



# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## Newsletter #1

Welcome back! We hope that you all had a great summer holiday. We are really looking forward to the coming year. I would like to extend a special welcome to all of our new families. I encourage all parents to become involved in various school activities, set time for homework and connect with teachers early in the year.

### **New Staff Members...**

This year we have a number of new staff members joining our school: Mrs. Trask is our new Kindergarten teacher, Ms. Docherty is our new Grade 4 teacher, Ms. Leask is our new Sm'algyax teacher, Mr. Yagi is the itinerant teacher for our Grade 1 /2 classroom and Ms. Foy is our other itinerant teacher and she is covering our Grade 1 classroom. Our preparation teacher has not yet been hired. A temporary Education Assistant will fill in for Ms. Papish who will not be returning to her position at Lax Kxeen Elementary School until further notice. Our new EAs are: Jan Currie, Jurudie Daniil and Devin Stubel. An Aboriginal Kindergarten Support Worker for one of our Kindergarten classes will be in place in the next couple of weeks. I will include the names of unknown staff members in the next newsletter once they are confirmed by the school district.

### **Allergy Aware...**

Lax Kxeen is an allergy aware school. We have a number of students with various food allergies and sensitivities. Being allergy aware means that we are mindful of allergies and sensitivities so we are asking everyone to take the necessary precautions and hygiene steps when eating recess snacks and lunch in the classrooms.

### **The Bell Schedule ...**

8:55 a.m.- Welcome Bell

9:00 a.m. - Classes begin

10:30 to 10:45 a.m. - Recess

12:00 to 12:45p.m. - Lunch

2:53 p.m. - Dismissal



### **School Supplies...**

School supplies were ordered by the school last May. Parents are asked to contribute \$40.00 towards this bulk order. Please pay Mrs. Storey at the office if you have not already done so. Thank you.

### **Pick Up and Drop Off ...**

For all of our families, all students should enter and leave the school using the door that is designated for their class. We need to keep the hallways clear. Parents can drop off their children at their line up in the morning. Supervision for the playground begins at 8:40 a.m. After school, please arrange for a spot outside to meet your child. Having parents waiting in the hallway can be very distracting to students. If you need your child early, come to the office and we will call your child for you. After school supervision is not provided so we encourage students to go directly home.

### **Telephone Messages ...**

We will try our best to make sure that your child gets the message that you leave for them. However, please ensure that your child knows what to do after school **before** they come in the morning. The office is very busy at the end of the day and we are not always able to get the message to your child. If there is an emergency, please call before 2:30 p.m. so we have a chance to locate the class if they are out of their room.

### **Parking Lot ...**

**Please note:** the parking lot can be a very congested area. Children run in between the parked cars and there is a possibility that they could be hit by cars that may not see them. Directly in front of the school is a No Parking Zone. It can be used as a drop off zone only. So, please do not park in front of the school for more than 10 seconds. At 2:30 p.m. the front gate to the parking lot will be closed. Please do not use the School Board Office or Fellowship Baptist parking lots before, during and after school. Thank you for your understanding.

### **Sunnyside Child Care Centre ...**

Sunnyside Child Care Center offers *Daycare* and a *Before and Afterschool Care* program at Lax Kxeen School. The programs will be open from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. daily. Please call (250) 622-2257 for more information regarding the programs.

### **Student Class Assignments ...**

Today, students were placed in their new classrooms. Over the next week, classroom placements may change. This depends on the number of students who do not return from last school year, as well as the arrival of new students. Students will remain in these classrooms until final numbers are determined. We are hopeful that reassignments will be kept to a minimum as we realize that this is very disruptive to students, parents and teachers. Your patience with this process is very much appreciated.



### **Welcome Back Assembly...**

Our first welcome back assembly is scheduled for Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend.

### **Lunch Break ...**

The lunch break is from 12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. We encourage students to go home for lunch if at all possible. If they are on the lunch program, they may take their lunch home with them. Lunch program forms are available on the community information board. If they are staying for lunch, it is the expectation that they will eat in their classrooms, clean up after themselves and follow the School Code of Conduct. Unacceptable behavior could result in you having to make alternate arrangements for your child during the lunch break. If your children are staying for lunch, please discuss with them that they are not to leave the school grounds at any time and the behavior expectations for staying at school for lunch. If your child normally stays for lunch, but on a given day you decide they will leave for lunch, a note is always appreciated!

