



Ladysmith Intermediate School

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Principal's Message

Good afternoon;

It's hard to believe that we're at the beginning of another month. What a busy time with pictures, Halloween, and even our second dance of the year!

For those of you who were around the school this week, you would have noticed a lot of extra school spirit!

We're just finishing up our Spirit Week, hosted by the Leadership Students at LSS, and it's been a great time for everyone to build some community and have some fun together.

We'll be ending the week with our Remembrance Day Assembly, starting at 10:45. Families are welcome, if you would like to join us.

If you would still like an opportunity to offer feedback on our Draft Vision Statement, you can join us on November 14, from 6:30-7:30 pm in the library, or participate online at:

<https://my.thoughtexchange.com/#508552262>

Please take a peek- we'd love to have everyone's feedback!

Mrs. Kerri Steel, Principal



**NOODLE BOX
HOT LUNCH FORMS DUE
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 13**

Our wonderful hot lunch parents have asked that you please make sure your children get their names onto their Hot Lunch forms- Without a name, we can't guarantee the meal will find you!

Upcoming Dates

November 9	Remembrance Day Assembly
November 12	Remembrance Day (no school)
November 16	Hot Lunch
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 Hot Lunch
January 7	Schools reopen
January 18	Hot Lunch
January 28-Feb. 1	Literacy Week
January 31	WRAP (Writing, Reading and Presenting) Showcase of Learning
February 1	Act of Kindness Month begins
February 14	Red and White Day for Valentine's
February 15	Hot Lunch
February 27	Pink Shirt Day

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.

Ongoing Communication of Student Learning

Thank you to everyone who was able to make it in for Conferences last month- it's a wonderful opportunity to share what we've been up to, and for us to have a bit of time with you to help us get to know your children!

Throughout November, December and January, we will continue to share information about your child's progress. You can expect to have an update regarding Math, Language Arts, Science and Social Studies. This may come in the form of a Freshgrade post if your child's teacher is using a digital portfolio, or it may come in the form of a work sample.

Your child will be doing some self-assessment as part of this process, so please ask about what they are learning, why they are learning it and identify what's next for them in the learning process.

The work sample will also contain some descriptive feedback from your child's teacher- so if you have any questions about how they are doing, please don't hesitate to call or email and ask!

Also attached with this newsletter is a copy of the Communicating Student Learning Parent Reference Guide. It will give you a sense of this year's timelines, and a description of how things have changed with a little bit more detail.



Traffic Safety

Please make sure you're dropping off or picking up your children from either 3rd or 4th Avenue each day.

We've had a number of close calls with students on French Street, with cars pulling out around one another, and students moving to vehicles out on the road by walking between parked cars.

Thank you so much for your support!

Extra-Curricular and Intramural Sports:

Our Pee Wee and Bantam Football teams have just wrapped up a successful season. It was great to see our teams out practicing and representing our school around the district!

The Pee Wee team did a great job coming together as a team and representing LIS across the district. Our Bantam Team played in the final against Mountainview on November 7, coming in 2nd overall in the district. It was a super inaugural season!

Congratulations to Riley Wing for coming in 1st for Tyke Girls and Riley Steen for coming in 2nd for Pee Wee boys in Cross Country! We had 17 athletes represent the school, and they did a great job representing LIS!

We have Bantam Boys and Girls teams getting ready for an exciting season of Volleyball. The season formally begins toward the end of the month.

Help with Driving: We are often in need of drivers for the games, if you are available and willing to help, please come in to make sure your Criminal Record Check and Driver's Abstract are on file, so that we're all ready to go when the time comes.

Adventure Club: Thanks to Josh Grossgardt, our new Child, Family and Youth Support Worker, for starting up a new Adventure Club. Two noon-hours each week, he offers team-building and leadership opportunities for kids- helping them learn how to work together, while having fun.

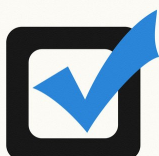
Leadership Ambassadors: Our Leadership Ambassadors, under the leadership of Mrs. Teneycke, did a great job with our We Scare Hunger Food Drive. The food bank was very appreciative of all of the items gathered. They are now planning ahead to We Day, and thinking of other opportunities they can offer in the school.

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. If your child has come to us from another school where you had one on file, we should be able to track it down- please let us know.

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

It can take several weeks for us to get these back, so please do it soon if you're interested in coming in!



PAC meetings: For more information, please visit the LIS PAC website at <https://www.facebook.com/ladysmithintermediatepac>

Late Arrival: Each morning, we have a number of students arriving between 8:40-8:50 am. First thing in the morning is a super valuable time for our classes- teachers are setting up the plan for the day, and working through opening activities to reinforce learning and practice ongoing strategies. When students come in late, they often feel confused or anxious about the fact that others are settled into their desks and already know what's going on.

Please make every effort to have your child ready to line up and start the day with their peers for 8:35. On those days where it is just not possible, please make sure your child checks in with the office upon arrival, so that we do not accidentally mark them away.



Playground Expectations

We've been working hard to interact with one another in peaceful, respectful ways on our playground, and to engage in activities that are safe and comfortable for everyone to play.

Recently, student reps from each classroom were invited to come to brainstorm a set of expectations for our outdoor play. The students determined that:

At LIS, we take care of ourselves and each other.

We will be:

- **Honest**
- **Kind**
- **Respectful**
- **Thoughtful Before We Act**

We're hoping to enlist parent help in checking-in with your children, and reaffirming our expectation that students will play in ways that do not involve play-fighting, tackling or jumping on one another. It's also really important for everyone to speak respectfully to adults and students, and using polite, appropriate language at school.

Thank you so much for your support!



Tiger Talk

Our second edition will come out at the end of the week!

Our Athletics teams have been super busy- we've had successful seasons for Pee Wee and Bantam Football, and Tyke and Pee Wee Cross Country. Check out these updates and more, at: <https://listigers.home.blog/>