



Lax Kxeen Elementary School

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*It has been a great first week back after Summer Break!
We are so happy to have your child(ren) back at school!*

Welcome back! We hope that you all had a great summer holiday and had a chance to rest, relax and catch up with friends and family. We are really looking forward to the coming year. A big thank you to all Lax Kxeen staff who have put in hard work to prepare the school for opening this week. I would like to thank Arnold and Emerson Opena our custodians for ensuring that our school is beautiful and ready for a new school year.

STAFF CHANGES

Please join us in welcoming Ms. Leighton who is teaching Kindergarten/Grade 1 in Division 2; Mrs. Trethewey is teaching Prep and Fridays in Division 9 (Grade 5), Ms. Smith who will be our Sm'algyax language teacher this year as well as Natalie Harris who will be our Indigenous Family Resource Worker. In addition, please welcome back Mrs. Lorette (secretary) and Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Hernandez, Ms. Emily and Ms. Nav, who will be our Educational Assistants this year. We would also like to welcome Krystal Le and Cheri Rose, who will be Educational Assistants this year.

Welcome Everyone; we are so happy that you have joined our team!

ALLERGY AWARE

Lax Kxeen is an allergy aware school. There are many 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 connect with your child(ren)s classroom teacher before sending in treats to be shared with the class. Thank you for your consideration. 😊

SCHOOL SUPERVISION

Please note that morning supervision duty at Lax Kxeen does not start until 8:40am. Upon arriving at school, students are invited to join The Breakfast Club outside of the gym or join Ms. Kerry 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 the 8:55am Welcome Bell; please remind your child(ren) that wandering halls and going to classrooms before 8:55am is not permitted. 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 9am.

CLASSROOM LINE UP AREAS

Below is a list of teacher/class division, grade and area students are to line up:

- Trask/Division 1, Kindergarten – classroom exterior door at front of school
- Leighton/Division 2, Kindergarten- outside covered area (left side of building)
- Dann/Division 3, Grade 1–outside covered area (right side of building)
- Sanders/Division 4, Grade 2 –outside covered areas (right side of building)
- Begley/Division 5, Grade 2/3 – front entrance
- Bernhardt/Division 6, Grade 3/4 – back of the building on the left side
- Moro/Division 7, Grade 3/4 – exit by gym doors
- Einarson/Division 8, Grade 4/5 – exit by gym doors
- Kowal/Division 9, Grade 5-exit by gym doors

BELL SCHEDULE

- 8:55am - Welcome Bell
- 9:00am – Morning Session begins
- 10:30 to 10:45am - Recess
- 12:00 to 12:45pm - Lunch
- 2:55pm - Dismissal

If students arrive late, we ask that they check in at the office before heading to their classrooms. Families are asked to please pick up your child(ren) at their designated exits and avoid coming too early as this disrupts their end-of-day classroom routines.

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. We can take payments at the office, or you can send an e-transfer to eflaxkxeen@sd52.bc.ca Please include your child's name and division.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAMS

Lax Kxeen Elementary has a daily Breakfast Program that is open to all students. It is located outside of the Gym and is run by Ms. Rachel. Students can enter through the front doors after 8:30am to enjoy some healthy food before their day at school.

The Lunch Program offers lunches for students who submit forms and payment. Forms must be signed by families and renewed monthly. Lunch Program forms are available

inside the school front doors on the Parent Community Information Board. The lunch program has undergone some changes and is now able to accept electronic funds transfers for parents wanting to pay for the lunch program electronically. E-transfers can be sent to eft@sd52.bc.ca Please include the name of the school your child attends in the notes/ subject line and include that it is payment for the Lax Kxeen Lunch Program. Please feel free to preview the menu, located on the parent community bulletin board. To ensure that no students go hungry, please ensure these forms are signed and handed in. Thanks!

LUNCH

Lax Kxeen lunch break is from 12- 12:45pm. This year all students will play first (12:00-12:20) and then eat (12:20-12:45). 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 behaviour could result in you having to make alternate arrangements for your child during the lunch break. If your child(ren) intend to stay for lunch, please discuss with them the above expectations. Please note that there are no microwaves or kettles for student use. Additionally, I have included a letter of lunchtime expectations. Please review this with your child(ren) at your leisure. *Thanks for your cooperation and understanding!*

CLASS PLACEMENTS

The Lax Kxeen office continues to receive registrations for new students. We appreciate your patience as we place these new students and recognize that class placements may change. This depends on the number of students who do not return from last school year and the arrival of new students. We are hopeful that the reassignments are kept to a minimum as we realize that this is very disruptive to students, parents, and teachers. Your patience with this process is very much appreciated.

STRONG START

Strong start is currently closed, stay tune for more information on a start date. 😊

AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES

This will start this Friday September 12th. Afterschool Activities at Lax Kxeen run on Tuesday and Friday. Grades 1-2 sessions are from the bell at 2:53 until 4:00pm and Grades 3-5 sessions are from 4:30-5:45. If you still need a form they can be found in the folder on the Parent Communication Information board. There are limited spaces available. Thank you.

