



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 outside 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. 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 \$35 for students in kindergarten to grade 2, and \$40 for students in grades 3 to 5 to put towards this bulk order. Mrs. Lorette can take payments at the office, cash or you can send an e-transfer to eflaxkxeen@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 (12:00-12:20 all classes go out to play, 12:20-12:45 students come in and eat)
- 2:55pm - Dismissal

LUNCH

Lax Kxeen lunch break is from 12-12:45pm. We encourage students to go home for lunch if 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 refer to the lunchtime expectations letter that was sent home with the September newsletter. 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. Starting this month the gate will be closed at 2:40pm to avoid congestion. We appreciate your efforts in helping to make sure students are 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.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

We are fortunate to have the Prince Rupert Fire Hall coming next week, Thursday, October 9th at 11am to hold a Fire Safety assembly.

GREAT BC SHAKE DOWN (PROVINCIAL EARTHQUAKE DRILL)

Also on Thursday, October 16th at 10:16am Lax Kxeen will be participating in the Great BC Shake Out, a provincial earthquake drill to practice and prepare for potential earthquakes.

STONE SOUP INSPIRED THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

This year we will be holding a school wide luncheon for students in the gym on Tuesday, October 7th. Letters have been sent home & each division has been encouraged to contribute ingredients. Intermediate students will be prepping vegetables for the soup on Monday. We appreciate your support and look forward to enjoying lunch with our students next Tuesday.

STEM ACTIVITY

Our school will be participating in a multi-age STEM whole school activity on Friday, October 17th (am). Students have been organized into mixed groups and will travel to each class in the morning to participate in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) activity with their peers. Letters will be sent home to indicate which colour team your child is on. Students are encouraged to wear their team colour on the day of the event.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

The next Non-Instructional Day will be on Friday, October 24th. 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 see the link below and sign-up using signup genius. Thank you for your help!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084AA4AD2AA3F4CF8-48866540-popcorn#/>

The next PAC meeting will be on Wednesday, October 15th in the Library at 6:30pm. *We hope to see you there!*

No. 1 Fast Food

The PAC is doing their first No. 1 Fast Food lunch of the school year. Forms are being sent home with the newsletter and are due back no later than Friday, October 10th. Students can return their form and payment in an envelope or Ziplock bag. Students can then enjoy their No.1 Fast Food lunches on Friday, October 17th.

PAC FUNDRAISING

This year the Lax Kxeen PAC is doing an assortment of fundraising opportunities including Mabel's Labels, customizable waterproof labels. Please see the links below.

<https://mabelslabels.ca/>

Additionally, we are excited to announce that our Lax Kxeen PAC will be once again organizing the "Created By Kids" art fundraiser. Your child(ren)s artwork can be printed on a variety of items such as: mugs, magnets, key chains and more. Once completed at school, the artwork will be sent home on October 15th for families that wish to participate. Please follow the instructions on the back of the artwork to place your order. There is no obligation to purchase, but if you would like to support this fundraiser, we kindly ask that you return the order forms to the office by October 22nd.

Orders will be sent out shortly after and are expected to be completed and returned back to Lax Kxeen between November 10th and 14th. Just a friendly reminder to please not fold the artwork. This is a great gift idea for the upcoming holiday season. Thank you for supporting the Lax Kxeen Parent Advisory Committee. For more information, please see the link below:

www.createdbykids.ca/

HALLOWEEN AT LAX KXEEN

Lax Kxeen will be celebrating Halloween on Friday, October 31st. 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. A friendly reminder that students are not able to wear their masks on the playground during recess. Students will be participating in a costume parade as well as classroom activities. If you are sending your child with treats to share, please be mindful of allergies and food sensitivities. Thank you for your consideration on this.

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 7 th	Thanksgiving Soup Luncheon
Thursday, October 9 th	Fire Safety Assembly with the Fire Department
Friday, October 10 th	No. 1 Fast Food Forms are due today
Monday, October 13 th	Thanksgiving- no school today
Wednesday, October 15 th	PAC Meeting at 6:30pm in the Library
Thursday, October 16 th	The Great BC Shakeout
Friday, October 17 th	No.1 Fast Food Lunch is today
Friday, October 17 th (am)	School wide STEM Activities
Wednesday, October 22 nd	Created By Kids Forms are due to office
Friday, October 24 th	Pro D Day- No School for Students
Friday, October 31 st	Halloween Fun/ Costume Parade

StrongStart Program

We are pleased to inform families that Lax Kxeen Elementary School's StrongStart will be re-opening on Tuesday, October 7th. The classroom has been relocated to Room 127, the multi-purpose room by the gymnasium. Parents/Guardians, please enter through the front main entrance of the school and sign in once you arrive at the StrongStart classroom. The StrongStart Program provides high quality early learning for children, aged birth to five accompanied by an adult or caregiver. Qualified early childhood educators lead learning activities where children find opportunities to make friends and interact with others of similar ages. This program promotes physical health and well-being, social and emotional development, language and cognitive development and the communication skills of preschool-aged children. Learning opportunities and experience with Indigenous knowledge are interwoven into the program. StrongStart provides opportunities for parents/caregivers to continue the bond between parent/caregiver and child and school. Encourages connections and to observe and practice activities that support early learning. At no cost to families, this early learning drop-in program helps prepare children for success in Kindergarten.

StrongStart includes the following activities:

- Organized activities such as story time in the library, music, puzzles;
- Access to books, art materials and puzzles;
- Play activities and areas that promote creativity and exploration, including individual and group activities;
- Movement and large muscle play activities on the playground or gymnasium;
- Healthy snacks (including a baking day) that model healthy eating in keeping with the Guidelines for Food and Beverage Sales in BC schools.

The StrongStart hours at Lax Kneen School are 1:00-3:30 p.m. Mondays to Fridays. Please contact Marika Munk at Lax Kleen Elementary school at 250- 624-6218 for more information.

Mrs. Guadagní
Principal