



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This newsletter has many important updates on personal electronic devices, classroom placement input for next year, events during the last eight weeks of school and our recent Take Me Outside day at Wycliffe Regional Park.

This is an exciting time of year! As we look forward to the last two months of school, teachers have some exciting plans for field trips. Please help us with prompt return of permission forms and by volunteering to join these trips. We sincerely hope that you join us for our Spring Open House on May 15th from 5:00-7:00pm as we will have in class activities, tacos and dessert, and our PAC AGM.

In May there is also a lot of planning starting for next year. Our planning for 2024-25 includes work on classes for next year, grade 3 transitions to McKim, and welcoming our kindergarten students and families.

All the best,

Dan Clark

PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

At Lindsay Park Elementary School, students can use school-provided electronic devices during appropriate times for learning. Recently we have had several incidents with personal technology being used during class that have disrupted learning.

Personal devices like cell phones, cameras, and "smart" devices should stay at home. If students need to bring personal devices, they must keep them in their backpacks while at school. The only exception is for medically necessary devices.

Any personal devices found outside of backpacks will be kept safely in the office for families to pick up. The school is not responsible for any loss or damage to personal electronic devices.



JOIN OUR SPRING OPEN HOUSE



Families are invited to join our Spring Open House on May 15th from 5:00-7:00pm. We will have outdoor and classroom activities, plus tacos and dessert for everyone. Bring a waterbottle to help us reduce waste. The schedule for the evening is:

- 5:00-5:15pm – Outside play for families and CARP training in the office for any parents/guardians who plan to volunteer for year-end field trips.
- 5:15-5:45pm – In-class activities.
- 5:45-6:30pm – Tacos and dessert served outside.
- 6:30-7:00pm – PAC AGM in library.

CLASSROOM PLACEMENT FOR NEXT YEAR

Work is beginning on class placements for next year. It is important that students learn to work and socialize in environments of diversity. This prepares students for life in the 21st century and allows individual talents to shine. Teachers get to know their students very well during the course of a school year and consider each and every student as an individual and as part of the school community when considering class placement for students.

Parents and guardians understandably want to ensure that their child is placed in the best possible learning environment. If there is information that the current classroom teacher and/or the principal does not have and should consider when placing your child, please complete this form. In order to have your input considered for placement, please complete this form by May 31st, 2024. Click Here: [Form 5225 Classroom Placement for 2024-25](#)

PAC NEWS

Our next PAC Meeting and AGM is Wednesday, May 15th at 6:30 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 Meeting](#)

RMISP HOMESTAY REFERRAL PROGRAM

Do you know someone who would make a great host parent? RMISP is always looking for new individuals or families to host an international student and will award \$500 for new host family referrals.



More information is available at:

<https://www.rminternational.ca/homestay2/homestay-referral-program>.



Student watching the eclipse at LPES.

TAKE ME OUTSIDE DAY

On Thursday May 2nd we had an amazing day of outdoor learning at Wycliffe Regional Park. We had nearly 500 students and staff from Lindsay Park Elementary, Marysville Elementary, and Selkirk Secondary.



For half of the day students participated in stations designed by high school students in Jenn Meens' Outdoors Class and Esther Sylvestre's Indigenous Program. These included art activities, drumming, a team-building challenge, tag games, and roasting marshmallows.



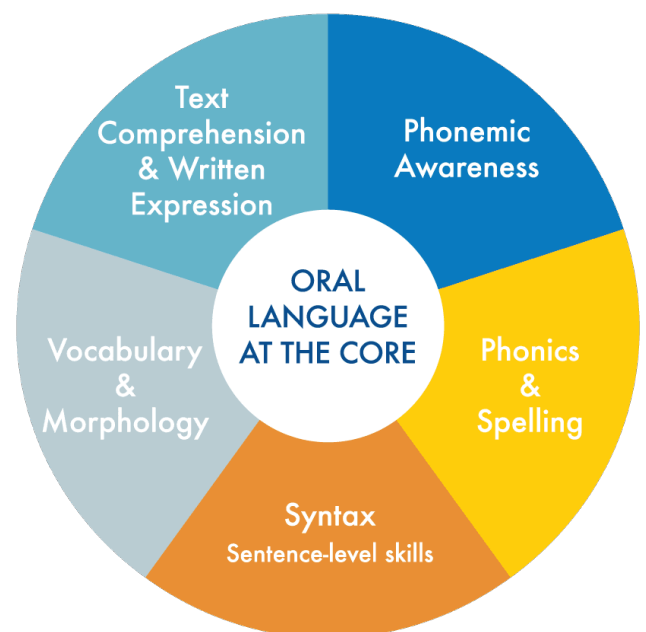
For the remaining part of the day, students enjoyed class-based activities including nature walks, fort building, and teacher read alouds.



Days like these require a large amount of planning. A huge thanks go to our TMO planning team - Jenn Meens, Eshter Sylvestre, Amy McKinnis, Ana Pakenham, Laura Shore, Sarah Kinsey and Meg Baker. A large thanks also goes to all of the family volunteers to supported classes and our Operations Department for their help with busing!

MAY IS BETTER SPEECH AND HEARING MONTH

Spoken language is the core of reading and writing. Speech-language pathologists are here to help!



DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

- Thurs. May 2nd – Take Me Outside Day at Wycliffe
- Tues. May 7th – Early Dismissal (1:48 pm)
- Fri. May 10th – Interim reports go home
- Mon. May 13th – The Future is Now with Bob McDonald at 6:00pm in McKim theatre
- Tues. May 14th – Welcome to K Event at 1:00pm
- Wed. May 15th – Spring Open House from 5-7pm
- Wed. May 15th – CARP Training at 5:00pm in Library
- Wed. May 15th – PAC Meeting at 6:30pm in Library
- Thurs. May 16th – Moosehide Campaign Activities
- Thurs. May 16th – Hot Lunch
- Mon. May 20th – Victoria Day (No School)
- Wed. May 22nd - Gr. 4 Parent meeting for students going to McKim
- Wed. May 29th – Thur. May 30th – Invasive Species Stewardship Activities

JUNE

- Thurs. June 6th – Track & Field in afternoon
- Fri. June 7th – Track & Field in morning
- Tues. June 11th – Grade 3 Visit to McKim
- Wed. Jun 19th – Amazing Race – Gr. 3s
- Wed. Jun 19th – CARP Training at 5:45pm in Library
- Wed. Jun 19th – PAC Meeting at 6:00pm in Library
- Thurs. June 20th – Hot Lunch
- Thurs. June 20th – National Indigenous Peoples Day
- Mon. June 24th – Talent Show
- Wed. June 26th – Grade 3 Leaving Celebration at 2:00pm
- Thurs. June 27th – Term 3 Report Cards Go Home & Last day of school for students
- Fri. June 28th – Administrative Day for Staff

LPES SCHOOL CALENDAR

Please remember to check our [LPES School Calendar](#) or this newsletter for updates to activities or changes to our regular schedule.

2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

For those who are planning ahead, please review the [2024-25 Distict Calendar](#).



Earth Rangers Presentation at LPES