



Ladner Link

Ladner Elementary School

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year. I hope you all had a restful summer and shared many adventures together. Coming back to school is an exciting time but can also be stressful for some kids. We are now settled into our new classes and we can start to nurture old friendships and embrace some new ones. I would like to welcome our new families to the Ladner Elementary family. You have come to an amazing community and we all look forward to getting to know you and your children. I am thrilled to be the principal of Ladner Elementary and I know this is going to be a great school year!



Research shows that a strong, positive partnership between home and school allows children to reach their highest potential. Below are some suggestions that will be helpful in establishing school routine and will make this year the most successful one yet for your child.

This year, of course, has an added layer of complexity and we are all adjusting to new routines and safety protocols here at LE. We are doing our very best to create a safe and nurturing environment for your child, but in order to do this we need your cooperation.

A few important reminders are listed here:

-if you walk your child to their line up please leave them there and then move away from the line up area to avoid congestion, particularly in our primary area. Parents are asked to stay out of the undercover area so the kids can line up at a safe distance.

If your child is in Kindergarten they will exit with their class and meet their daycare provider at the front of the school where the buses are waiting. Ms. Carleton and I will help facilitate this until students are comfortable with the routine.

Please ensure that your daycare provider has the school phone number in case they need to reach us.

If you have not yet logged onto Parent Connect and signed off on the daily health check form, please do so.

Respectfully,
Mme Edge
Principal/Directrice

SCHOOL INFO & REMINDERS

School Hours

Beginning Monday, September 14th our bell schedule will be:

First Bell: 8:40 a.m.

School In Session: **8:45 am - 2:50 pm**

Recess: 10:10am- 10:25 a.m. (Zone Yellow and Blue)

Recess: 10:30am-10:45am (Zone Green and Pink)

Lunch: **11:50 a.m. - 12: 47 p.m. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN LUNCH SCHEDULE**

Office hours: 8:15 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.



The only exception to this during the first two weeks of school will be our kindergarten students as they work through the gradual entry process that is outlined in the information sent home from our Kindergarten teachers.

New Staff Members

We welcome several new members to Ladner's staff:



Mme Seguin (French Intermediate), Mme Moutal (French Intermediate), Ms. Malone (EA), Mrs. Winstanley (EA), Mrs. Smith (EA), Mrs. Pfitzenmaier

(Learning Support) Mrs. P Ferguson (Music and Learning Support), Mrs. Turner (Library).

Noon Hour Supervisor Needed



We are currently seeking casual noon hour supervisors to join our team. If you are interested please contact Ms. Carleton by emailing her at:

tcarletongaines@deltasd.bc.ca

“Respect” At Ladner Elementary



This year we will continue to build our school's behaviour framework into the culture of our community. Once again students will be spending some of these early days learning about the positive behaviour expectations we have of students here at Ladner Elementary. Our framework is based on the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) model and it a school-wide system that includes “positive, proactive strategies for defining, teaching, and supporting appropriate student behaviour to create positive school environments.” At Ladner Elementary, we show respect in the following ways:

Respect for Self
Respect for Others
Respect for Environment
Respect for Learning

We use the acronym SOAR (Show Our Absolute Respect) to help teach and remind the students of these important behaviours. Our hope is that this framework will focus on positive feedback, create a common language when it comes to behaviour expectations thereby creating a high level of consistency.

Administration of Medication



Schools are required to maintain a safe procedure for dispensing medications. We would like to have information regarding medication administration within the first two weeks of school. If your child is required to take medication at school, please request a Request for Administration of Medication at School and we will send it home with your child. These forms must be completed each year and are required to be signed by your physician.

School Wide Medical Alert



Several of our students have life-threatening allergies to peanuts, nuts (cashews, almonds, walnuts, pistachios, brazil nuts, pecans, macadamias), and sesame seeds. Exposure to even tiny amounts of nut particles – residue on a desk, a book, a door handle, computer keyboard, or a drinking fountain- may be enough to trigger a reaction. Please help us create a safe environment for them by keeping foods containing nuts, peanuts, and sesame seeds at home. Several companies are now making nut-free snacks and we encourage you to look for these new products when shopping. Other names for peanuts and other nuts include: Arachide, Arachis Oil, Beer Nuts, Goober Nuts, Goober Peas, Ground Nuts, Kernels, Mandelonas, Nut Meats, Valencias, Anacardium Nuts, Calisson, Marzipan, Pinon, Queensland Nut (macadamia). Label reading is the key to sending safe, nut free foods to school. Please do your part to ensure our school environment is a safe one for all of our students. THANK YOU!

Pick Up, Drop off of Students and Changes to Our Parking Lot



We have a new parking lot at LE. 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 this 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.

Our upper intermediate students mind the crosswalk out front of the school. They will be trained by our Police Liaison Officer and do a wonderful job of controlling traffic in the crosswalk. If you use this crosswalk with your children it would be wonderful if you could give these hard working students a quick Thank You!



