## Lakefield Elementary School

 Family Orientation 2023

## A bit about LES...



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

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 $28^{\text {th }}$

## My Child's Teacher and School Supplies

- You will get an email by June $28^{\text {th }}$ 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 $31^{\text {st }} 6 \mathrm{pm}-7 \mathrm{pm}$

## 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
- 8:15
- 8:15
- 9:50
- 10:05
- 11:45
- 12:05
- 12:30
- 1:40

Children arrive and enjoy time outside
O'Canada and announcements
Learning Block \#1
Outside Recess
Learning Block \#2
Lunch
Outside Recess
Learning Block \#3
Dismissal

- Curriculum can be accessed online at:


## What does ELA Look Like in Kindergarten?

Goals

Decoding X Language Comprehension= Reading Comprehension

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
Letters


Writing
letters,
sounds and
words


Sounding things out for reading and spelling

## What does Language Comp look

 like?


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 online.
- 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.
a Download on the
AppStore
Google play


## 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 makes a difference.... You make a difference.

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- 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?



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