# **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.

With Lightning speed, the summer has come to an end, and our Lightning family has started a brand new school year! It's great to be back! We have a total of 113 students this year and 16 staff. We look forward to another year of lightning adventures.

Teachers spent the last few days in August in meetings, professional development, gathering resources and planning. We worked together to set goals and plan the extra-curricular activities for the year. I am so pleased with the commitment and dedication that staff have already agreed to do!

At the start of the school year teachers reflected on last year's goals, studied our data, and set new goals. This year, we continue targeting the subject areas of reading, writing and math. We also will be focussing on the mental health and well-being of students, staff, parents and community. Through activities and events we hope to develop more understanding of mental health and learn strategies to help each of us with our own mental health. For students, their first day was on Wednesday, September 1. Students were welcomed back with a muffin breakfast and juice.

With school back in full swing, we want to give a friendly reminder to all the drivers out there to slow down in the school zone. Be mindful of students walking to and from school, and do not pass buses during loading and unloading times. All traffic must STOP when buses have lights flashing and stop arms out. There is a significant fine associated with this violation. Thanks for helping to keep our students safe.

We are asking parents/guardians who may be driving for the LCS sports or activities to please fill in a driver information form along with a criminal record check. Criminal record checks are free for volunteers and only need to be completed ONCE and will be placed in our files. Thanks to the parents and staff who have already completed this.

We will be practicing emergency drills throughout the year. These drills will consist of different emergency procedures like fire drills, lockdown drills and lock, hold & secure. Staff will walk students through everything they need to know and do. A letter was sent home in packages. Please make sure you are familiar with these procedures. We want to assure our parents that if ever we have a real situation, we will be contacting them when it is safe for us to do so.

In order to help our school run more smoothly, communication is the key. Please contact the school if your child/ren will be absent or if you have any issues or concerns. We will continue to contact families by email this year, so please be sure to keep your email accounts in working order and contact the school if any of your information changes. We also have a Facebook account that we often use to send out information on the events happening in the school. I look forward to working with staff, students, parents and community throughout the year. Together I believe we make LCS, "A Small School That Strikes Big!"

Lisa Packet



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

- Vivanne Bouvier for donating all the wonderful Christmas decoartions!
- Our LCS students who have returned to school with their big smiles and enthusiasm for learning!
- All LCS parents for your cooperation, patience, and support. We could not do this without you! Our staff appreciates all you do for us and we look forward to a wonderful year.
- Michel Pinsonneault for the awesome job cleaning the school this summer!
- **Melinda Masse** for taking our

#### REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES

Please contact the school by email (spence.joelle@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, please keep them home until they are symptom free. Please do not contact staff members on their personal cell phones regarding student absences.

# **MSS Parent Portal**

Have you logged onto your Parent Portal yet? If you have not, please do so. If you have forgotten

your username, please contact Mrs. Spence; if you have forgotten your password please enter this temporary password Parent#1 (you will be prompted to change the password once you have logged in). NOTE: You MUST create the account on a computer (not a mobile device or tablet). If you need to use a school computer to do this, please contact us---we can accommodate you! After you have created an account, you can log on anytime to see mark submissions, attendance, etc. for your son/daughter. All report cards (K-12) will be pushed out through the parent portal as well. Printed report cards will no longer be available.





Hello! My name is Vero Hartman. For the last ten years I have been teaching grades 7-9 Math, Science and Computer Tech in Okotoks, Alberta. Even though I have a Bachelor of Arts in History and a Bachelor of Education specializing in History, I'm extremely passionate about Math, Science and Technology. In August I married my husband, Adam, and moved to the family farm in Flintoft! I was thrilled when an opportunity to teach in Lafleche came up. This year I'm teaching 7/8 homeroom with Math, Social and PE. If you run into me and want to chat, here are some fun facts: I am bilingual, love video games and board games, and I'm excited to become a master gardener.

Hello, my name is T'Laine Mills. I'm excited to be a part of the LCS family! I live near Mazenod with my partner and our small daughter where we raise cattle and I keep a few horses. I have been an EA in Mossbank the last 3 years and was laid off from there in the spring. I haven't had a chance yet to meet all the students here at LCS but the environment and sense of community in this school is remarkable! I have felt so welcomed by both students and staff and I can't wait to get to know everyone better.





