



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! We are very excited to welcome you and your child(ren) back into our learning community. Within this September Newsletter are a variety of important updates including details about:

- Our school success plan,
- completing start-up forms online,
- PAC meetings and CARP training,
- paying for school supplies online, and
- upcoming events in September and October.

Please review our September Newsletter and reach out to the office with any questions you might have.

All the best,

Dan Clark

STAFF CHANGES

We want to WELCOME...

- Anna Strapko is teaching a blended Kindergarten/Grade 1 class. Shannon Magee will be team teaching with Anna starting in October.
- Ronalea Beaton is team teaching with Meg Baker in a Grade 3 class. Ronalea is teaching Tues. to Thurs. and Meg is teaching Mon./Fri. until back full-time in January.
- Erryn Turcon is joining us as a teacher from McKim and will be teaching a blended Grade 2/3 class.
- Jackie Seward will be joining us as an EA from McKim and is running our food program.
- Indra Stefanek will be transitioning into a role as our Indigenous Education Support Worker on Monday and Wednesday and some Fridays.
- See our complete staff directory [here](#).

SCHOOL SUCCESS PLAN

To learn more about our plans for this school year, please have a look through our school success plan here: [LPES 2023-24 School Success Plan](#).

START-UP FORMS

Each year we need families to complete a variety of forms. These include forms for walking field trips, medical, media, and technology. This year these forms are all online. Visit the [Clevr Login Page](#) to fill in your Start Up forms. Accounts have been created for families already registered in the School District. When you arrive at the Clevr website, just select, "Forgot password" to begin the process. For support, please refer to the [Clevr Guide for Parents/Guardians](#), or contact the office.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Our school purchases the school supplies for the year in bulk so that all students in each class have what they need. Parents do not need to purchase supplies separately. Please send your child's school supply fees (\$50 per child) by Sept. 30th. If you require financial assistance for supply costs, please contact the office.

ONLINE PAYMENT FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We now have SchoolCashOnLine available to all parents to make payments on line. Registering for a SchoolCash Online account is free and easy. Any future fees can be paid through this account.

1. Register to get started.
Visit <https://sd6.schoolcashionline.com/> and click "Register."
2. Confirm your email address.
3. Add your student in the system and pay online.
4. Should you encounter any difficulties, please contact the SchoolCash Online parent help desk by visiting: <https://schoolcashionline.com/Home/Support>

You may also pay for supplies by cheques made out to Lindsay Park. Please note your child's name in the memo line and what the funds are for. Deadline is September 30th.

MEDICAL ALERTS

If your child requires any medication or needs to carry an epi-pen due to allergic reactions, **PLEASE** ensure we have what we need at the school. For most medication to be administered at school we need a form completed and signed parents and a doctor to sign a form for school staff to administer medication, if needed.



PAC NEWS

CARP TRAINING

Are you interested in volunteering with your child's class? Each year, all staff and volunteers who work with children are required to complete Child Abuse Protection Protocol training. This 15 minute training will be offered just before our PAC meetings at 5:45pm. A Criminal Record Check is also required on file, but these are valid for five years. If you need to check on the status of your CRC, kindly contact the office.

PAC MEETING

Our first PAC Meeting is Wednesday, September 20th at 6:00 pm in our library – all parents and caregivers are welcome! Please use the front entrance. You may also join us virtually here: [Click here to join the meeting](#)
Meeting ID: 272 292 790 853 and Passcode: qKJUAE

BUSSING



All bus students who registered for the bus last year will be automatically registered this year. You will need to complete a new registration if you have moved since the end of June 2023. Students within 4 km of their closest school are considered courtesy riders. Forms are available on the SD6 site under [Student Transportation](#) and must be returned as soon as possible to determine if your child can ride the bus.

For more information or to make a special request please contact our Operations Department at 250-427- 2268 or wanda.giles@sd6.bc.ca

Bus routes and times are detailed in [Kimberley Zone School Bus Routes 2023/2024](#).

DROP OFF AFTER THE BELL

Parents and caregivers are reminded that student drop off after the bell should happen through the front door. Parents are asked to stop at the office unless they sign-in and out at the office.

TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?

Children should not come to school if they are sick and unable to participate fully in routine activities. If you have questions and concerns about your child's health, talk with a qualified healthcare professional. Find out more by reviewing this Interior Health document: [Is Your Child Too Sick for School?](#)

FOOD PROGRAMS

Kids are growing, and it takes a lot of energy to be in school. Thinking makes you hungry and kids can't learn if they don't eat. Please make sure your child has lots of food, but know that we provide food for kids at LPES in a variety of ways. Our food program is universally available. Find out more on our website here: [Food Programs](#)



REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

As we are a Green School we do our best to not print more copies than are absolutely needed. If you require a paper copy, please let the office know and we will send a copy home with your child. Thank you and welcome to a new school year!

HEAD LICE

Every year there are several cases of lice in our community. Head Lice do not transmit or cause disease. If your child has lice at school, you will be informed directly so you can start treatment. Please continue to check your child throughout the year if you suspect lice. If you would like more information about it, please visit the Interior Health page: [Promoting Health of Children in School](#).

PARENT HANDBOOK

You can find the updated parent handbook for this year here: [Parent Handbook 2023-2024](#)

VOLUNTEERS

CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS & CHILD PROTECTION PROTOCOL TRAINING

All persons wishing to volunteer in any capacity with the school must have a clear Criminal Record Check completed every 5 years. There is no cost to the volunteer and forms are available at the office. Volunteers MUST also complete the Child Protection Protocol Training EVERY year. Join us on Wed. Sept 20th at 5:45pm in the library just before the PAC meeting!



2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

For those who are planning ahead, you may refer to the [2023-24 SD6 School Calendar](#).

LPES SCHOOL CALENDAR

Please remember to check our school website for updates to activities or changes to dates. Our calendar is available [here](#).

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

- Mon. Sept. 11th to Wed. Sept. 13th – Half day for new K's – dismissal at 11:50 am
- Thur. Sept. 14th – Half day for K's – dismissal at 1:09 pm
- Fri. Sept. 15th – Full day for K's – dismissal at 1:09 pm
- Mon. Sept. 18th – Full regular day for K's – dismissal 2:48 pm
- Wed. Sept. 20th – Child Protection Training 5:45 pm in library
- Wed. Sept. 20th – PAC meeting at 6:00 pm in library
- Thur. Sept. 21st – Terry Fox Run
- Mon. Sept. 25th – Pro-D Day (No School)
- Tues. Sept. 26th – Fire Safety Presentations
- Thur. Sept. 28th – LPES Open House – 5:30-7:00 pm
- Fri. Sept. 29th – School Wide Reconciliation Activities
- Sat. Sept. 30th – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

OCTOBER

- Mon, Oct. 1st – Day in lieu of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Day (No School)
- Thurs. Oct. 5th – Individual student and class photos
- Mon. Oct. 9th – Thanksgiving Day (No School)
- Tues. Oct. 10th to Fri. Oct. 13th – Book Fair at lunch each day and after school Tues. to Thur.
- Tues. Oct. 17th to Thurs. Oct. 19th – Early Dismissal Days at 1:49 pm for Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Wed. Oct. 18th – Take Me Outside Day
- Wed. Oct. 18th – Child Protection Training 5:45 pm in library
- Wed. Oct. 18th – PAC Meeting 6:00pm in library
- Thurs. Oct. 19th – Hot Lunch
- Fri. Oct. 20th – Pro-D Day (No School)
- Tues. Oct. 31st – Halloween Stations in Buddy Group