

August 31, 2021



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

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! It has been a busy summer at LES and we were very excited to see so many smiling faces this morning. It is amazing how much the children change and grow in just two months!

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 2021-2022:

Pre-K	Karen Painter	Caroline Leclerc
K French	Marie Beaudoin	K English - Barbara Guthrie
K Bilingual	Julie Huard	
Grade 1	Cathy Dustin	Dana Gillam (France Gagné replacing)
Grade 2	Jennifer Luce	Beth Wadleigh
Grade 2/3	Kristen Fuller	
Grade 3	Verna Maurice	Nicole Schlichter
Grade 4	Nancy Richard	
Grade 5/6	Karen Christiansen	Bridget Sweeny
Grade 6	Emily Grey	
Multiage 4-5-6	Bonnie Smith	Isabelle Desbiens, Susan Tutt (Wed. only)
Resource	Alana Russell	
Phys.ed	Rodney Milonja	Tracy Bingham
French Specialists	Alexandra Marcotte Julie Plourde	Catherine Jeanson-Daigle
Art & Dance 1-6, Movement		Sigal Gandey
Cook		Karen Baillargeon
Supervisors		Marissa Hopkins, Esther MacDonald, Serafina Gagliardi, Kathy Anderson, TBD
Daycare Educators		Sue Rodgers, Shirley Rodgers, Cheryl Bennett, Serafina Gagliardi
Pre-K Educators		Trudy Tincarre, Yvette Aubrey
School Secretary		Brenda Marrotte
Daycare Admin/Office Support		Christine Ransom
Maintenance		Pierre Gilbert, Alex Gagné, Merlin Young, Trysha Bates
Integration Aides and Technicians		Cheryl Bennett, Kathy Anderson, Rose Fowler, Angel-May Rowsell, Yvette Aubrey, Marissa Hoy, Kathy Anderson, Heather Rediker

Arrival at School:

Supervision will start on the playground at **8:30 a.m. everyday**. For the first few days, the children will be greeted upon entering the playground (walkers at the entrance on Academy St., bussers at the bus area on Speid St.) by two staff members. They will direct the students to their homeroom teacher who will be collecting their class groups in a designated area. **For the first few days, the students will enter the school as a class group. While with their group, social distancing is not required, but all students in Grades 1-6 MUST wear a mask when inside the building. The children do not have to wear masks outside.** All children will use hand sanitizer (sprayed on by a staff member) upon entering the school. After the first few days and once the children know where their classrooms are, they will be able to go directly to their classrooms upon arrival without lining up.

Dismissal at End of Day:

For the first few days, we will be dismissing the students starting at 2:55 p.m. The children will be dismissed by class so it is possible that if you have more than one child at the school, they will not exit the building at the same time. Please greet your child on the sidewalk by Academy Street. We ask that you spread out so that the children can get through the exit

onto the sidewalk. Please wear a mask if you are unable to maintain a 2 meter distance. Buses will depart at 3:20 p.m.

Lunch & Cafeteria:

Lunch hour for Pre-K and K is from 11:45 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. and for grades 1-6 from 12:00 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. For the month of September, the children who have cold lunch will eat their lunch outside on nice days. On rainy days they will eat in their classrooms. Those who have hot lunch, will eat in the cafeteria, with the exception of the Pre-K students who will eat in their classrooms. **Please note that our cafeteria service will start up again only on Tuesday, September 7th (after labor day).**

Parents and Visitors to the School: Please note: In an effort to keep our staff and students safe, we are currently limiting the number of visitors who enter our school. All visitors who come to our school by invitation, must wear a mask at all times and sign in at the office for purposes of contact tracing. We are more than happy to communicate by email, Zoom or phone so please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the office if you have questions or concerns. **Note: Hand sanitizing is also compulsory for any visitors who do enter the school.**

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 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.** An agenda for the assembly will be posted on our school website shortly. 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!

Picture Day:

Picture Day will take place on **Wednesday, September 22nd.** Weather permitting, the pictures will be taken outside.

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 819-569-5103. **IMPORTANT:** Please take note, that the drop off point for the day-care children in the morning is at the front entrance to the school. A day-care staff member will be there to greet you and to sign your child in. You can park on Academy St. or in the visitor parking section and walk your child to the front door using the sidewalk (to avoid children circulating in the parking lot). For the afternoon pick up, please call the day-care at (819) 347-1451, and your child will come and meet you at the front door (or by the fence closest to the front door if they are already outside). If there is no answer in the daycare, this means that your child/children are already outside and the educators will be keeping an eye out for your arrival. **Note re. Pre-K and K:** please send an extra pair of shoes with your child, that can be kept in the day-care. Also, please remember to send adequate snacks for your children, as it is a long day for them.

Phys. Ed T-Shirts: For those students who paid for an LES shirt as part of their school fees last year and did not receive it, you will be receiving it this year.

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.

Cafeteria News:

We will be offering this service this year on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The cost for the meal is \$5.00. This year, we will ask that you reserve meals in advance in order to help us to plan for seating in the cafeteria and for the purchase of groceries. You will receive a menu tomorrow and we ask that you choose the meals that you wish your child to have for

the month of September. Please return the paper in an envelope with your child/children's name on it, with a cheque or cash made out to Lennoxville Elementary School. Unfortunately, at this time, we are not set up for electronic payment. As a rule, we will send menus home 10 days prior to the beginning of a month and ask that your order be returned at the latest, 5 days after you receive the menu. Exceptionally this month, we will ask that you return the order by this Friday, September 3rd.

Communication: It will be very important that the school has a correct email address for all parents, as this will be our main method of communication. As situations can evolve quickly, we ask that you please check your email daily so that you can have access to the most recent information. For our part, we will do our best to make sure we inform you in a timely fashion if there changes to schedules or protocols that must be made. Information will also be posted on our website and on the PPO Facebook page when deemed necessary. Thank you for your usual cooperation.

I look forward to working with you and your children this year.

Sincerely,

Dawn Irving
Principal

Important Dates to Remember in September: 13th- General Assembly & first Governing Board Meeting, 24th - Planning Day (no classes for students).