### **School Calendars ...**

Attached is a "year at a glance" calendar. There will also be monthly reminders regarding events that will be happening at school as the year progresses.

### **School Website...**

Our school website has various educational websites links. Please take time to browse the site - a menu of links can be found on the left-hand side of the website. The monthly newsletters will be posted on the website. The address is:

<http://laxkxeen.rupertschools.ca>. As well, join us on Facebook; search (Lax Kxeen) 

### **Parent Advisory Council ...**

The first Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting is on **Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** in the library. The PAC is an important aspect of the school. As a parent of the school, you are automatically a member of the Council and you have the opportunity to participate in your child's education by:

- Keeping informed about what is going on in the school
- Volunteering your time to assist in the school and on field trips
- Becoming members of committees which contribute ideas and recommendations for the school
- Helping organize special events and activities

If you are interested in learning more about our Parent Advisory Council, please call the school at (250) 624-6218.

### **Popcorn Fridays...**

Popcorn dates for the month of September are the 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. The cost of popcorn is \$1.00 a bag. Thank you to our parent volunteers for making popcorn Fridays possible!



### **Lax Kxeen ROCS = Respect Ownership Community Success ...**

We will continue to reinforce our positive behavior expectations to ensure that Lax Kxeen school is a safe learning environment for everyone. As you enter the school building, you will see the signage in various locations displaying our expectations for behavior. Staff will be teaching and encouraging students to practice demonstrating all of these expectations in settings around the school on a daily basis.

### **Code of Conduct ...**

Attached is the Lax Kxeen Code of Conduct. Please review this with your child. Although the large majority of children going to Lax Kxeen will never be sent to the office, it is still very important for them to understand that *if* they are sent to the office, the consequences are clearly laid out. When a child is sent to the office, it is important for them to understand the behaviour choice they made. It is also important for them to learn alternate behaviors they could have chosen for the situation.

### **West Messenger...**

At Lax Kxeen School, we have a telephone message program called *West Messenger*. When important events or information needs to be relayed to all of the parents quickly, you will get a recorded message from the school. Therefore, it is important we have your correct phone number(s). If this has changed over the summer, please contact the school and let us know your new number.

### **Terry Fox Run...**

#### **Lax Kxeen's Terry Fox Run: Friday September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2pm**

If the weather is nice, our plan is to gather in front of the school for a quick presentation followed by the run. Younger students will run around our field and the older ones will go around the block. If students would like to bring a loonie or toonie to donate, that would be wonderful! Parents are more than welcome to join us.

Please note that our community Terry Fox Run is on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. starting at Northern Savings Credit Union.



### **Meet The Staff Night...**

On Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00p.m. to 7:00 p.m. students can bring their parents to school to meet the staff. Students will be given a passport with the names of various staff members at Lax Kxeen School. Each staff member will stamp passports which then can be placed in the draw box to win a prize at the end of the evening.



**Non Instructional Day ...**

Our first Non -Instructional Day will be held on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> . There will be no school on that day.

**Orange Shirt Day ...**

September 30<sup>th</sup> is Orange Shirt Day. which honors children who survived Residential Schools and those that did not. Participation is encouraged but optional.

**Photo Day ...**

Shutter Shack is providing photo services at Lax Kxeen School on Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Important Dates to Remember ...**

Friday, September 13 <sup>th</sup>	Terry Fox Run at the School: 2:00 to 2:53 PM
Tuesday, September 17 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Library
Thursday, September 19 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the Staff night - 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Friday, September 20 <sup>th</sup>	Welcome Back Assembly at 11:00 a.m.
Friday, September 27 <sup>th</sup>	Non Instructional Day (No School for Students)
Monday, September 30 <sup>th</sup>	Orange T-Shirt Day and
Thursday, October 8 <sup>th</sup>	Picture Day

Susan Kobza, Principal

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I have read the September Newsletter and would like my child entered into the Newsletter

Draw: \_\_\_\_\_  
Child's Name and Teacher Name