



Lakefield Elementary

To provide an orderly, positive and enriching environment for academic and social growth

October, 2020

Home and School Corner

The Home and School committee is well underway planning events for the year! Thanks to all the parents who signed up to volunteer their time in various ways to support all of our school initiatives. The volunteer form is now found on our School Web Page under the Home and School tab and it was also sent to parents via email as an attachment. Meetings are held the last Monday of the month.

LES parents are also invited to drop off their bottles at the KV Redemption Center (located next to the Foodland). Just let the cashier know that you wish to donate your bottles to Lakefield Elementary School. Every little bit helps in our collective efforts to make this another exciting year at Lakefield!!

Fundraising efforts will continue this year to help upgrade certain areas throughout the school. We need parents' help to make these necessary changes. If you can help in any way please look out for various meeting dates and attend to see how you can contribute.

Next Home & School meeting will be Monday October 26th at 6:30pm in the School library.

Important Dates

Oct 1st - First day for Hot Lunch.

Oct 10th - Hot Lunch Ordering Opens for November

Oct 20th - Hot Lunch Ordering Closes

Oct 12th - Thanksgiving
No School

Oct 13th to Oct 23rd
Registration for Kindergarten students starting school in September, 2021

Oct 26th - Home & School Meeting 6:30pm Library

Nov 9th - All students begin their Demand Writing process.

Upcoming Dates:
No School—Nov 11th
Remembrance Day

No School— Nov 20th
Professional Learning Day for Teachers



Going that extra mile can lead us to extraordinary achievements!

Reminders for bus students and after school

At the end of the school day, students cannot go on a different bus or get off at a different stop for "social" reasons such as for a birthday party or to play at someone else's house. ASD-S transportation policy does not permit this even if the student brings a note from home.

Children who return to the school in the evening for community activities such as basketball or archery should not walk through the hallways of the school, nor to classrooms or co-rooms. Participants in these activities are expected to remain in the area of the gymnasium, to use the washrooms by the gym, to refrain from playing in the lobby or on the stairway to the gym entrance, and to enter and leave the building via the front doors of the school.

Punctuality

I have been asked by teachers to urge that all students arrive at the school by **8:05** each morning. Late arriving students, either alone or accompanied by parents, tend to delay and prolong such things as opening exercises and morning announcements, collecting items, distributing materials and checking homework, thus frustrating the smooth beginning of the school day for the school and the class.

Gentle Reminder

Parents picking up children at the end of the day for **ALL** grades are to use our back doors (parking lot or back modular playground doors). Parents are not permitted this year to wait in the lobby.



Kindergarten Registration for September 2021

Kindergarten Registration for the 2021-22 school year will begin on Tuesday Oct 13th and run until Friday Oct 23rd. Registration will be for children who will be 5 years old as of December 31st, 2021.

This year we are asking parents to register online at www.asd-s.nbed.nb.ca By completing the form online it will shorten the time you'll need to be in the school. We will have hard copies available at the school if you are unable to register online.

Next step is to come into the school so we can photocopy and get your signatures. When coming to the school you will need: 1. Proof of age of your child (Birth certificate or Passport) and 2. The child's updated immunization record.

We ask that when you come into the school, arrive after 9am and before 3pm, read the Covid screener questions, sanitize your hands, wear a mask & sign in at the office. We will have stations set up to collect your information following the 2 meters distancing protocols.

Kindergarten attendance is compulsory for all children who reach the age of five years on or before Dec. 31, 2021. Parents, however, may defer entry into Kindergarten until Sept. of 2022 for children who turn five between Sept. 2nd and Dec. 31 2021. Children who have not reached the age of five on or before Dec. 31, 2021 are not eligible for admission into Kindergarten for Sept 2021.

The 2 pieces of ID required at the school are: (1) proof of age (birth certificate, passport), and (2) proof of immunization.

Kick Off to Kindergarten

Normally we would be holding a parent only meeting for parents who will have children starting Kindergarten in September 2021. This year, because of Covid, we are unable to offer this to our Kindergarten parents. What I hope to do is send you a power point presentation with the hope of providing you some insight into the Kindergarten curriculum and information about Lakefield Elementary School. Once you look over the power point and you have any questions, I ask that you please send me an e mail and I will hopefully find the answer for you. I'd like to compile and create a FAQ form.

Welcome to Kindergarten

Parents of children who will be attending kindergarten in the fall of September 2021 are invited to attend an information session. The sessions will **tentatively** be held at LES on **Tuesday, February 9th at 3:30 with a repeat session at 5:30**. These short child centered sessions will prove beneficial and help ease the transition of your child into kindergarten.

You will receive an e mail asking you to choose the session you will be able to attend. We hope to see you **and your child** at this meeting. We request you leave any other siblings at home so that you and your kindergarten child will get the most from these sessions.

Guidance at LES

Guidance with Mr. Shea

We're off to a great start with all our Lakefield Lions thinking about how to feel STRONG and confident during these interesting times. Ask your child what their "superpower" is: something they are good at or love doing.

Students enjoyed a "virtual assembly" for Orange Shirt Day on Oct 1st. Everyone was happy to see Grampy K (by video) reading to our students again! If you're interested in learning some local First Nations songs with your child, check out videos online such as this: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MNf1FLW7DoU>, by Maritime treasure: George Paul.

Wellness week will be celebrated during the week of Oct 5th. To honor world mental health day, we're thrilled to have Mrs. Meahan, Mrs. Doyle and Mrs. McNamee teaching yoga to ALL our students during the week. If you and the kids need a little time to de-stress, try an online yoga site such as: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X655B4ISagk>.

The **Public Health guidelines** currently state that if students have one or more symptoms you can register online by clicking "Get tested" on the GNB coronavirus website (www.gnb.ca/coronavirus), contact Tele-Care 811 or contact your primary health care provider.

Students can attend school if only exhibiting one symptom. Children who have been identified by their medical care provider as having seasonal allergies or who suffer from chronic runny nose/nasal congestion are not required to be excluded based on these symptoms.

A student can be at school if someone in their home has two or more symptoms providing that person is following the advice from Public Health. **The exception is** if the family member has been outside the Atlantic Canada bubble in the past 14 days and has symptoms.

If you are ever unsure it would be best to contact Public Health for their advice.

If there is a need for you to come into the school, please follow our operational procedures. Use the front door of the school ONLY. Ensure you have read the GNB Screening Poster. Wear a mask. Sanitize hands in lobby. Go directly to the office area to sign in (contact tracing purposes). Admin Assistant will help you. When you leave sanitize your hands



SPEAKING OF SPEECH AND LANGUAGE...

(from the ASD-S Speech-language Pathology Department)

THE IMPORTANCE OF TEACHING NARRATIVE SKILLS TO CHILDREN

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What are narrative skills?

Expressive language skill that encompasses:

- describing** people, events, circumstances, feelings, etc
- sequencing** events that happen in an orderly, coherent manner
- retelling** a story they have just heard or seen
- reporting** an event that has already happened
- inferring** by making sense of things that are not explicitly stated
- predicting** what might happen next given the present circumstances

Why are narrative skills important?

- 😊 **Develop a sense of self**
- 😊 **Necessary for connecting with family and friends**
- 😊 **Bridge to becoming literate**
- 😊 **Bridge between oral and written language**
- 😊 **Basis for reading comprehension**
- 😊 **May flag social pragmatic difficulties**
- 😊 **Help with understanding and analyzing academic texts**

Developmental stages of narratives

