



Lafleche Central School

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Lafleche Central School is located on Treaty 4 Territory, the original lands of the Cree, Ojibwe, Saulteaux, Dakota, Nakota, Lakota, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation. We are all Treaty people.



The Lightning family has entered 2021 rested, and hopeful that the crazy world around us will heal.

Family Literacy Day takes place every January 27th to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. The 2021 theme is **"Travel the World Together!"** Pre-K to Grade 6 families will be receiving an email with some fun activities for families to explore together. Students will also be receiving a photocopied booklet of activities. Due to high school exams during the week of Family Literacy Day, our school will celebrate this day on Monday, February 1. Please take time with your family to celebrate learning together.

In many ways, the COVID-19 pandemic has created unfortunate effects on our lives. As hard as students and staff have worked to fill the gaps of the lost school time during the 2019-2020 school year, our data indicates that our students' reading, writing and math skills are lower compared to other years. We are not alone. Sadly, significant drops in students' skills have been observed across our school division, province and North America. Educators knew that this was most likely going to happen. As a result, our school has targeted reading, writing and math skills. We have set up extra interventions and are focused on rebuilding the lagging skills. We are encouraging families to read and participate in any type of literature activities to help get our students back on track.

Our first semester will be finishing up at the end of January, so this next week will be busy for our high school students as they complete their courses, assignments and prepare for exams. Exams will be held during the week of January 25 – January 28. The exam schedule is posted in this newsletter, so please take a look at it and plan appointments around it. Grades 9-12 students are only required to be here for their scheduled exam time and may leave if all assignments/projects are completed and permission slips have been signed. Students are welcome to stay at the school throughout the week, but they must remain in supervised areas. Good luck to our students writing exams!

Semester 2 classes for our high school students will begin on Monday, February 1. Report cards for Grade 9 to 12 students will be posted on the MSS parent portal the week of February 1-4. There are no Kindergarten to 8 Report Cards at this time. **A reminder to all parents to please access the parent portal prior to report card time!**

I would like to remind everyone to send the appropriate outdoor clothing for their child(ren). Outside play and PE classes are always way more fun when you are dressed warm!

It is hard to believe that we are already at the halfway point for the 2020-2021 school year! We are very grateful for each and every day we are together. Keep up the good work!!!

Lisa Packet

The staff and students at Lafleche Central School would like to extend a huge **shout out** and **thank you** to the following:

- **Gloria McIvor** for donating masks, hand sanitizer, and disinfectant.
- **Gail Bouvier** for the donation of a colourful drawer organizer/tote.
- **Lafleche Pharmacy** for donating two full boxes of binders!

Please help keep our school grounds and community safe and clean by discarding your disposable facial masks properly.



REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES



Please **contact the school** by email longworth.wanda@prairiesouth.ca or phone 306-472-3192 when your child/ren are going to be **absent or late**. A reason for the absence is also required so the absence is accurately documented in the MSS attendance program. **If your child is ill, you will be asked what his/her symptoms are and will be advised to contact 811 if symptoms are COVID-19 related.** Please do not contact staff members on their personal cell phones regarding student absences.

PREKINDERGARTEN

The Prekindergarten class has been thoroughly enjoying the New Year! We have been learning about winter, snowflakes, snow/ice, and snowmen. We will begin to learn about polar animals and winter sports over the next few weeks. We have enjoyed being able to play at the sensory tables with icebergs and ice fishing. The students also had a blast with the role play coffee shop. Every day, we have students making coffee, hot chocolate, smoothies and baking cookies. We are just going to begin learning about some winter sports that are popular around our community (hockey and curling).

Mrs. Cornet, Mrs. Ellis & the PreK Class

KINDERGARTEN

So far, 2021 has started off great in the Kindergarten classroom. The students have picked their poems for oratory that we will be working on over the next few weeks. We will hold classroom speak offs but due to COVID-19 we will not be holding oratory finals. Since the beginning of the month, we have been learning all about winter, snow, polar animals, and winter sports (hockey, ice fishing and curling). In Math, we are concentrating on the number strand: comparing sets using one-to-one correspondence, counting forwards and backwards, as well as counting objects and recognizing numbers at a glance. In ELA, we have been working hard with Jolly Phonics, making predictions, writing, and rhyming. In PE, we have been taking advantage of the mild weather outside while working on our throwing, catching, and kicking skills using targets and bounce backs.