Hello everyone! My name is Sarahí Ibarra Angulo. I am the mother of three beautiful girls: Daniela, Isabella and Gabriela. This is my first year as an Educational Assistant. I have lived in Lafleche since 2015, when my girls (Daniela and Isabella) and I came from Mexico to join my husband, Humberto. I have a Bachelor Degree in Psychology. I worked at a private school in my home town, Guasave, Sinaloa. I enjoy cooking Mexican food. I am so happy for this opportunity and I am ready to learn a lot about Canada.

#### **PREKINDERGARTEN**

The Prekindergarten class has had a wonderful first couple of weeks of school. The students were welcomed by "Pete the Cat" who has eased them into their first few days. We have been busy touring the school and learning many classroom/school routines. We love the free play exploration and have been learning about colours, shapes and emotions. The prekindergarten class will continue their learning through a holistic approach (intellectual, physical, social-emotional and spiritual development).

Mrs. Cornet, Mrs. Ellis & the PreK Class





### **KINDERGARTEN**

Kindergarten class had enjoyable first couple of weeks and are glad to be back at school. We have been busy learning many new routines and procedures. In the classroom, we have been learning a lot about colours and shapes. The students have been experimenting with mixing colours and are fascinated by what new colours appear. In ELA, we have been practicing how to properly hold writing tools, name writing, proper letter formation, copying print and learning about the letters "Ss, Aa and Tt". Math, we have been learning about things that are the same and different, sorting and using a sorting rule (colour, shape, and size). The kindergartens are learning many new things about each other and enjoy being able to share their experiences. We have been exploring and learning about emotions and discussing ways to handle the way we are feelina. We look forward to the next few weeks as we begin to learn about autumn.

### What I want to be when I grow up:

**Kylie**: Veterinarian **Cohen**: Firefighter **Nash**: Paleontologist **Gabriela:** Doctor

Eve-Stone: Police Officer

Mrs. Cornet, Mrs. DeWulf & the Kindergarten
Class



# Ask me about...

#### GRADE 1 & 2

**ELA 1 & 2** – how we can show kindness in the classroom, school, and playground.

Math 1 - representing numbers to 20.

Math 2 - representing numbers to 100.

**Social** – relationships with self, others, family, and community.

**Health –** feelings and emotions (look like, feel like, sound like)

**Arts Ed –** 3-star colouring (in the lines, no white spaces, colours make sense)!

**PE 1/2 –** tag games, parachute fun, and mastering the Jump Dance!

Ms. Sinclair, Mrs. DeWulf

#### **GRADE 3 & 4**

ELA 3 & 4 - my Fingerprint Writing.

**Math 3 –** counting and recognizing numbers to 1000.

**Math 4 –** recognizing and writing numbers to 10 000.

**Science** – the 3 different types of rocks. **Social** – important First Nations and Metis Leaders of Saskatchewan.

Health - what makes up my "Inner Self".

Arts Ed - the different types of lines.

**PE 3/4 –** learning to bump, set, serve, and smash in volleyball, and our first pacer test!



#### GRADE 5 & 6

**ELA 5 & 6 –** subject and predicate, fragmented sentences, the Greek gods/goddesses, types of nouns, and the myth of Hercules.

**Math 5 –** adding and subtracting decimals, counting money and making change.

**Math 6 –** place values of whole and decimal numbers.

**Science –** the animal classifications for vertebrates.

**Social –** the culture and belief systems of Saudi Arabia.

**Health –** my physical and nutritional health goals.

**Arts Ed –** my picture collage and my personal coat of arms.

PE 5/6 - volleyball and ultimate frisbee.

Ms. Elek, Mrs. Hartman, Mrs. Packet

#### **GRADE 7 & 8**

**ELA 7 –** the mysteries of King Tut's tomb and Oak Island which we have read in class. Also, ask me about the newspaper article I have been preparing to write about a mystery we have studied.

**ELA 8 –** the time capsule I made, and the letters I have written, to introduce our Becoming Myself unit. Also, ask me about visual I have created in reaction to the short story "A Hero's Welcome."

