



LYNN VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

Welcome back to school! The Lynn Valley team hopes that you and your family are well, and have enjoyed a safe and restful summer. I am very pleased to be joining the Lynn Valley School community as Principal and look forward to getting to know you and your children.

As a follow up from [Superintendent Mark Pearmain's communication](#), Lynn Valley staff is very excited to be welcoming back our grades 1 to 7 students on Tuesday, September 7. Kindergarten students will follow the gradual entry schedule that they received in July.

COVID-19 Guidelines for K-12 Schools: You are encouraged to review the Covid-19 Guidelines for K-12 Schools:

- [COVID-19: Information and Resources](#)
- [Daily Health Check](#)
- [Management of Illness and Exposures at School](#)

Lynn Valley Specific Health and Safety Measures:

- Continued use of our **staggered entry-exit schedule**
INTERMEDIATE Classes (Grades 4-7)
First: **8:35am**. Classes begin at 8:39am. Dismissal: 2:45pm
PRIMARY Classes (Grades K-3)
First bell: **8:50am**. Classes begin at 8:54am. Dismissal: 3pm
- Students will meet at their designated **outside meeting spots** for entry/exit to help prevent overcrowding
- **Masks:** All K-12 staff, visitors, and students in grades 4 to 12 will be required to wear non-medical masks in all indoor areas of the school and on school buses. Students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 are strongly encouraged to wear masks.
- **Daily Health Checks** will need to be completed for all students and staff prior to coming to school. Everyone is expected to stay home if sick.
- **At this time, school personnel only** in the building. Parents/guardians are required to call ahead and follow COVID-19 safety protocols once an appointment is made.

What To Expect Next Week – September Start

Tuesday, September 7:

All students in Grades 1 to 7 will be welcomed back to school on **Tuesday, September 7**. Please note the altered staggered entry/exit schedule for Tuesday only as this will be a shortened school day.

INTERMEDIATE Classes (Grades 4-7)

First bell: **8:35am**. Classes begin at 8:39am.

Dismissal: 10:45am

PRIMARY Classes (Grades 1-3)

First bell: **8:50am**. Classes begin at 8:54am.

Dismissal: 11am

- **ALL returning students in Grades 1 to 7** will meet outside at their last year's meeting spot. Students will spend time with last year's teachers and peers;
- **New students, including new English Language Learners (ELL) and new International students** are to report to the garden area outside the main entrance.

Wednesday, September 8:

- **ALL students in Grades 1 to 7, including new students and new ELL and new International students,** will meet outside at the same spot as they did on Tuesday and be walked in by a teacher;
- **ALL** Grades 1 to 7 students will likely move to their new classes in the morning before recess and attend a regular day of school with their new teacher and new classmates.

Before and After School drop off and pick up

For the safety and well-being of all members of our learning community, we will continue to follow health and safety processes implemented last year. We ask that you continue to adhere to the following:

1. Please do not enter the school building unless you have made a **prearranged appointment**. If you need to drop off or pick up your child(ren) please **call the main office** (604) 903 3620 once at the front door.
2. If possible, please arrange a designated pick up and drop off spot with your child off school grounds. Please avoid congregating on the school grounds. We need to reduce potential physical contact and anxiety for all members of our learning community.

Lunch Protocol

At this time, we are expecting all students to stay at school for lunch. Students are not to be leaving the school property at lunch time for any reason. We understand the need for flexibility, so if there are exceptional circumstances required, please connect directly with your child's classroom teacher. Please ensure that your child has their lunch prior to the school day. If you forget to pack your child's lunch and need accommodation, please phone the office to let them know you will be dropping it off.

Sign out Procedures

There will be times where your child will need to be picked up during the school day for an appointment. While we are hoping to keep this to a minimum, please adhere to the following steps:

- a. Email the classroom teacher with your child's pick-up time
- b. Call the office when you have arrived to pick up your child and we will arrange for them to meet you outside. Allow yourself a little extra time for this process.

Rain or Shine

On the North Shore we work and play outside rain or shine! Please ensure that your child(ren) are dressed for the weather. Consider leaving a change of shoes and clothing at school, just in case.

The health and safety of our students, staff and community members is our utmost priority. While we look forward to a full return to all aspects of school community life, please be patient as we roll out this 'near normal' school year in a thoughtful and measured way.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me through the school office or via e-mail, lupton@sd44.ca .

With kind regards, and best wishes for a safe and happy school year,

Lisa Upton and Kendra Arkininstall
Principal Vice Principal