Mrs. Cornet, Mrs. DeWulf & the Kindergarten Class

GRADE 1 & 2

ELA 1 & 2 – Mo Willems author study.

Math 1 – addition and subtraction to 12.

Math 2 – addition and subtraction to 20.

Science – liquids and solids.

Arts Ed – “Don’t Let the Pigeon” guided drawing.

PE 1/2 – staying active in the outdoors, throwing and catching relays using bounce backs and targets, and kickball games.

Ms. Wilson, Mrs. DeWulf

GRADE 3 & 4

ELA 3 & 4 – writing a topic sentence and adding good details that support the main idea of a paragraph.

Math 3 – the different strategies for multiplication.

Math 4 – multiplication problem solving.

Science – what static electricity is and how we can limit its build-up.

Social – the interdependence of communities through exports and imports and what makes up an economy.

Health – different ways we can be physically active.

Arts Ed – creating rolled paper art to look like an aerial view of a forest or coral reef.

PE 3/4 – staying active in the outdoors while working on throwing and catching skills and finding open space with games like tchouk ball, bucketball, and dodgeball.

Ms. Hagenes, Mrs. DeWulf, Mrs. S Packet,

GRADE 5 & 6

ELA 5 & 6 – my new novel study, persuasive writing, and making connections to my reading.

Math 5 – equations and variables.

Math 6 – angles and polygons.

Science – my science experiment project.

Social – Canada during Confederation.

Health – my anti-smoking/drinking poster.

Arts Ed – how real-life events are portrayed in cinema (musicals).

PE 5/6 – my strategies during territorial games.

Ms. Elek, Mr. Lindsay

GRADE 7 & 8

ELA 7 – the book cover I designed for *Truth and Lies*. Also, ask me about our new unit (*Reconstructing the Past*) and the story I completed which explained how the “warrior” died.

ELA 8 – the Greek God I designed after we learned about the creation of the Gods, Goddesses and Titans of Greek mythology. Also, ask me about the planning and drafting I have done for my creation myth.

Math 7 – how to multiply and divide decimals.

Math 8 – how to convert currency using ratios.

Science 7 – the unit we just completed on mixtures and solutions. We reviewed the three physical states and the phases of water. We just started learning about the difference between heat and temperature.

Social 7 – different types of economies.

PE 7 & 8 – my strategies during territorial games.

Mr. Lindsay, Mrs. de Graauw, Mrs. Bouffard

GRADE 9 & 10

ELA 9 – the planning I have done for my persuasive essay. Ask me specifically about my topic, my thesis statement, and the research I have done to help convince my reader.

ELA10 – the three Poe works we have read. Ask me about the reliability of a narrator and what these Poe works have taught me about determining narrator perception vs. reality. Also, ask me about my final exam preparation.

Math 9 – linear equations; one-step and two-step equations.

Math 10 W&A – polygons. Also ask me about transformations – reflections, rotations, and translations.

Science 10 – force and motion. We finished metric conversions, scientific notation, and significant digits. We have been performing calculation using distance, time, and speed. We have been drawing distance and time graphs.

History 10 – German unification and how it led to WW1.

Health 9 – our final unit about physical relationships, reproduction, how to be safe and making good choices in romantic relationships.

Com Cook 30 – the soups we have been creating from scratch: butternut squash, potato, minestrone, cream of broccoli and beef stew.

PE 9/10 – my strategies during territorial games.

Mrs. Bouffard, Mrs. de Grauw, Mr. Lindsay

GRADE 11 & 12

Communication 20 – the final few short talks we have written and presented in class. Also, ask me about my final project and my preparation for my presentation of it.

ELA A30 – the personal narrative I have completed. Ask me about the topic, the anecdotes included within and how I tied all of these together in one piece. Also, ask me about our final preparation, including reading some of the works of Sinclair Ross.

