



June 2<sup>nd</sup> , 2021

Newsletter #10

The countdown is on.... 4 weeks left until summer vacation! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families for your support during this unusual year and we are looking forward to the possibility of a return to normal in September 2021. Please check our school website near the end of August for information about school start up procedures for September.

### **New Playground Recognition**

At this time, we would like to thank the following organizations for contributing funds to build our new playground: The Provincial Government, Prince Rupert Port Authority, Tire Stewardship BC, School District 52, DP World, Ridley Terminals, Prince Rupert Grain, AltaGas, Pembina and Empire Grain Stevedoring Ltd.

Our official grand opening date has not yet been decided. We will let our school community know as soon as a date is confirmed. Thank you to all of the sponsors for making this amazing addition to our school possible! The students have already had many hours of enjoyment on our new playground.

### **Additional Childcare Spaces at the Booth Building**

As was written in the Northern View last week, Sunnyside Child Care Centre is expanding it's before and after school program to a larger space. Forty - five more spaces will become available for families in Prince Rupert. A room in the Booth building is currently being renovated. The excavation work we have all been wondering about on the side hill is the new parking lot for the expanded program. The program is scheduled to open in September. Please call the Child Care Centre if you have any questions about registering your child for before and after school care at 250-622-2257.

### **Welcome to Kindergarten...**

Our annual Welcome to Kindergarten event takes place on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:45 to 5:00p.m., Tuesday to Thursday. This event will take place in the Kindergarten classrooms and in the undercover area on the east side of the school. All students who have registered at Lax Kxeen for Kindergarten are welcome to attend. You would have received a call from the school for your appointment time. If not, please contact the office as soon as possible.



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

The next Parent Advisory Council meeting will be on Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. by Zoom:

<https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/69479786661?pwd=TkszWVBMUEY5Z0REZkZjIjSEJ3OFpxZz09>

At the Annual General Meeting the following parents were elected by acclamation: Tiffany Pucci - President, Natalie Kockeritz - Vice President, Linda Last - Treasurer, Chelsea Brain- Secretary, District Parent Advisory Council Representative -Meagan Morash filling in until further notice. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the PAC for all they do for our students at Lax Kxeen! Each student will receive a book award purchased by the PAC at the end of the year. Book awards will be included in their year-end report card envelope. Thank you PAC!

### **National Indigenous Day...**

This annual day of recognition is on Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. We encourage all students and their families to do something to recognize this important day in Canada.

### **Grade 5 students off to Prince Rupert Middle School ...**

This is such an exciting time for our students as they embark on a new stage and adventure in their lives! We wish them all the best next year! Please come back and visit us in September!

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

This year, the school is asking parents to pay \$30.00 for bulk school supplies for next year. Please email the funds to: [selina.storey@sd52.bc.ca](mailto:selina.storey@sd52.bc.ca) using password: **supplies**. Mrs. Storey has set up an Electronic Money Transfer (EMT) at the Credit Union for parents and guardians to pay. A second option is to mail a cheque payable to Lax Kxeen Elementary School. Our mailing address is: PO Box 520, Prince Rupert, BC, V8J 3R7. Another option is to place cash in a clearly labelled envelope and drop it off at the school in the beige lockbox near the front entrance of the school. We will be accepting payment for school supplies into September. Thank you!

### **Kindergarten Registration is Ongoing...**

Children who are 5 years old by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 are eligible to register for Kindergarten. Please come to the Lax Kxeen office to pick up a registration form. Please bring your child's birth certificate and Care Card for photocopying. Thank you.

### **Kindergarten and Grade 5 Year End Celebrations...**

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we are unable to hold gatherings at the school with parents and guardians to celebrate the completion of our Kindergarten and Grade 5 classes. Classroom teachers will be doing smaller scale recognitions for their students in these grades. The dates for the celebrations are: Grade 5s on June 21s in the afternoon and Kindergartens on June 25<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon.



**Year End Awards...**

Each year we have a year-end awards assembly. As mentioned above, we are unable to hold school wide assemblies so students who are chosen for a year end award will have it included in their year-end report card envelope.

**Staff Changes at Lax Kxeen...**

We have a few staff members leaving our school this year: Mrs. Marogna, Mrs. Danill and Ms. Marks. We wish these staff members all the best and thank them for their dedication and hard work at our school. Mr. Last will be away the first term completing his teaching practicum with SFU. Ms. Lieb will be covering his position while is he away. Ms. Murray will be joining our team as our new Vice-Principal in September!

**The Last Day of School ...**

Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> is the last day of school for this school year.

**Important dates to remember . . .**

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| Tues.,Wed.,Thurs., June 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Welcome to Kindergarten           |
| Tuesday, June 8 <sup>th</sup>   | PAC Meeting at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom |
| Monday, June 21 <sup>st</sup>   | National Indigenous Day           |
| Thursday, June 25 <sup>th</sup>   | Report Cards Go Home              |
| Tuesday, June 29 <sup>th</sup>  | Last Day of School                |

Weekly updates about events at school will be posted on our website:  
<http://laxkxeen.rupertschools.ca/> Join us on Facebook - [LaxLxeen]  
 Please call the school if you have any questions or concerns. My email address is:  
[susan.kobza@sd52.bc.ca](mailto:susan.kobza@sd52.bc.ca)

*Have a great summer!*

Susan Kobza, Principal

Jean Marogna, Vice-Principal



