



Ladysmith Intermediate School

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Principal's Message

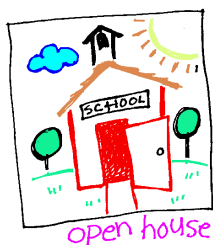
Welcome back to another fantastic year!

I couldn't be more excited to be getting to know everyone and settling into LIS. Thank you for the warm greetings and good wishes as I've settled into my new digs in Ladysmith.

In addition to welcoming back familiar friends and faces, we also have some new additions to our team- Mr. Dan Bown (Grade 7), Ms. Brandie Lewis (Library), and Ms. Tanya Cairns as our new Literacy Coordinator. We're also lucky enough to have Mr. Middleton in grade 7 every day this year. Mrs. Judy Meihl will be helping Mrs. Churchill in the office on Tuesday.

We also have a number of new students in our school, and I'm sure they'll appreciate the warm and open LIS welcome as much as I have! We're close to 300 students to start off the year, organized into 11 divisions. Thank you for your patience as we work out our final class lists and organization- we'll confirm things as soon as we can.

Keep in touch with us- we value open and ongoing communication. Feel free to drop by the office or send me an email to say hello, or if you have any questions or concerns.



Open House September 27 5-6 pm

Please join us for our Open House on September 27. It's a great opportunity to see who your child spends their day with, and to check out the wonderful things happening in the classroom.

Remember, you know your child better than we do, and opening the lines of communication early will help us all work together toward a successful year.

We look forward to meeting you!

Upcoming Dates

September 7	Welcome dance
September 21	Terry Fox Run & Jersey Day
September 27	Open House
September 28	Orange Shirt Day
October 1	Tour de Rock
October 3	Picture Day
October 4 & 5	Non-instructional days
October 8	Thanksgiving (no school)
October 15-18	Conferences & Book Fair
October 19	Provincial Pro-D Day
October 25	Grade 6 Immunizations
October 30	Picture Retakes
October 31	Halloween
November 9	Remembrance Day Assembly
November 12	Remembrance Day stat (no school)
November 29	Ladysmith Light Up
November 30	PJ Day
December 3	Food Hamper collection starts
December 20	Christmas Concert
December 21	PJ Day, vacation begins
January 7	Schools reopen

Ladysmith Intermediate Bell Schedule



Welcome Bell	8:35 a.m.
Classes Start	8:40 a.m.
Recess	10:15a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Lunch	11:45a.m. - 12:26 p.m.
Dismissal	
(Mondays)	1:37 p.m.
(Tuesdays-Fridays)	2:37 p.m.



Riding the bus?

Register for school busses on the district website at:

https://www.sd68.bc.ca/?page_id=326

After an initial grace period, all bus riders are required to have a "Z Pass" to get on the bus. To register, you will need to have your child's student number. Please contact the office if you're not sure what this is.



Student Drop Off/ Pick Up

Please review these guidelines with your child, so that everyone knows how to stay safe in a busy area.

- Give yourself lots of time to pick-up and drop-off your children safely
- Obey all road rules, speed limits and signage
- **Please drop-off and pick up your student from 3rd or 4th Avenue.** It is very busy, and quite dangerous along the front of the school at this time of day.
- **PLEASE REMAIN IN your vehicle** while picking up and dropping off.
- Be sure to have your child exit / enter the vehicle from the curb side
- If using the school parking lot, cross at the marked walkways only
- Be sure to cross the roadways at the stop sign
- **CHILDREN ARE NOT TO CROSS IN FRONT OF CARS WAITING IN THE STUDENT DROP OFF / PICK UP AREA**

Planners: Planners assist students with keeping track of assignments, assessments, and the great things happening around our school. They also contain some tools and information to help with learning and outline our Code of Conduct at LIS. The cost for families this year is \$5, thank you to PAC for covering the remaining expenses. If you require assistance with this cost, please contact the school office.

Dress for the Weather: Fresh air and exercise make a big difference for learning! Unless it is really miserable outside, (*REALLY miserable...with rain bouncing off the pavement and wind blowing sideways*)...we will be outside for both short and long recess. Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather. Feel free to send along a change of clothes to keep in the cloakroom for your puddle jumper!

Terry Fox Run: Everyone is welcome to join us for the run, and all pledge money goes to the Terry Fox Foundation. We would love some parents to help with passing out water and supervising corners for our run on **September 21**. Please leave your name with the office if you are available to help!

Orange Shirt Day: Orange shirt Day honors the survivors, and remembers those lost, from Indian Residential Schools. We wear orange to remember the real life story of Phyllis, a survivor of St. Joseph Mission School in Williams Lake, BC, who's brand new orange shirt was taken from her on her first day when she was just a little girl. Please wear your orange shirt on **September 28**.

Scent Free School: LIS works together to ensure all staff and students are safe at our school. We have a few staff members who are severely allergic to scents. Please refrain from wearing scented perfume, cologne, creams, soaps, etc. Thank you for keeping everyone healthy and safe!

Extra-Curricular and Intramural Sports: There are many exciting activities starting this month for students at all grade levels. Thank you to the many staff for their collaborative efforts in sponsoring and organizing these important opportunities. Permission forms will be sent home in the days and weeks ahead. If you have any questions about what is coming up, or how your child can get involved, please call the office.

Absentee Information: If your child is going to be away, please call the school before the day begins. If the answering machine is on, please leave a message stating your child's full name, grade, and teacher's name, and the reason for the absence.

Student Verification Forms: The "Student Verification Forms" will be coming home soon. Please check them over carefully, make any changes, and return it to your child's teacher by September 14. It is important that these forms are accurate, as they ensure our ability to contact adults in the case of an emergency. Please complete the BACK of the page as well.

Fruit and Vegetable Program: We're pleased to continue with the BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program. This program encourages healthy eating by providing fresh BC fruit and vegetables to students. Each month, produce from this program is given to students before recess. If you do not wish your child to participate, or if you are concerned about your child's allergies, please send a note to your child's teacher.

Volunteers in School: In keeping with the District's Health and Safety policies, we ask that ALL visitors check in with the office. If you are volunteering in a classroom or other area of our school, or are dropping something off for a student, we ask that you sign in at the office for a "Visitor" badge. This also helps us know who is in the building in the event of an emergency.

Criminal Record Checks: Anyone volunteering with students is required to complete a Criminal Record Check. This is a free online process. Criminal Record Checks are valid for 5 years, so if you've already completed one in the past few years, we will likely have it on file in the office. Please check with us to confirm.

The link is <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/eCRC/home.htm>. You will be prompted to enter the **NLPS access code**, which is: UQ4T7XXBHE.

Custody and other Court Orders: If there are any special instructions regarding custody or visitation arrangements for your children, please speak with Mrs. Steel, and provide copies of these orders to the school. We are required to follow the expectations as outlined in these agreements, so it is very important that we have the most current copies of the documents.

ANAPHYLAXIS INFORMATION

Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction that can become life threatening, causing airways to close, swelling, numbness, etc. An anaphylactic reaction can be tempered by the immediate injection of adrenaline in the form of an EpiPen.

To keep our students with severe allergies safe, we ask that you avoid bringing nuts, or products containing nuts, into the school.



Students in classrooms with specific allergies will have a note sent home regarding the classroom being a specific peanut/nut aware zone.