



August 26th, 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome back as we embark on a new year of learning together. I look forward to meeting you all in person for our "Welcome Back" activity on August 28th at 4:00 and again for the *General Assembly of Parents* on September 16th at 6:30. The amazing team at LES has been working hard planning what will surely be another memorable year of learning and growth for your children! As you will see from the chart below, the majority of classes are divided by cycle and not by grade. This will allow for flexibility in pedagogy and will support student engagement. It will also allow for students to be regrouped throughout the year. More to come on this ...

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 2024-2025:

Principal	Tara McCully			
Staff Assistant	Isabelle Desbiens			
School Secretary	Brenda Marrotte	Christine Ransom		
Preschool K4 & K5	Marina Delis	Ella Beaudoin-Lowry		
K4 Bilingual	Melanie Frechette			
K5 French	Caroline Leclerc			
K5 English	Barbara Guthrie			
Cycle 1 (grade 1)	Cathy Dustin	Jessica Frappied		
Cycle 1	Dana Gillam	Karen Painter		
Cycle 1 (grade 2)	Julie Huard			
Cycle 2	Verna Maurice	Annette Kostrzewa	Kristen Fuller	Jodi Coleman
Cycle 3	Karen Christiansen	Bridget Sweeny	Katie Heggison	Emily Grey
	Paula Laberee/ Kassandra Norrie			
Resource	Alana Russell	Tracy Bingham		
Physical Education	Jacki Lumley	Jessica Frappied		
Outdoor Education	Isabelle Desbiens			
Art/Dance/Mouvement	Sigal Gandey			
French Specialists	Nancy Richard	Audrey Wojciech		

Supervisors	Brenda Marrotte	Marisa Hoy	Dayna Sayers	Kathy Anderson
Daycare/Educators in a School Setting	Juanita Gillam	Amy Rediker	Yvette Aubrey	Cheryl Bennett
	Trudy Tincarre	Christine Ransom		
Integration Technicians	Kathy Anderson	Heather Rediker	Darlene Kerr	Wanda Evans
	Vanessa Johnston	Robyn Parsons	Marisa Hoy	
Maintenance	Brian Norman	Alex Gagné	Merlin Young	
Cook	Karen Baillargeon			
ETSB Professionals	Anne-Marie Lacroix (Psychoeducator)	Rachel Lassenba (Occupational Therapist)	Nienke Van Der Wijk (Speech & Language Correction Officer)	Nathalie Paquin (Speech & Language Pathologist)

Arrival at School:

Supervision will start on the playground at **8:30 a.m. every day**. 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.** 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. **PLEASE NEVER PARK IN THE STAFF PARKING AREA AND DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CHILDREN TO ENTER OR EXIT THE CAR IN THIS AREA. IT IS NOT SAFE.**

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. Again, please park on Academy Street or nearby side streets. Parents should not park in the staff parking lot. Buses will depart at 3:20 p.m.

Lunch & Cafeteria:

Lunch hour for Pre-K and K is from 11:30 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. and for Cycles 1-2 from 12:00 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. **Please note that our cafeteria service will start up again only on**

Wednesday, September 4th (after Labour Day). We will be offering this service from Monday to Friday, and every second Monday will be a pizza fundraiser. The cost for the meal is \$7.00. Again, 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 on the first day 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'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. Menus are always available on our website should it get lost in the daily shuffle. Exceptionally this month, we will ask that you return the order by Tuesday, September 3rd. We will not be able to accommodate late orders.

Garden:

We are always on the lookout for parents who would be willing to help maintain our garden. Anyone interested in lending a green thumb can reach out to Isabelle Desbiens at desbiensi@edu.etsb.qc.ca

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 16th 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. Being a Governing Board member is a great way to get involved in your child's education. This is also the meeting where a mandate to form a PPO will be given. Even if you are not an "official" member, you can still attend the meetings.

Picture Day:

Picture Day will take place on **Tuesday, September 17th.** Weather permitting, the pictures will be taken outside.

Daycare Services: We are very fortunate to have a daycare service at L.E.S. Should you require information about our daycare services, please feel free to call Christine Ransom at 819-569-5103. **IMPORTANT:** Please take note, that the drop off point for daycare children in the morning is at the front entrance to the school. A daycare staff member will be there to greet you and to sign your child in. Please park on Academy St. and walk your child to the front entrance to sign in. **Parents should not park in the staff parking lot.** For the afternoon pick up, please call the daycare 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 daycare. Also, please remember to send adequate snacks for your children, as it is a long day for them.

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 are changes to schedules or protocols that must be made. Information will also be posted on our website and on the LES Facebook page when deemed necessary. Thank you for your usual cooperation and I look forward to working with you and your children this year.

Sincerely,

Tara McCully
Principal

Important Dates to Remember in September:

September 2nd - Labour Day (holiday)

September 16th -- General Assembly & first Governing Board Meeting (6:30)

September 17th - School Photo Day

September 20th -- Planning Day (no classes for students).