



# Ladysmith Intermediate School

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## Principal's Message

Welcome to the sunny month of May!

As we move into the last weeks of the school year, teachers are busy working through the final units and big projects of the season. Regular attendance at school is more important than ever. Please make sure to let us know if your child is going to be away, and thank-you for doing your best to get them to school on time!

We're on the hunt for volunteers for a bunch of things these days- field trips, track meets, and our Fun Fair at the end of the month. If you have some time available, please give the school a call. If you haven't yet completed a Criminal Record Check, this will be required before you can accompany a class on a trip or event. We can help you out if you're not sure what to do.

We have lots of excitement building around our Talent Show- students are signing up and auditions will be held next week. While we're not looking for lip-syncers, we are encouraging kids to think about unique and different things they can share. This year, we will also be featuring paintings and drawings in a Talent Show Gallery, as well as considering suggestions for a new school logo. Everything will be on display as it is turned in- pop in and see what we're up to!

Mrs. Kerri Steel, Principal

## Upcoming Dates

<b>May 7</b>	Grade 7 Visit to LSS
<b>May 8</b>	Grade 7 Parent Night @ LSS 6:00
<b>May 10</b>	Pro-D Day—No School
<b>May 17</b>	Math-ternoon
<b>May 20</b>	Victoria Day- no school
<b>May 22</b>	School Track Meet on LSS Track
<b>May 28</b>	Author Visit
<b>May 29</b>	Zone Track Meet
<b>May 30</b>	Hulquiminum Showcase at LSS
<b>May 30</b>	Fun Fair
<b>May 31</b>	Div. 9 – Entrepreneur Fair
<b>June 4 - 14</b>	Grade 7 Swim to Survive
<b>June 5</b>	Parent Tea & Talent Show
<b>June 6</b>	District Track Meet
<b>June 17</b>	Aboriginal Cross-Grade Activities
<b>June 25</b>	Grade 7 Day at Transfer Beach
<b>June 26</b>	Grade 7 Leaving & Choir Performance
<b>June 27</b>	Rathrevor 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.



## Track and Field has begun!

If you're driving past our school these days, there's a good chance you'll see a bunch of kids running, jumping and throwing out on the field.

We are gearing up for our school track meet on May 22, which will be held at the LSS track, along with our friends in Grade 3 from LPS.

The top four students in each event, male and female, will compete at the Zone meet on May 29. Winners from that meet will continue onto the District Meet on June 6.

Parents are always welcome to come and cheer the kids on- **and we will also need some volunteers for timing and measuring at events.** Please give us a call at the office, or send a note with your child, if you are able to help on any of these dates!



## FUN FAIR

May 30  
5-7 PM

## Classroom Placement for 2019-2020

We are in the process of planning the next academic year. It is important you trust the school team to build classes, which suit the students' academic and social needs. We take a lot of care in doing classroom composition for each grade. We make up each class list in a way that maximizes the quality of teaching and learning conditions for all students.

The decision for placement is based on many factors, such as: balancing academic ability, levels of independence, learning styles, social/emotional maturity, and maximizing the positive learning environment for the whole class. The classroom composition for each grade has to reflect the acceptance of all individuals within an inclusive school as we attempt to provide appropriate educational programming to all children.

If you have specific educational information, that you would like us to consider about your child, please contact your school Principal (in writing) as soon as possible, but **no later than May 24<sup>th</sup>**. We do consider this request, along with all other pertinent information provided by classroom teachers and support staff. Please note your request will be considered but we do not guarantee it can be honored. It does become an important part of our planning process.

As teachers may change schools and grade groupings are dependent on our enrolment numbers and balancing learning needs, **please describe optimal learning environments without referring to specific teachers. We are not able to take requests for individual teachers.**

## Digital Devices at School

Please remind your child that phones are meant for communicating with family and friends before and after school, but are not to be part of their school day unless a teacher has allowed use for a specific purpose in the classroom.

We have had a number of children sending or receiving texts or calls from the classroom recently. This both distracts the students and disrupts teachers' lessons. Where students make plans to leave the building without an adult's knowledge, it is difficult to support them or ensure their safety. If you need to connect with your child during the day, please call the office and we can either pass a message to them, or call them to the office to take your call.

A number of our students have also been taking photos or sending messages from the playground that have led to conflicts with peers. If students are found to have their phones out on the playground, they will be asked to hand them into the office for the remainder of the day. Where a student is consistently unable to respect this boundary, the phone will be held until a parent or guardian can pick it up.



## Confident Parents: Thriving Kids Programs

There is a new free intervention program for parents, with kids under 12, dealing with anxiety! It is now part of the Confident Parents program (accessed through a family dr., ped. or CYMH). Parents get weekly counselling on the phone, so it's super convenient for families. Read below for all the details.

Parents and caregivers in B.C. whose children have anxiety impacting their development and day-to-day happiness at home, school and in the community will soon have access to a new, free intervention program.

The program includes access to educational videos and weekly telephone coaching sessions and will be available starting April 29, 2019.

Serving parents and caregivers of children aged three to 12 years, the Anxiety Program — a new offering under the existing Confident Parents: Thriving Kids service — is designed to reduce the impact of anxiety on a child. It was developed locally by the Canadian Mental Health Association-BC Division (CMHA BC), in partnership with B.C. psychologists who specialize in child and youth mental health.

There is a video available to share a bit more information regarding the program at <https://youtu.be/ku2PBUboCro>

## Measles Immunization Catch-Up Program

The Province of British Columbia is launching a measles immunization catch-up program to help B.C. families ensure their children are protected from measles. The program will run from April through June 2019, with a goal of immunizing as many of the under immunized school aged children as possible by the end of the school year. Immunization consent packages will be sent home for students in kindergarten to grade 4 who are behind on their immunizations. Students will be offered immunizations at a public health office or a school-based immunization clinic with the consent of a parent, guardian or representative. Parent(s), guardians or representatives will be required to accompany students to the public health immunization appointment or school based immunization clinic.

Students who are up to date on their immunizations will receive a record of immunization. Please keep this record to provide to your child's school this fall.

## School Supplies

For the coming school year, we will be implementing a new system for School Supplies. This will allow for a bulk purchase that will save families money, and will also prevent items from being purchased that are not needed by individual classroom teachers.



Families will have the option of pre-paying for school supplies and the 2019-2020 planner in June, or to bring money in at the start of the new school year. Each student will be asked for \$35.00 (\$30 for school supplies, and \$5.00 toward the planner).

## PAC CORNER

The **Fun Fair** is scheduled for **May 30**—and there are lots of things that need doing between now and then. We also need **Cakes** for the Cake Walk.

If you are available to help, please leave your name at the office, or contact the PAC at [ladysmithintermediatepac@hotmail.com](mailto:ladysmithintermediatepac@hotmail.com).

