Lakefield Elementary School Family Orientation 2023



A bit about LES...

Enrollment for 2023-2024 school year is projected to be 360 students

We expect to have 27 teachers on staff. This will include 3 Kindergarten teachers, 2 full time resource teachers, 1 full time guidance counsellor, a phys. Ed. specialist and a music specialist. We expect to have 16 EA's at the school

Communication



Please ensure that we have your correct telephone numbers and email addresses for our student database, so that we may contact you though our School Messenger System



We send a weekly message each Friday



Each month we send home a calendar of events



You can expect welcome communication from your child's teacher when staff return the week of August 28th

My Child's Teacher and School Supplies

- You will get an email by June 28th with information about who your child's teacher is along with a copy of the school supply list
- This letter will also include information about staggered entry



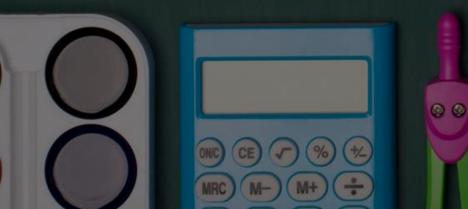
Staggered Entry- How does it work?

- Tuesday, September 5th & Wednesday, September 6th this impacts Kindergarten only and your child will attend 1 of these 2 days
- Before sending your child to school for his/her day of entry, spend some time talking about the adventures in learning and the excitement of this new part of his/her life. The staff will do everything possible to make this time special for your child.
- To support a smooth transition to school and a positive goodbye, staff will meet the children on the basketball court for their first day of staggered entry and families will say their goodbyes outside. We will support any children who are having difficulty with the transition.



Back to School Open House

August 31st 6pm-7pm



What should my child bring on the first day of school?

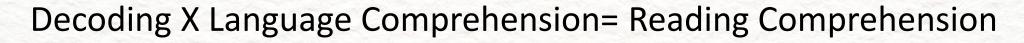
- Lunch, snacks and a water bottle (peanut free)
 - Learning how to open packages and eat during a specific timeframe is helpful
- School-supplies if the family was unable to attend the open house
- Just in case clothes- a plastic bag with your child's name on it, including underwear, socks, shirt, and pants.
- Indoor shoes



A typical school day

- 7:50-8:05 Children arrive and enjoy time outside
- 8:15 O'Canada and announcements
- 8:15 Learning Block #1
- 9:50 Outside Recess
- 10:05 Learning Block #2
- 11:45 Lunch
- 12:05 Outside Recess
- 12:30 Learning Block #3
- 1:40 Dismissal
- Curriculum can be accessed online at:

What does ELA Look Like in Kindergarten?



Goals

Decoding means being able to use the letter sounds to "sound out the words"

Language Comprehension means that you know what the words you sounded out mean You put those two together and you can access the words on the page and know what they mean...you can read for learning and for leisure.

What does Decoding look like?



Playing with Sounds



Playing with Letters



Writing letters, sounds and words



Sounding things out for reading and spelling

What does Language Comp look

like?



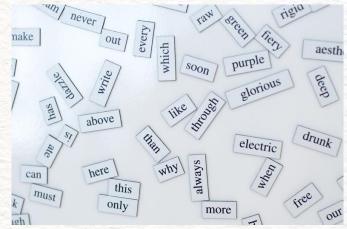
Play Centers



Reading Quality Stories



Talk Time



Vocabulary Instruction

End of the day routine

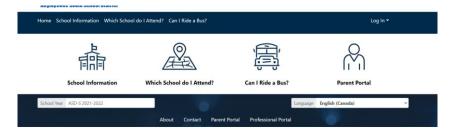
- Kindergarten children need a designated adult to meet them at their bus stop.
- Families meeting their child at school are asked to arrive for a prompt 1:40 dismissal. We have a drive thru pick up at our back door
- If someone else is picking up your child, please contact the school in advance to inform us.



Busing

- Register for bus planner on the ASD-S Website under the transportation tab
- A request for alternate location needs to be filled out <u>online</u>.
 - Requests take up to 10 business days to process
 - We can not send a child on a different bus until the request has been processed at the District level





What else do I need to know?

- Dress for the Weather
- Children at LES enjoy daily outdoor activities, even when the weather is not perfect, please dress accordingly.
- Hot Lunch & Milk Program
- Our Home and School offers a Hot Lunch program. Ordering can be accessed on our school website. There are typically 2 offerings each day with the option to add on milk. The site opens each month on the 10th and closes on the 20th to order for the following month.
- Absences or Late Arrival- School Messenger App
- When you know in advance that your child will be late or absent, please inform the classroom teacher in advance or log the absence using School Messenger App. If we do not know why a student is absent the Safe Arrival System will be used.





More to know

- Volunteering- a volunteer form will be emailed at the beginning of the year- we welcome you to get involved in whatever capacity you are able to
- Medical Forms- any child with a medical condition (allergy etc.) needs to complete a policy 704 form- please see me after the orientation
- School Cash- https://asd-s.schoolcashonline.com/ most transactions for the school are done through school cash- the best way to access this tab is by visiting our website and clicking on the school cash tab to register and/or add a child



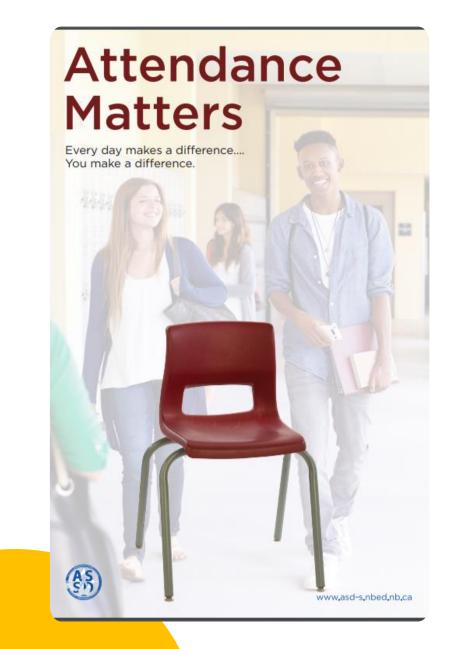


Home and School



Volunteer opportunities

- Hot Lunch
- Library
- Book Fairs
- Holiday Workshop
- Fundraising for:
 - Ipads
 - Playgrounds
 - Outside learning spaces
 We welcome your involvement



Attendance Matters

• Every day at school is filled with opportunities for students to grow and learn. Students in Kindergarten are learning the foundation of their academic skills as well as their social skills with peers. It is critical that students attend school regularly and on time.

Safety

- During instructional hours, all doors remain locked. Please enter through the front doors and remember to sign in at the main office.
- Our school has cameras with continuous recording
- We have an Emergency Response Plan and will be updated when we have regular drills in the Fall
- If you are picking your child up early from school, proceed to the office and we will have your child meet you.



Who do you contact if you have any questions?

School Phone Number- 506-847-6212 (press 3 to get directly to the Admin Assistant)

Principal: <u>Ashley.Dobbin@nbed.nb.ca</u> Vice Principal: Julie.McNamee@nbed.nb.ca