

# Welcome To KINDERGARTEN



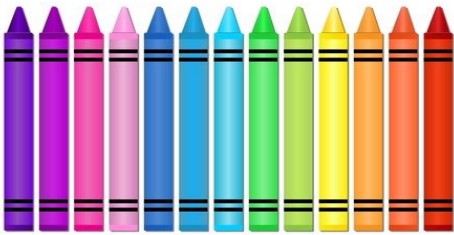
Hello Families and New Lax Kxeen Kindergarten Members!



## YOUR KINDERGARTEN TEAM



We are so excited to have the opportunity to work with your child during the 2021-2022 school year! Lax Kxeen has a new Kindergarten team that we are excited to introduce you and your child to! Our team consists of Mrs. Erin Trask (Kindergarten), Mrs. Susan Kobza, and Ms. Tania Murray (joined Kindergarten/Grade 1). Having a supportive, working relationship with our families is very important to a child's success at school. With this in mind, please feel free to speak with us if you have any questions, concerns, or if there is something you think that we should know about your child.



## THIS WILL BE AN AMAZING YEAR

The 1<sup>st</sup> year of school is an opportunity for your child to *grow, develop, and learn school routines and expectations in a hands-on, play-based environment.*



*Children enter Kindergarten at varying levels of maturity and skill development. These individual differences are taken into consideration so we can best meet the needs of all students.*

## I'M A BIG KID NOW!

We know that the start of school is a little bit scary for child AND parent and we want to help make the transition as easy possible, but we need your help to do that.

### How you can prepare your child for school:

It is important that your child is as **INDEPENDENT** as possible in their ability to:

- change in and out of their outdoor clothing.
- Button and zipper clothing
- Pull sleeves right side out on their own

*This will help us to minimize touch contact with your child.*

## CLOTHING INFORMATION

Please send your child with a change of clothes (including socks and underwear) that can be kept at school. Why does your child need extra clothes? Well...

- Accidents happen and we want to make sure they have clothes to minimize feelings of being upset or embarrassed.
- We play outside everyday (rain or shine), painting, and doing other messy crafts.

### ALSO:

- Please ensure your child is always dressed appropriately for the weather as we will be spending lots of time outside, exploring the natural environment regardless of the weather!
  - It is important to be mindful of this as you help your child get ready each morning. IE. If it is raining, or rained the night before, or it looks like it might rain... gum boots or waterproof shoes and a raincoat are a must!
- **PLEASE LABEL ALL ARTICLES OF CLOTHING** that could be taken off during the day (i.e. hoodies, hats, jackets), as well as backpacks, lunch kits, and indoor/outdoor shoes. It is not uncommon for students to have the same jacket or shoes and labelling will help to clarify ownership.
- **Please provide a draw-string bag for your child's extra clothes.**

## SHOE INFORMATION

Your child will need a pair of indoor VELCRO sneakers. Please **DO NOT send shoes with shoelaces** unless your child can independently tie their shoes.

- Will be active in the gym on a regular basis and your child will need shoes that are easy to secure and move in so a good fit is a must! Shoes that are too big are a safety issue.
- **Shoes like Crocs, flip-flops, or Heelys ARE NOT A GOOD CHOICE** for safety reasons.



## 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.

## SCHOOL START-UP INFORMATION

Kindergarten has a soft-start into the busy schedule of a regular school day to help you and your child adapt to this big change in their life. *Please note: your child could be very tired at the end of each school day for the first month or so of the new school year.*

*You will be receiving a personalized email after this general email in regards to the dates and times of your child's time at Lax Kxeen. In our experience, the gradual entry to full days allows students time to successfully adjust to their first year in school.*

### General Information to know:

- 1) September 8 to 10 - your child will attend one half day this week with 5 other Kindergarten children. They will attend from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Please enter through the front entrance to sign-in and meet your classroom teacher.
- 2) September 13 to 17 - All students will attend this week from 9:00 am - 1:00 p.m. Please pack a lunch for your child OR you may choose to sign up for the lunch program if your child is staying for lunch. The lunch form will be available after the 1<sup>st</sup> week of school.
- 3) *It is recommended that if they can, your child will go home for lunch as this provides a much-needed break during their busy day.*
- 4) September 20 - all students attend from 9:00 a.m. to 2:53 p.m. This is a regular school day and will continue as such for the remainder of the school year.

## STUDENT TEACHER

We are very excited that Mrs. Sumanik will be doing her last teaching practicum with us from September to December! She will be a valuable asset to our Kindergarten team. Mrs. Sumanik is very excited to get to know your child with us!

## MASK INFORMATION

Students in Kindergarten to Gr. 3 are encouraged to wear a mask while at school, but are not required by the province to do so at this time.



## CONTACT INFORMATION

We look forward to working with you to ensure that your child has a happy and successful year in Kindergarten!

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