TERRY FOX RUN

Lax Kxeen students will be participating in the Terry Fox Run this Friday, September 12th in the afternoon. Students will gather for a quick assembly before heading out for a neighbourhood walk/run of a predetermined route to show support for cancer research. Students are encouraged to bring in a donation if possible (suggestion \$1). Donations will be collected at the office. This year's campaign features the tagline #Finish it, celebrating Terry's determination, no matter the challenges or circumstances

he faced while running his iconic Marathon of Hope in 1980. Classes will run/walk the route in the afternoon and then return to school for a frozen treat.

PARKING

Please note that the parking lot can be a very congested area. Children may be walking in between parked cars, and this is a safety concern. Directly in front of the school there is a No Parking Zone. It can be used as a drop off zone only. Also, please note that the parking lot gate will be closed starting in the month of October in the afternoon. Parents are encouraged to park along the street and walk in for pick up. *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 Facebook page, email, and phone.

OPEN HOUSE

Lax Kxeen will be holding an open house on Thursday, September 18th from 6:00-7:00pm. This is an opportunity to come with your child and tour the school as well as see your child(ren)'s classroom and meet their teacher. We will have light snacks & refreshments as well as a few raffles. We hope to see you there! 😊

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. The PAC will be holding their first meeting on Tuesday, September 16th at 6:30 in the school Library, everyone is welcome.

POPCORN

This year we are reaching out to the parents of Lax Kxeen as we need parent volunteers to keep the Popcorn Friday fundraising program running. The duties would include arriving at the school at approximately 8:15am, making and distributing the popcorn and clean up of the space and machine. Most Friday's this is complete by approximately 10am. As we understand a lot of you also have littles of your own, please feel free to bring them along if needed. If you have never helped with Popcorn Friday's before rest assure there is a detailed step-by-step guide, and usually an experienced member who has participated before as well.

The kids really look forward to the Popcorn Friday's, your help and support is greatly needed and appreciated in keeping this program running for them.

If you can volunteer, please consider signing up below.

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

BAND CLASSES & RENTAL NIGHT

Just a reminder that Band classes will start on Monday, September 15th. Lax Kxeen Band classes will be held Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:45-9:30 in the Gym. There will also be an Instrument Rental Night on Monday, September 15th at Lax Kxeen. Stay tuned for more information, there will be a note sent home very soon.

JESS DANCE

We are fortunate this year to have Jess Dance visiting Lax Kxeen once again. They will be here on September 23rd (all day) and will be offering dance lessons to all 9 divisions.... We can't wait!

IMPLEMENTATION DAY

Our first Non-Instructional Day this year will be on Friday, September 26th. There will be no school for students on that day.

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation was created to recognize the history and on-going trauma caused by residential schools. The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is on Tuesday, September 30th. This day is meant to honor those who were lost and for the survivors. There will be no school on this day; however, it is recommended to wear an orange shirt on this day to honor all those impacted by the residential school system. Lax Kxeen Elementary will be participating in a neighborhood walk for Truth & Reconciliation on Monday, September 29th. Students are encouraged to wear orange on this day.

PHOTO DAY

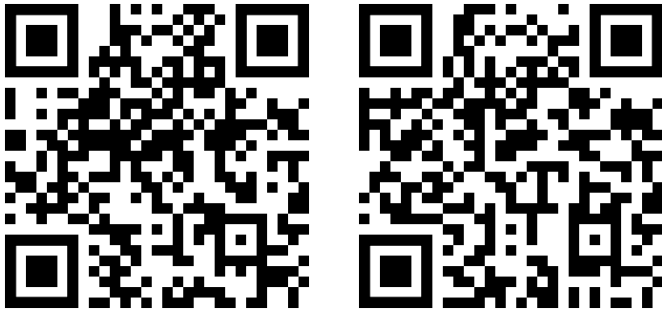
This year's school photos will be on Friday, October 3rd courtesy of Shutter Shack. Stay tuned for more information to come.

LAX KXEEN SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our school website is currently undergoing a redesign. It will have important information and links to educational websites. Additionally electronic copies of the monthly newsletters as well as other updates on school events will be posted there. We thank you for your patience while the site is being updated. The address is:

<http://laxkxeen.rupertschools.ca/>. Also, please join us on Facebook; search (Lax Kxeen Elementary School).





ATTACHMENTS

- School District 52 Calendar (2024-2025)
- Lax Kxeen Code of Conduct
- Lax Kxeen Letter for Lunchtime Expectations

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

Friday, September 12th	Terry Fox Run
Monday, September 15th	Instrument Rental Night in Lax Kxeen Gym
Tuesday, September 16th	PAC Meeting at 6:30pm in the library
Thursday, September 18th	Lax Kxeen Open House 6:00-7:00pm
Tuesday, September 23rd	Jess Dance 😊
Friday, September 26th	Implementation Day (No School for students)
Monday, September 29th	Lax Kxeen Neighbourhood Walk for Truth & Reconciliation, students are encouraged to wear orange
Tuesday, September 30th	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No School)

Mrs. Guadagni
Principal