



Ladysmith Intermediate School

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Principal's Message

I hope that everyone had a fun and restful break!

It's hard to believe we're only 3 months from the end of this school year! The last three months of school are traditionally the busiest, and looking at our school calendar I don't anticipate this year being any different. Please check our website often for frequent updates.

It is important that students maintain their focus on their school work and attend each day. Regular and punctual school attendance enhances personal growth and helps students to develop lifelong habits. Your help in keeping your child(ren) focused on their work and attending is greatly appreciated!

We are already starting to plan for next year. If you know you will be moving away from the LIS Community before September, please let the office staff know as soon as possible.

Mrs. Kerri Steel, Principal

Upcoming Dates

April 8-12	Book Fair
April 18	Earth Day Activities
April 19-22	Easter Break
April 26	Jump Rope for Heart
May 7	Grade 7 Visit to LSS
May 10	Pro-D Day
May 14	Math-er-noon
May 20	Victoria Day- no school
May 30	Math Showcase
May 30	Fun Fair
June 5	Parent Tea
June 17	Aboriginal Cross-Grade Activities
June 20	Concert
June 26	Grade 7 Leaving
June 27	Rathtrevor Beach 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.



Student Learning Surveys

The Ministry of Education has extended the window for Student Learning Surveys until April 30. **Parents and Guardians of Grade 4 and 7 students** have two options for accessing the survey: either by using a logon provided to you by your school, or by using the Direct (logon-free) Access.

Please complete one survey for each child. Link to the survey at: <https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/access.asp>

If you would like to logon to the survey using a login provided by the school, please give us a call in the office.



April 8-12

We are very excited to be having a second Book Fair this year, as it always brings in lots of new, updated, and exciting reading materials for everyone! It will be open each day from afterschool—5:00, as well as during recess on Tuesday.

We are still looking for parent volunteers- if you have an hour or two to spare, please give us a shout at the school.

Classroom Placement for 2019-2020

From time to time, we receive requests for class placement for students for the coming school year. Our staff works together to make decisions for each child’s placement. In arranging new classes, we try to achieve an optimal class composition (working within provincially agreed upon class sizes) by balancing such factors as:

- Students’ strengths and needs
- Matching learning and teaching styles
- Social, emotional and behavioural strengths and needs
- Student relationships
- Past class placements
- Age, physical and emotional maturity
- Male/Female balance in the class
- Degree of independent work habits

Our goal is to create balanced social and academic educational settings where optimal teaching and learning can take place. Parents who have children with specific medical or educational needs should discuss their child’s future academic and behavioural needs with their child’s current teacher. Following these discussions, parents may put their educational concerns in writing to the principal by May 31, 2019.

Parents are advised that requests should focus on specific needs of the child and not on placement with a specific teacher. This process is complex and, as a result, individual requests do not guarantee class placement. The actual division structure and teacher assignments will not be finalized until September, once we have our final enrolment numbers.

BIKE SAFETY



With spring upon us, more of our students are beginning to ride their bikes to school. We just wanted to remind everyone that wearing a helmet while riding a bike is mandatory in British Columbia.

All staff and students riding bikes to school are required to wear a helmet. If your child does not have a helmet, we encourage you to purchase one as soon as possible, or contact our CYFSW, Mr. Grossgardt, if financial hardship makes this purchase a burden.

Please review road safety rules with your child- we’ve had a few students darting quickly across the crosswalks, making it difficult for drivers to react.

THE WHITE HATTER



Internet Safety & Digital Literacy for Parents and Caregivers

When: Wed, April 10th
7:00-9:00pm

Where: Uplands Park Elementary
3821 Stronach Drive, Nanaimo

Facilitated By: Brandon Laur



Ongoing Communication of Student Learning

Between the beginning of March, and the end of April, teachers will be sharing an update on how your children are doing. This may occur through documents coming home, or through the Freshgrade portfolios. During this time, you will receive one or more communication in each core area (Language Arts, Math, Science, Socials).

These communications will include four elements: a statement of the curriculum being explored, a work sample, some feedback from the teacher, and a self-reflection completed by the student.

Our students are assessed on the new proficiency scales, as outlined by the Ministry of Education.

Proficiency Scale	→			
	Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
	The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child’s progress, please connect with their classroom teacher.

PAC CORNER

The **Fun Fair** is scheduled for **May 30**—and there are lots of things that need doing between now and then.

If you are available to help, please leave your name at the office, or contact the PAC at ladysmithintermediate-pac@hotmail.com.

