



Lavington Elementary School

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Welcome Back! Newsletter

Principal's Message:

Hello Friends and Families of Lavington Elementary! Welcome to the start of the 2022-23 school year! I am extremely excited and hopeful for a school year filled with joy and an engaged population invested in maximizing their potential. Let's prepare for GREATNESS!

Thank You!!

A massive 'thank-you' to Russ Gobelle (our head custodian) for all of his hard work and dedication to the school over the summer. Our school looks amazing and is ready for our community. Another 'thank-you' to the SD maintenance department as our new floors are an absolute game-changer. We are continuing to build our school culture and the front entrance addition was a collaborative approach, we are extremely grateful to the district for their support. Enjoy!



Day 1 Plan: September 6th, 2022 (8:16 – 11:16)

Note: September 6th will be a half day for Grades 1-7 and busses will run three hours early. Supervision will start at 7:45am. All students will make their way to the back fields where they will be met by their teachers and friends. Students can place their belongings in their grade groups (signage will be setup for easy visuals) and then go play on the playground or in the field. For the first day of school, students will only need a snack, water, and to be dressed for the weather. Teachers will collect their students and lead them into the school through their designated entrances.

Kindergarten Plan:

September 6th: Welcome to Kindergarten 2:00 – 3:30 (Meet in Library)

Wednesday, September 7th, is the first day of our Kindergarten gradual entry. Classes are divided into two groups, A & B. If you have not received your gradual entry schedule, please call the office for more information. Our Kindergarten students will be in school full time on Monday, September 19th. (Please see attachment)

Class Placements:

Due to the many changes that have taken place over the summer in terms of new registrations, transfers, and families who have moved outside of our catchment area, we will not be placing students in their homerooms on the first day. Instead, students will be placed in their grade groupings and provided with community-building and learning activities led by our wonderful teachers. This structure will allow us the time necessary to make well-balanced classes moving forward. Depending on our Day 1 attendance, we may need another day (Wednesday) of grade groupings. We want to ensure that once we have set our homerooms, we are confident that they will not need to be changed. At the end of Day 1, the plan for Wednesday will be sent out to families.

Health & Safety:

At this time, we have not received any further changes to our current Covid Protocols, wearing a mask continues to be a personal choice. As a school, we will continue to practice frequent hand washing throughout the day to minimize the spread of germs.

To keep our entire school community healthy, we ask you to check-in with your child prior to sending them to school. If they are showing symptoms, please keep them home until they are symptom free. Our collective efforts in self-monitoring and health checks will help to keep our school community as healthy as possible.

School Supplies Fee:

Here are your options to pay for your child's school supplies:

Cash, Cheque (made out to Lavington Elementary School), or with your credit card through MyEd Family Portal Login

K-1: \$45 Plus a \$10 agenda charge for all students= \$55 total
2-3: \$50 Plus a \$10 agenda charge for all students= \$60 total
4-7: \$55 Plus a \$10 agenda charge for all students= \$65 total

Personal Contact Information:

Please contact the school if your child's information has changed over the summer. Email addresses and phone contacts are critical for keeping our school records current which are used to communicate with your family.

Medical Information:

If your child requires specific medication to address a medical condition while at school, it is imperative that we have all current medical information and medicine updated. Please provide any medical information and changes to the office. Thank you!

Parking Lot Safety: (continuation from last June)

Our parking lot has become a safer place over the last few months as many families are supporting this initiative. Some families have chosen to park their vehicle when they need more time supporting their children during the morning transition, which has improved the flow of the drop-off lane. Families have chosen to change their morning routine by dropping off their children either earlier in the morning or after the lineup bell. These actions have significantly improved the safety of this space and we are still looking for improvements. If you are not planning to use the drop-off lane for its intended purposes, use the back side of the parking lot closest to the firehall so it reduces risk and minimizes congestion. Thank you for all your efforts!

Bell Schedule:

Please see attachment

Lavington Calendar: Upcoming Events

August 29th: School Office Re-opens

September 6th: First Day of the 2022-23 School Year!

September 23rd: Terry Fox Run

September 26th: Non-Instructional Day – Indigenous Focus (No School for students)

September 29th: Orange Shirt Day

September 30th: National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (No School – Statutory Holiday)

Respectfully,

Nigel Maccagno