Math Found 20 – solving and graphing quadratic equations, reviewing for the final exam.

Math Found 30 – graphing sinusoidal functions and writing prototype exams to help prepare for the final exam.

Health Science 20 – dissecting pigs. This has been the highlight of the course for the students. See pictures in this newsletter!

Com Cook 30 – the soups we have been creating from scratch: butternut squash, potato, minestrone, cream of broccoli and beef stew.

PE 20/30 – my strategies during territorial games.

Mrs. de Grauw, Mrs. Bouffard, Mrs. Packet, Mr. Lindsay

SRC REPORT

The SRC had a great deal of fun in December with Spirit Days, "Name That Tune" and school decorating. Our Christmas celebrations certainly looked different this year, but we tried very hard to have memorable moments and we all enjoyed the events. The SRC also gifted candy canes to each student. We look forward to next year when we can have some holiday fun and frivolity in a more traditional manner. We have an SRC meeting planned for today to determine a Spirit Week and other fun events for the month of February. Stay tuned for details and watch our Facebook page for announcements!

SRC Advisor: Mrs. de Grauw



JANUARY 2021 EXAM SCHEDULE

		GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
Monday, January 25	a m	ELA 9	ELA A10 ELA A11	OL PRECALC 20	ELA A30 ELA A31
	p m			Communication 20 Presentations Due	
Tuesday, January 26	a m			MATH FOUND 20	MATH FOUND 30
	p m	MATH 9	MATH WKP10 MATH WKP11	MATH WKP20	
Wednesd ay, January 27	a m			HEALTH SCI 20 HEALTH SCI 21	HEALTH SCI 20 HEALTH SCI 21
	p m	SCIENCE 10	SCIENCE 10 SCIENCE 11		
Thursday, January 28	a m	HISTORY 10	HISTORY 10 HISTORY 11		
	p m				

- Students must arrive at the school 15 minutes prior to exam start.
- Exams begin at 9 :00am and 1 :00pm SHARP!
- Students must enter the exam room prepared with pens, pencils, etc.
- Electronic calculators are required for all Math exams.
- Students must remain in the exam room for at least one hour.

Students who have completed all assignments, projects, etc. in all classes and have a signed (by parent) *Permission to Leave* form may leave the school after completing an exam.



Thank
you!

We would especially like to thank **DeCap Trailer Manufacturing** for donating materials, sharing their expertise, and allowing Mr. Lindsay the use of their facility to create and build a computer table for the Grade 7 and 8 classroom. The Grade 7 and 8 students were excited to get the table moved into their classroom and did all they could to lend a helping hand! Thank you to Mr. Lindsay for volunteering his time to take on this project and providing a safe, sturdy and functional table for our PCs.

Health Science 20



Upcoming Events

January 22

Regular Classes – Tuesday Timetable

No Classes for PreK or Kindergarten

Little Caesars Pizza Orders Deadline

January 25 – January 28

Final Exams

January 27

Family Literacy Day

January 29

PREP Day for Teachers – No School for Students

February 1

LCS Family Literacy Day Celebration

Report Card Published on MSS – Grades 9-12 (Tentative)

Semester 2 Begins

February 5

Non-Instructional Friday

February 9

Little Caesars Pizza Kits Arrive at LCS

February 12

Regular Classes – Thursday Timetable

PreK Day

February 13 – February 21

Winter Break – School Closed

February 26

Regular Classes – Monday Timetable

Kindergarten Day

March 5

PREP Day for Teachers – No School for Students

March 10

Kindergarten – Grade 8 Report Cards

March 12

Regular Classes – Tuesday Timetable

PreK Day

March 19

Non-Instructional Friday

March 26

Regular Classes – Wednesday Timetable

Kindergarten Day

March 29

2:30 Early Dismissal Monday

April 2 – April 11

Easter Break

April 16

Non-Instructional Friday

April 19

Early Dismissal Monday

April 20

Kindergarten to Grade 12 Report Cards

April 23

Regular Classes – Thursday Timetable

April 30

Regular Classes – Monday Timetable

Kindergarten Day

