



Ladner Link

Ladner Elementary School

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VICE PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Once again, this is the time of year when staffing allocations are made to schools and planning for the next school year begins. Due to this, it is extremely important that our enrolment numbers be as accurate as possible and, therefore, I would ask families who will be moving out of our area to contact the school as soon as possible with this information. Similarly, if you know of a family moving into our area, please encourage them to register their children by **June 1st** to secure their placement at Ladner Elementary.



As we plan for the 2019-20 school year I would like to make you aware of factors that are important in organizing classes for next year.

STAFFING AND CLASS SIZE:

The number of staff members assigned to Ladner Elementary is decided by the Delta School District and is based on projected student enrolment. Enrolment estimates and class size guidelines affect the configuration of classes. Currently, the class size limit is 20 for Kindergarten, 22 for Grades 1-3, and 29 for Grades 4-7. Combined (split) classes are an organizational necessity based on student numbers. While combined classes are an organizational necessity, research indicates that multi-age groupings provide very positive learning environments for children. Studies show that children in multi-age classes learn to become more independent, responsible learners and develop a greater degree of social responsibility. Achievement levels of these students are as good as, or better than, the achievement levels of students placed in single grade classrooms.

CRITERIA FOR STUDENT PLACEMENT:

Assigning students to particular classes is a very complex task that takes into consideration a variety of factors, including: learning styles and strengths, what a student is able to achieve in relation to the goals of the curriculum, degree of independence in work habits, social and personal needs, age and physical maturity, previous placements, number of ESL and Special Needs students, and parental insight. Our objective is to create balanced classes based on intellectual and social / emotional / behavioural development, as well as peer support and other needs. The professional staff, including teachers, support staff and administrators are in contact with the children in the school setting for 30 hours a week. Therefore, the classroom placement of students must be determined through school-based professional evaluations. Teachers have school-based knowledge of the above and therefore can best determine where individual children should be placed.

PARENT INPUT:

As our partners, we recognize that parents have important information that can assist with the placement of students. Parents are welcome to advise the school of personal, educational, or social information that could affect a child's placement. Our staff will keep in mind this information, along with the above considerations, when building classes.

This information should not include a request for placement with a particular teacher. Any requests received that request a specific teacher will not be considered.

Maternity leaves, retirements, and lay-offs combine to make school staffing a changing and ongoing process. Also, staff members may change grade levels due to school needs or further professional growth. Whatever the scenario, we strive to place your child in a warm, caring environment that will maximize their learning. If you have information about your child that you feel will assist us in making the best possible placement for them, please **submit it in writing by May 31st to the office.** Input received after this date will not be considered.

SCHOOL INFO & REMINDERS

Track & Field Season



The Regional Track Meet was held this year at SDSS on Tuesday, May 7th. We hope to have an excellent showing at the meet and be able to send a number of our students to the District Track Meet which will be held at SDSS on Thursday, May 16th. Please come and cheer on our students. Congratulations to all the track and field athletes who have trained hard and will do a great job representing Ladner Elementary at the track meets. A huge thank you to all the coaches, who have made this year's track season a success: Mrs. Edworthy, Mrs. Jaffer, Mme Steer,

Ms. Graham, Mme Axon, Mme Stevenson, Mme Dockerill, Coach Kevin, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Smith, Mr. Hrabovski, and Mr. Wortley.

Book Fair



Thank you once again for supporting our Scholastic Book Fair. Your participation allowed us to purchase many new resources for our school library. Special thanks to all of our volunteers for helping make our book fair a success!

Building Security



Thank you for observing the signs posted on various doors reminding all parents and visitors to enter the school during the school hours only via the front door and only after checking in at the office. It is imperative to school security that we know who is in the hallway during regular school hours.

Pick Up, Drop off of Students and Respecting our Neighbours



You may have noticed how busy traffic can be out the front of our school. We have several buses and vans that drop off and pick up groups of children before and after school using our round about driveway. **Please do not use this driveway as it is designated for these vans and buses only.** We also have a drop off lane at the front of the school next to the gymnasium. The drop off lane is only for drop off (a quick exit of the vehicle) and pick up (students are ready to enter the car). **Please do not park and leave your car in the drop off/pick up lane.** We are also very lucky to have Cromie Park at the back of our school. There is a large parking lot and a footpath that leads directly to the school. Please consider using Cromie Park as your drop off and pick up point.

