

August 29, 2019



Moving ahead. Together. | Aller de l'avant. Ensemble.

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! It was so nice to see so many smiling faces at our picnic last night. We hope you had a chance to meet your child's teacher and to connect with other LES parents. It certainly helped to alleviate some of the "first day butterflies" for many of our students (and teachers). It has been a busy summer at LES and we have lots to tell you:

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 2019-2020:

K French	Marie Beaudoin	K English - Barbara Guthrie,
K Bilingual	Caroline Leclerc	
Grade 1	Cathy Dustin	April Spingle, Dana Gillam
Grade 2	Jennifer Luce	Karen Painter
Grade 3	Verna Maurice	Annette Kostrzewa (3/4 split)
Grade 4	Nancy Richard	
Grade 5	Karen Christiansen	
Grade 5-6	Bridget Sweeny	
Grade 6	Kristen Fuller	
Multiage 4-5-6	Bonnie Smith	Isabelle Desbiens
Resource	Alana Russell	
Phys.ed		Rodney Milonja
French Specialists		Lyne Villeneuve, Marie-Andrée Racine, Catherine Jeanson-Daigle
Early Intervention / Phys.ed Gr. 1		France Gagné
Music 1-6, Movement		Sigal Gandey
Cook		Karen Baillargeon
Supervisors		Marissa Hopkins, Esther MacDonald, Jane Nadeau
Daycare Educators		Sue Rodgers, Shirley Rodgers, Cheryl Bennett, Serafina Gagliardi
School Secretary		Brenda Marrotte
Daycare Admin/Office Support		Christine Ransom
Maintenance		Pierre Gilbert, Gary Gerbis
Integration Aides and Technicians		Cheryl Bennett, Kathy Anderson, Tony Ord, Robert Gilbert, Yvette Aubrey, Lynnda Roy

New Schedule:

Due to a request from the ministry, all schools must offer two twenty -minute recess periods to their students during the school day. This time could not be taken from teaching time, therefore we have had to shorten our homeroom period and extend our day by ten minutes. Supervision continues to start on the playground at 8:30 a.m. but instead of lining up outside, students will go directly into the school to their classrooms upon arrival for homeroom. Dismissal will take place at 3:10 p.m. so please plan to pick your children up at this time if they do not take the bus. Buses will depart at 3:20 p.m. Lunch hour for Kindergarten is from 11:45 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. and from 12:00 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. for grades 1-6. Please check our website for a copy of the full schedule, including recess breaks and lunch hour.

Governing Board Elections /General Assembly:

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 9th 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 four 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!

Office Update and Renovations:

We are very excited that our offices have been moved downstairs! There are still a few finishing touches to be put on, but we are moved and ready to greet you at the front door. This will be more convenient for parents, other visitors as well as delivery people who will no longer have to trek up to the 2nd floor to see us. We are also happy to report that the tile on the third floor (hallway) has been changed as well.

Curriculum Night:

This year we will be holding a curriculum night on the evening of **Wednesday, September 18th** for parents who have children in **kindergarten and grades 1 & 2** and on **Thursday, September 19th** for parents of students in **grades 3-6**. The sessions will begin at 6:45 p.m. on both evenings. Please note that this is different from the "Open House" that we held in the past. It will be a chance for parents to meet with their children's teachers, ask questions regarding routines etc. and receive other important information pertaining to your child's learning. Please mark this date on your calendar and we will send additional information closer to the date.

Picture Day:

We still have not been able to get confirmation from our photographer for this but will let you know as soon as we have the date.

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". **There is also the opportunity to pay weekly or monthly if you wish**. We also ask that you send the **exact amount with each child**. This makes it much easier for us to balance our cafeteria books.

Have a great school year!

Dawn Irving
Principal

Important Dates to Remember in September: **9th**- General Assembly & first Governing Board Meeting, **18th** and **19th** Curriculum Nights, **26th**-Terry Fox Run, **20th** - Planning Day (no classes for students).