

Lax Kxeen Elementary School

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It is hard to believe that we have been back to school for a month already! The school continues to have a busy buzz, but students and staff are settling into a regular routine.

SCHOOL SUPERVISION

Please note that morning supervision duty at Lax Kxeen does not start until 8:40am. Upon arriving at Lax Kxeen Elementary, students are invited to join the Breakfast Club outside of the gym or join Ms. Carpenter in the Library. Both options open at 8:30am and are available until 8:55am. Students are otherwise invited to play in the field and playground until 8:55. At the Welcome Bell, students are to line up at their designated line ups to be welcomed into the school for the Morning Session which begins at 9:00am.

ALLERGY AWARE

Lax Kxeen is an allergy aware school. There are a number of students with food allergies and sensitivities. Being allergy aware means that we are mindful of allergies and sensitivities, so we are asking our Lax Kxeen community to take the necessary precautions and hygiene steps when eating recess snacks and lunch in the classrooms. Please encourage your child(ren) not to share their packed snacks and lunch.

HELP OUR LAX KXEEN COMMUNITY STAY SAFE...AND HEALTHY

The Fall season is upon us! With this comes colder and wetter weather. Please ensure your child(ren) come dressed for the weather; we are out at recess and lunch most days.

Should your child(ren) become sick or ill, please do your best to let them recover fully at home before sending them back to school. *We remind our Lax Kxeen Community daily to help others stay safe and healthy by staying at home when sick...thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.*

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School supplies were ordered in bulk by the school at the end of June. We are asking Lax Kxeen families to pay \$30 for students in Kindergarten to Grade 2, and \$35 for students in Grades 3 to 5 to put towards this bulk order. Mrs. Storey can take payments at the office, or you can send an e-transfer to selina.storey@sd52.bc.ca. Electronic payments are preferred. Please put your child's name in the comments so we know who the payments are for. *Thank you!*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

In our efforts to go green, we will be sending out newsletters digitally starting in November. Please ensure the office has an up-to-date email address. If you are not receiving a digital newsletter via email, starting November please let us know. 😊

BELL SCHEDULE REMINDER

- 8:55am - Welcome Bell
- 9:00am – Morning Session begins
- 10:30 to 10:45am - Recess
- 12:00 to 12:45pm - Lunch **Divisions 4-10 eat first in their classrooms (12-12:20pm), then play outside (12:20-12:45pm); Divisions 1-3 play first outside(12-12:20pm), then eat in their classrooms (12:20-12:45pm)*
- 2:53pm - Dismissal

LUNCH

Lax Kxeen lunch break is from 12-12:45pm. We encourage students to go home for lunch if at all possible. This provides a break in the day and a reset for many students. If students are on the Lunch Program, they can take their lunch home to enjoy. Staying for lunch at Lax Kxeen is a privilege and students are expected to eat in their classrooms, clean up after themselves and follow Lax Kxeen's Code of Conduct. Unacceptable behavior could result in you having to make alternate arrangements for your child at lunch. Please note that there are no microwaves or kettles for students to use at lunch; please provide lunches that can be eaten as is. Thank you 😊

PARKING

A friendly reminder that the parking lot can get very congested. Please do not park in the yellow painted zones, this decreases visibility of children walking in the parking lot area. We encourage students to stay on the sidewalk at the front of the school and encourage parents to park their vehicles on the road and walk in. *We appreciate your help in making sure our students stay safe!*

COMMUNICATION

Please let the office know of any changes in contact information. In addition to a monthly newsletter, school communication is delivered via the Lax Kxeen website, Lax Kxeen Facebook page, email and phone.

PHOTO DAY

Say "cheese"! Students and staff are invited to put on their best smiles for Lax Kxeen photo day! Shutter Shack will be at Lax Kxeen Elementary on Tuesday October 17th for school photos.

Also, on this note, please advise the office if you prefer to NOT have your child(ren)'s pictures shared and/or posted. Lax Kxeen does so many great things; we often like to share on social media. If you object, please contact the office to let us know. *Thank you!*

PROVINCIAL EARTHQUAKE DRILL

Also on Thursday, October 19th Lax Kxeen will be participating in the Great BC Shake Out, a provincial earthquake drill to practice and prepare for potential earthquakes.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS / BOOK FAIR

October 25th and 25th are Early Dismissal days at Lax Kxeen Elementary to accommodate Parent Teacher Interviews. This is a great time to observe all the wonderful work your child(ren) has been working on! Teachers will be offering 10–15-minute blocks of time to connect with families; appointments are required and can be made through Signup Genius.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44A8AB29AAFDCE9-45172260-parent>

During these Early Dismissal days, the Library is also planning a Scholastic Book Fair! Hundreds of titles will be available for sale and order. We look forward to seeing you at both events.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

The next Non-Instructional Day will be on Friday, October 20th. There will be no school for students on that day.

KLEENEX

We would greatly appreciate if students could bring in a box of Kleenex. With cold and flu season on the horizon we are going through a lot. If you have a box or two you can spare, please send it to school with your child(ren). Thanks very much!

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

Lax Kxeen Elementary has a PAC that meets once a month. The PAC is an important aspect of the school. *Did you know that you are automatically a member of the Lax Kxeen PAC as a parent/guardian?* PAC members have the chance to participate in your child(ren)'s education and school life. We would love your help in organizing special events and activities for our students. *PAC Popcorn Fridays are back!* Students and staff can pay \$1 per bag; popcorn is usually ready and available by recess. If you would like to help with Popcorn Fridays, please call the school. The next PAC meeting will be on October 18th in the Library at 6:30pm. We hope to see you there!

SUBWAY LUNCH

The PAC is doing their first Subway lunch of the school year. Forms have gone home and are due back no later than October 20th. Students can return their form and payment in an envelope or ziplock bag. Students can then enjoy their Subway lunches on October 27th.

PAC FUNDRAISING

This year the Lax Kxeen PAC is doing an assortment of fundraising opportunities including Mabel's Labels and Created By Kids fundraiser. Click on the links below to explore.

<https://mabelslabels.ca/>


<https://www.createdbykids.ca/>

More information can be found on the Lax Kxeen website and Facebook page.

HALLOWEEN AT LAX KXEEN

Lax Kxeen will be celebrating Halloween on Tuesday, October 31. Students and staff are invited to wear their Halloween costumes to school. Also, please ensure that costumes are appropriate (no weapons please) and that your child can move freely in them as well as dress themselves in them. Students will be participating in various activities including a costume parade.

LAX KXEEN WEBSITE

Our school website has important information and links to educational websites. Please take time to browse the site. The monthly newsletters will be posted on the website. The address is: <http://laxkxeen.rupertschools.ca/>. Also, please join us on Facebook; search (Lax Kxeen Elementary School). 

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

Tuesday, October 17 th	School Photos by Shutter Shack
Thursday, October 19 th	Great BC Shake Out at 10:20am
Friday, October 20 st	Pro D Day- No School for Students
Wednesday, October 25 & 26	Parent Teacher Interviews and early dismissal at 1:53pm (both days)
Tuesday, October 31 st	Halloween Fun

We look forward to connecting with families this year!

Mrs. Guadagni
Principal