

Lax Kxeen Elementary School

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*Happy New Year to our Lax Kxeen Families!
We hope you enjoyed a restful Winter Break and are so happy to see your
child(ren) back at Lax Kxeen.*

MORE STAFF CHANGES

Lax Kxeen underwent more staff changes this past month. We said goodbye to Mr. Wightman as he headed back to school and welcomed Ms. Dircks to Lax Kxeen. Ms. Dircks will be teaching Division 6 (Grade 2/3).

FAMILY LITERACY WEEK

Each January, families, schools, libraries, and communities across BC celebrate Family Literacy Week. This year we celebrate Family Literacy Week January 21st-28th. This year's theme is "Let's have a family party!". For more information on ways to participate at home please visit:



<https://abclifeliteracy.ca/all-programs/family-literacy-day/>

Additionally, please stay tuned for more information on events and activities happening at school next week 😊 (Flash Light Friday- with Madame Leduc, Ms. Lyon & Mrs. Trask's class, Morning reading in the Library and a School wide read-a-thon).

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Friday, January 19th, 2024, is a professional development day of learning for teachers, which means there is no school for students. There is a free swim being offered tomorrow, sponsored by the Prince Rupert District Teachers Union. The swim is from 12:30-2:30 for Grades K-8.

WEATHER / SUPERVISION

As we continue to experience winter weather, please help us keep your child(ren) safe, warm, and dry (and therefore healthy) by encouraging them to come to school dressed for the weather. Unless it is severe weather, we are outside at recess and again at lunch.

It may be helpful to have a set of spare clothes kept at school in case your child(ren) becomes wet during the day. If you are in need of a winter jacket, toque or mitts for your child(ren), please let the school know as we have some available to gift to your child(ren).

Also, a reminder that our school Breakfast Club and Library are not available until 8:30am. Outside supervision is only offered at the front of the school from 8:40am by a rotating staff member; there is no supervision in the undercover area at this time. Thank you for your understanding.

CELL PHONES

Just a friendly reminder that we do not encourage students to bring cell phones to school. If they need to bring a cell phone, students are to keep this in a secure and place. The school does not want to see anyone lose a phone and therefore they are strongly discouraged.

LUNCH TIME

Just a reminder that staying for lunch is a privilege. Students are reminded that the same expectations apply at lunch. Students who have difficulty with lunchtime expectations may be asked to go home for lunch. Additionally, please remember to send your child(ren) with utensils, when possible and pack foods that your child(ren) can be independent with eating that do not require a microwave. Thankyou!

ERASE BULLYING LINK

Safer Schools Together is providing opportunities for Social Media Awareness for families.

Sessions are being held: January 23rd, February 7th and 28th. Please refer to the link below to register.

<https://pages.saferschoolstogether.com/erase-family-session>

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FEE

It's not too late to pay the annual school supply fee! Lax Kxeen is requesting \$30 for students in Kindergarten to Grade 2, and \$35 for students in Grades 3 to 5. Payment can be made in cash at the front office, as well as electronic money transfer (EMT) to Selina.Storey@sd52.bc.ca

BUS ZONE

A reminder from the school district bus driver: *Please do not park in the **bus zone** even briefly, during school hours. This area is marked with a solid yellow painted line. This area needs to be clear during the school day in order for the bus to pull up and let students off and on safely.* Thank you for your cooperation.

LUNCH FORMS

A reminder to families that access the lunch program. Please sign and return lunch forms if you want your child(ren) to receive a school lunch. The forms must be returned EVERY month to remain on the program. Thank you 😊

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

The PAC is a group of volunteers who meet once a month to discuss and plan events to enhance Lax Kxeen student school experiences. As a Lax Kxeen parent or guardian, you are invited to join a monthly meeting. We will be meeting on February 21st in the Library at 6:30pm. *We hope to see you there!*

POPCORN FRIDAYS

Thank you again to Kinchan Prajapati (School District IT Department) who generously sponsored last Friday's Popcorn Day. 😊

If you are interested in signing up to help with Popcorn Fridays, please follow the link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084AA4AD2AA3F4CF8-47117309-popcorn>

The link will also provide you with a brief description of the responsibilities and times you are needed. If you have questions regarding this, please feel free to email us at: laxkxeenpac@gmail.com

LAX KXEEN ROCS

Lax Kxeen continues to work on their school beliefs: Respect, Ownership, Community & Success. We review these during our morning announcements and students consider what it looks like to demonstrate these values inside & outside of the school as well as in their community.

USING YOUR WITS

Students are also encouraged to work on using the WITS Program, a strategy to help students independently deal with peer conflicts. WITS stands for **W**alk Away, **I**gnore, **T**alk It Out, **S**eek Help. Please review this with your child(ren) and encourage them to use these strategies if they encounter peer conflicts. In addition, please remind your child(ren) that adults on supervision wear visi-vests and are trusted adults that they can go to for help. *Thank you for helping our students become independent and stay safe and respectful during unstructured break times.*

LAX KXEEN FACEBOOK

on Facebook; search (Lax Kxeen Elementary School). 

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

Friday, January 19th	Pro D Day – No School for Students
January 21 st -28 th	Family Literacy Week Activities- Stay Tuned 😊

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