



August 29, 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you had an amazing summer. We certainly can't complain about the weather, although a few degrees cooler would have been welcome today! The teachers and support staff have been working hard to get everything ready and it was a pleasure to greet so many smiling faces this morning. Our school is in tiptop shape and we are excited to start another exciting school year.

We have some new faces on our staff this year and once again, it is my pleasure to introduce the L.E.S. staff for 2018-2019:

K French	Marie Beaudoin	K English - Barbara Guthrie,
K Bilingual	Ella Beaudoin-Lowry	
Grade 1	Cathy Dustin	Lyne Villeneuve
Grade 2	Jennifer Luce	Caroline Leclerc
Grade 3	Verna Maurice	Nicole Schlicter/Annette Kostrzewa
Grade 4	Nancy Richard	
Grade 5	Karen Christiansen	
Grade 5-6	Bridget Sweeny	
Grade 6	Julie Meilleur	
Multiage 4-5-6	Bonnie Smith	Isabelle Desbiens
Resource	Alana Russell	Karen Painter Susan Tutt
Phys.ed		Rodney Milonja
Early Intervention/fitness		France Gagné
Music 1-6, Ethics		Sigal Gandey
Cook		Karen Baillargeon
Supervisors		Patsy Statton, Audrey Tillotson, Marissa Hopkins
Daycare Educators		Sue Rodgers, Shirley Rodgers, Cheryl Bennett, Serafina Gagliardi
School Secretary		Brenda Marrotte
Daycare Admin/Office Support		Christine Ransom
Maintenance		Pierre Gilbert, Alain Lessard
Integration Aides and Technicians		Cheryl Bennett, Kathy Anderson, Tony Ord, Donna Young/Yvette Aubrey, Lynnda Roy

Governing Board Elections:


Each year we hold an annual general meeting to elect members to the Governing Board. This year the General Assembly will be held on the evening of **Monday September 10th at 6:30 in the cafeteria**. The first Governing Board meeting of the year will take place on the same evening immediately following the general assembly at 7:00 p.m. This year there are three positions up for grabs on the Governing Board. Being a Governing Board member is a great way to get involved in your child's education. Please join us!

Open House:

This year we will be holding our Open House on the evening of September 20th at 7:00 p.m. Please mark this date on your calendar and encourage family and friends to come and visit our school. In an effort to involve the community again this year, we are inviting local organizations to participate. If you know of an organization that would like to set up a kiosk to share information please encourage them to contact us. This will be a great opportunity for parents, friends, and community members to come in and see the wonderful projects and events that make our school so special and also to get information about events that are taking place in the community.

Picture Day:

This year the school pictures will be taken on Thursday, September 20th.



Day-care Services: We are very fortunate to have a day care service at L.E.S. Should you require information about our day-care services, please feel free to call Christine Ransom at 819-347-1451 and leave a message on the answering machine. She will get back to you promptly.

Nuts and Peanut Products in the School:

Please note that because we have students in the school who are allergic to these products, we do not allow these items at school. This is a severe allergy that can create a life and death situation within a matter of seconds and must be taken very seriously. Thank you for respecting this important directive.

Important Transportation Message:

Please note that due to the fact that several of the ETSB buses are filled to capacity, we will not be allowed to grant any temporary bus passes for children to take different buses to go to a friend's house etc. until after September 30th. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Cafeteria News:

Once again this year, our cafeteria will be operating 4 days per week. **It will be closed on Mondays.** The cost of the meal once again this year will be **\$5.00**. This includes the main course, dessert and a drink. Please send money with your children to cover the cost of the meal each day, as we have a "no charge policy". We also ask that you send the **exact amount with each child**. This makes it much easier for us to balance our cafeteria books.

Playground Project: We are pleased that our playground project has taken shape and we are now heading into phase two. The most recent addition to our playground, the outdoor classroom, has been a hit with the children thus far. The next step will involve installing a new slide to replace the old red slide, an obstacle course, and a Gaga Ball Court for the Cycle 2 students. We are hoping that this will be done in September. We are still soliciting donations to help pay for phase two and we will be needing "man (or woman) power" for a day or two to help with some installations. For updates on the playground project, please visit the PPO Facebook page and don't hesitate to contact me or to use the PPO Facebook page if you have questions or wish to volunteer your time.

Split Classes at L.E.S.: This year we have two split classes at our school; one in cycle 2 and one in cycle 3. This happens occasionally depending on the number of students we have at each grade level. When it does, it sometimes creates anxiety for parents who aren't used to having their children in such classes. It is important to keep in mind that all of our "regular" classes have students who function at different levels and we use individual programs to meet their needs and help them to reach their potential. For example, your children bring home "leveled" reading books that are at their "level". In any given class there may be 10 different levels of books being read for language arts. All this to say, in a split class, the focus, like every other class, is on meeting your child's needs. When forming these classes, we use the same criteria as in the other classes to ensure that the classes are balanced with respect to learning needs, enrichment needs, number of boys and girls, behaviors etc. Should you have questions regarding the curriculum, please feel free to speak to your child's teacher.

Have a great school year!

Dawn Irving
Principal

Important Dates to Remember in September: **10th-** General Assembly & first Governing Board Meeting, **20th-** School Photos, **20th-**Open House, **27th-**Terry Fox Run, **21st -** Planning Day (no classes for students)