We also have had a number of phone calls recently about drivers not respecting our neighbours' properties. Please be mindful when parking on the surrounding streets, ie: not parking on the neighbourhood lawns, obeying the street signage and traffic laws. The laws are there for the safety of our staff and students and pedestrians that may be on the streets as well.

Way to Go! Bike to School Week!



Get your bike out or put on your walking shoes!

WALK, bike, scooter, or roller blade, to your school. May 27th – June 2nd.

You may live a long way from school, then you can take a vehicle part way. Meet and walk with friends or family to and from school. Make sure you are wearing your helmet.

Why?

- Children can practice road safety skills with their parent or care-giver.
- Get to know your neighbourhood. Have fun!
- Your school site will be free of vehicle traffic trying to park and drop-off on and alongside the school grounds — school site traffic is dangerous for students, and stressful for drivers.
- It is healthy for you and for the environment.

Make plans to walk, bike, skate, scooter, all the way through spring!

Noon Hours Supervision!



We are anticipating some openings in our noon hour supervision schedule. This is a paid position. If you are interested or know of someone who might be or would like more information please contact Ms. Carleton @tcareletongaines@deltasd.bc.ca

PAC NEWS

PAC Meeting



Our next PAC meeting will on Wednesday, May 22nd, at 6:15 pm in the Staffroom. Babysitting will be provided. This is a terrific group of parents who work hard to support school activities. In addition, they are a nice group of people to get to know. Please join us, even if you have never been to a PAC meeting before!

Bee Smart

Spring is here and so are the bees and wasps! Prevention of stings is the best approach. “Bee” aware of things that attract these insects and “bee” smart when enjoying the outdoors.

- Avoid bright clothing during bee season
- Wear shoes and long pants when walking through fields.
- Wear gloves when gardening
- Avoid use of perfume, hairspray, cosmetics, and scented soaps
- Avoid eating outdoors
- Wrap garbage to avoid attracting insects
- Close all garbage containers
- Have nests or hives removed
- Screen doors and windows
- When confronted with a stinging insect move away slowly



Move For Health

Making physical activity part of your day is fun AND healthy! Here are some ideas to move with your friends and family.

- Take stairs instead of elevator
- Take a walk after supper - and make the walk an **adventure**
- Play ball, ball hockey, soccer and go swimming
- Ride a bike or scooter
- Do yard work
- Carry the groceries
- Dance, dance, dance
- Leave the car at home when going on short trips



Skin Protection

Skin Protection in the Summer

How do I protect myself, and my children from the sun?

- ◆ Apply sunscreen 30 minutes before going in the sun
- ◆ Use sunscreen with 15 SPF (sun protection factor or higher)
- ◆ Wear a broad brimmed hat & sunglasses
- ◆ Seek shade between 11 am & 3 pm
- ◆ Do not expose babies less than one year of age to any intense direct sunlight



How do I protect myself, and my children from mosquitoes?

- ◆ Wear long pants and long sleeved shirts outdoors, when mosquitoes are most active
- ◆ Use mosquito repellents that are registered in Canada and contain Deet
- ◆ Deet in repellents should not exceed 30% for adults or 10% for children (2-12 years of age)
- ◆ Deet should not be used on children under six months of age
- ◆ Follow the directions on the label



CALENDAR REMINDERS

Thursday, May 2	PAC Popcorn Sale Day
Tuesday, May 7	Regional Track Meet (SDSS)
Thursday, May 9	PAC Spring Carnival
Thursday, May 16	District Track Meet – SDSS
Friday, May 17	Non-Instructional Day – No School
Monday, May 20	Victoria Day – No School
Wednesday, May 22	PAC Meeting 6:15 pm

Friday, May 24	Special Lunch
Friday, May 31	Spirit Day (Formal Day)
Wednesday, June 12	PAC Meeting 6:15 pm
Friday, June 14	Sports Day / Special Lunch
Tuesday, June 25	Student Recognition Assembly
Wednesday, June 26	Gr. 7 Awards Assembly 9:00 am
Thursday June 27	Last Day of School/Reports Cards