Grade 7 Band

More information will come next week from our Band teacher, Mrs. Ferguson about Band.



Student Planners



Student Planners will be issued to students next week to most students. More information will be coming home along with a magnet that include important dates for this year. We went ahead and printed our original year calendar but some events will be changed or modified due to Covid-19 protocols.

Lunch Time Reminders



As per our Health and Safety protocols, students will need to be prepared with all of the food, water, hats, jackets that they need for the day as we will not be allowing parents into the building to drop these items off. Thank you for your cooperation.

Lunch Time Supervision



Lunchtime supervision of students is provided by our team of noon hour supervisors: Mrs. Barrett, Mrs. Walji, Ms. Preston, Mrs. Ghabrial-Lang, Ms. VandenBoer, Mr. Perry, Mrs. Pryce, Mrs. Sheldrick and Mrs. Morrison.

A reminder: students planning to leave the grounds who normally eat lunch at school must bring a dated and signed note from home giving the student permission to leave the grounds. Parents should meet their children by the main entrance for mid-day pick-ups, not their classroom door. Please call the office to let us know you are here. 604-946-4158.

Adult supervisors are on duty throughout the school at lunchtime. If you become aware of problems, please contact your child’s teacher or call the office.

Absentees



If your child is going to be absent from school, or arriving late, please send a note to the teacher via email informing the teacher of the absence, or phone the school (604-946-4158). Please leave a message on the machine outside of school hours, or if after 8:30 a.m. with Mrs. Hann or Ms. Berar. Each morning all unaccounted student absences are to be verified, so to avoid being phoned about your child’s absence please make your call before 9:00 a.m.

When reporting an absence please give your child’s name, teacher’s name, the expected length of absence and the **reason for absence**. We need to keep track of absences due to illness, so please don’t forgot this piece or we will have to call you back. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

Pets on the Playground

We know that many families enjoy walking the family dog when they accompany their children to and from school. At Ladner Elementary, **we request that all pets are kept well away from the students**. If you walk your dog to the school, **please arrange to meet your child either off the grounds at the front of the school or on the grass field well away from the entrances and exits**.



Please clean up after your pet



CALENDAR REMINDERS


Our Terry Fox Run will happen this month. It was originally scheduled for the 17th but we will postpone it until later this month in order to give us time to creatively plan this important event.

Friday, September 25	Non-Instructional Day
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Information about our upcoming PAC meeting will be sent home soon.

LADNER ELEMENTARY 2020-2021

CALENDAR LISTED BELOW

 LADNER ELEMENTARY 2020/2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR INFORMATION FOR PARENTS	
Days in Session Hours of Instruction in School Week Number of Days of Instruction Minutes of Instruction in School Day Number of Non-Instructional Days	186 Kindergarten - Grade 7: 24.55hrs. 179 Kindergarten – Grade 7: 295 min. 6 (District Wide)
Schools Open Terry Fox Run Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)	Tuesday, September 8 Thursday, September 17 Friday, September 25
Thanksgiving Day (Statutory Holiday) Early Dismissal – 1:50 Conferences with Teachers Early Dismissal – 1:50 Conferences with Teachers Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)	Monday, October 12 Wednesday, October 21 Thursday, October 22 Friday, October 23
Remembrance Day Assembly Remembrance Day (Statutory Holiday) Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)	Tuesday, November 10 Wednesday, November 11 Monday, November 30
Term 1 Reports Home Christmas Concert Last Day before school closes for Winter Vacation Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 14 Thursday, December 17 Friday, December 18 December 21 – January 1
Schools Reopen after Winter Vacation Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)	Monday, January 4 Friday, January 22
Early Dismissal - 1:50 Conferences with Teachers Early Dismissal - 1:50 Conferences with Teachers Family Day (Statutory Holiday) Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)	Wednesday, February 3 Thursday, February 4 Monday, February 15 Friday, February 26
Term 2 Reports Home Spring Vacation Period Schools Reopen	Tuesday, March 9 March 15-26 Monday, March 29
Good Friday (Statutory Holiday) Easter Monday (Statutory Holiday)	Friday, April 2 Monday, April 5
Regional Track Meet District Track Meet Non-Instructional Day (District Wide) Victoria Day (Statutory Holiday)	Tuesday, May 11 Thursday, May 20 Friday, May 21 (in Lieu of September 1 Pro-D) Monday, May 24
Sports Day Student Recognition Assembly Grade 7 Awards Assembly Last Day for Students –Reports Cards Home Schools Close (Administration Day)	Friday, June 11 Thursday, June 24 Friday, June 25 Tuesday, June 29 Wednesday, June 30

Daily Schedule

Office Hours: 8:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

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Recess: 10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Lunch Hour: 11:50 p.m. to 12:47 p.m.

Dismissal: 2:50 p.m.

