectful, safe, and responsible.

Literacy

In our school district, balanced literacy is encouraged to develop skills in speaking and listening (oral language), reading and viewing, and writing and representing to make meaning of the world and prepare our students to be engaged, reflective lifelong learners.

Throughout the year, our staff will assess all students' learning regarding critical literacy skills. This will allow us to plan instructional activities that match our learners' needs. More information regarding learning resources will be shared by your child's teacher.

Numeracy

The BC math curriculum addresses the continued need for balance between conceptual and procedural understanding of foundational skills, including fluency with basic facts.

Our staff has identified critical skills each grade level we will strive to learn this year. We also developed assessment tools to monitor student progress and learning activities for intervention. We will continue to share information regarding your child's numeracy (math) learning and ways you can support at home.

The LPS Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Every parent of an LPS student is a member of the LPS PAC. The PAC Executive is comprised of parents, just like yourself, and meetings are held the first Monday of every month at 7:30. **MEETINGS ARE ON ZOOM OR TEAMSTHIS YEAR**

The PAC works closely with the staff and administration to enhance the educational experience of LPS students by organizing events and fundraisers such as: hot lunch, popcorn day, special craft days, book fairs, bake sales, the Winter craft fair, the Elemental Run, and many more.

Funds raised by the PAC assist with the costs of field trips, school wide swimming lessons, educational resources/technology and experiences, author visits, special performances, as well as bringing resources and events to the school for families and students.

Getting involved with the PAC is a great way to participate in the LPS community whether it is helping to organize, plan, or volunteer at fundraisers and events, joining a committee, or attending meetings.

Follow the LPS PAC on Facebook to stay up to date on school news and PAC events. Contact the PAC at lpSPAC@gmail.com.