Math 7 - adding and subtracting integers.

Math 8 - order of operations with integers.

Social 8 - Canadian identity.

**Health 7 –** what the concepts of personal standards, personal commitments and resiliency mean. Also, ask me how I utilize these concepts in my daily life.

PE 7 & 8 - ultimate frisbee and volleyball.

Mrs. Hartman, Mrs. de Graauw, Mrs. Bouffard

#### **GRADE 9 & 10**

**ELA 9 -** the articles we have been reading about birth order and musical interests. Ask me how I have turned this information into solid explanatory paragraphs.

**ELA A10 –** the narrative I wrote in response to the short story "The Sniper." Also, ask me about the graphic organizer I created to reflect the essay structure of "The Puzzle of War."

**Math 9 –** about powers. We learned the parts of the power which are a base and an exponent. We wrote powers in repeated multiplication form. We solved powers in standard form.

Math 10 W&A – the ways to earn income: hourly wage, salary, commission, piecework. Ask me about the current minimum wage in Saskatchewan. Ask me the difference between gross and net income.

Science 9 - what is matter? We found out that matter is divided into two main groups, pure substances and mixtures. We have been learning about the first twenty elements. Pure substances can be divided into elements and compounds. While mixtures can be divided into mechanical mixtures, solutions. colloids. We watched some videos on the discovery of the atomic model and the atom. Currently, we are finding the number of protons. electrons, neutrons of various elements.

**Health 7** – what the concepts of personal standards, personal commitments and resiliency mean. Also, ask me how I utilize these concepts in my daily life.

**Social 9** – the features of First Nations civilizations.

**Com Cook 20** – kitchen tools and equipment. We started our first cooking unit dealing with eggs and breakfast food. We have learned how to make a fried egg (three different ways), poached, shirred, scrambled, and a quiche.

#### **GRADE 11 & 12**

**Communication 20 –** the pieces of technical writing I composed in class. Also, ask me about the graphic organizer I made about an issue related to social media.

**ELA A30 –** all the writing we have completed including quick writes, a personal essay, a thematic paragraph on what it means to be Canadian and a biography of a great Canadian.

**Math Found 20 –** conjectures and proving them valid or invalid.

**W&A 20** – investing money using compound and simple interest.

**Math Found 30 –** calculating simple and compound interest

Physical Science 20 – scientific notation and significant digits. We began with a math review and converting various units. We moved on to a chemistry review. We have been writing ionic and molecular compounds. Now, we are writing chemical equations and balancing them.

**Com Cook 20 -** kitchen tools and equipment. We started our first cooking unit dealing with eggs and breakfast food. We have learned how to make a fried egg (three different ways), poached, shirred, scrambled, and a quiche.

**PE 20/30 –** volleyball and football.

Mrs. de Graauw, Mrs. Bouffard, Mrs. Packet, Mrs. Hartman



# CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

The cross-country runners have had a areat start to the season. We currently have 7 runners from 6-9 arade participating on the team. We run Tuesday everv and Thursday at

12:22pm for a distance ranging between 2 and 4 km. Please give us a wave if you see us out and about around town! Grade 7-9 students on the team will head to Moose Jaw for an Invitational Run on Sept. 29th. Then, we will return to Moose Jaw on October 6th to run in the District Cross Country meet. Athletes are encouraged to continue to run on their own time at home as well as participating in the Tuesday/Thursday noon practices. On a final note, I would like to congratulate Raela Packet for completing my Summer Run Challenge. Throughout the summer months, Raela ran 128 km (16 per week) which is the equivalent of running from Lafleche to Ogema. Great job Raela! You are a dedicated and deserving athlete.

Mrs. de Graauw

## **LCS Annual Bottle Drive**

Many people have been inquiring about our bottle drive fundraiser. Stay tuned for more information coming soon!

### SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT

Our school community council (SCC) will be having our first meeting Thursday, October 7 at 6PM. We will be discussing goals and plans for the upcoming school year. Members are Jennifer Meyer (Chair), Trudy Sewell (Vice-Chair), Joelle Spence (Secretary), Tristan Brown (Treasurer), Irina Coates, Brekke Masse, Sandra Watteyne, Julie Williams, Nina Sproule and Mikayla Tallon (Student Representatives), Crystal Lisa Bouffard and Packet (Staff Representatives). Thank you to all SCC members who volunteer their time to be on this committee. Your continuous support of school events, goals and fundraisers is very much appreciated.

Mrs. L Packet

#### SRC

The school is back up and running again and the SRC and I have a ton of ideas for this new season. With most of the Covid-19 restrictions lifted in our school, the SRC has been planning so many fun activities for the kids because we are allowed to do them now. We are going on our annual Terry Fox run on Sept. 27, so if you see a huge group of kids running through town, give us a wave! Our spirit days of the month are: 27th School colours, 28th ER day (dress as something that ends with 'er'), 26th Roughrider day and 25th Orange Shirt Day. We have also decided to bring back school group colour teams and our monthly game competitions. Basically, each student gets assigned to a team (red, blue, green, orange) and it's a race to see who can get the most points by June. Dressing up for spirit days, winning our monthly games in the gym, and volunteering in the school all earn you points for your team. Our very first games are scheduled for Sept.17. My favourite part is that to keep track, we are going to make huge chains of coloured paper

down the hallway, so that everyone knows who is winning and losing. Needless to say, this year is going to be very fun and we are all super excited!

Tyla Packet – SRC Representative

#### **Bantam Boys**

The bantam boys team consists of 15 players!! Here is a list of our roster:
Campbell S, Nash O, Hayden C, Jaxon M, Darin M, Jaret M, Wyatt C, Kayson P,
Theron W, Tyson S, Aaron D, Parker M, Kai P,
Grant B and Garrett B. We are practicing on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30-5:00. We play league games on Wednesdays. We are attending the following tournaments:
Rouleau September 24
Ponteix October 2
Gravelbourg October 16
Lafleche Home Tournament October 23
Sections in Kincaid October 30

Coaches: Mrs. Hartman & Mrs. Bouffard

#### **Bantam Girls**

Our bantam girls volleyball team got off to a good start with some exhibition play against Gravelbourg last week. The Lightning came out on top in 3 of the 6 sets played. The sets that were lost were close games, losing each by less than 5 points. These games were a great opportunity to continue to learn our positions and rotations before the airls beain their league play this week, starting with a match against Gravelbourg on Wednesday. Here is a list of our roster: Emma C, Erica M, Raela P, Presley P, Chloe M, Paetyn D, Cadence de G, Ella B and Dalila P. Good luck with the season and up coming tournaments!

Coaches: Mrs. DeWulf & Mrs. de Graauw



SRC Milk Program ~ Milk cards cost \$25 for 20 milk. Preferred method of payment is through School Cash online.

#### **Senior Girls**

This year, Lafleche and Mossbank schools have joined a co-operative. Lafleche players are: Alyssa C, Ava F, Tyla P and Hailey S. There are five players from Mossbank. The team is splitting practices between Lafleche and Mossbank. They attended their first tournament Bengough last weekend. They were undefeated in all 10 sets they played to take home 1st place! They are attending the following tournaments:

Assiniboia October 1&2 Coronach October 16 Gravelbourg October 29&30 Conferences November 5&6

Coaches: Ms. Sinclair & Mrs. Spence



### **Senior Boys**

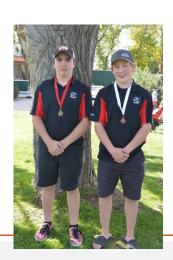
The senior boys team consists of 7 players!
Here is a list of our roster: Jake S, Jett W,
Weston P, Luc B, Luke P, Hadley B and
Dayton P. We have been practicing on
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00-6:30. We
will be playing league games on Tuesdays.
We are attending the following
tournaments:
Gravelbourg September 24&25
Frontier October 1&2
Assiniboia October 29&30
Ponteix November 5&6
Conferences November 13

Coach: Mrs. Bouffard

### **Golf**

Golf sections were hosted at Thomson Lake on Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Six students from Lafleche School attended sections. It was a beautiful day to golf! In the Bantam Boys category, Tyson S received the gold medal with the amazing score of 43! In the Senior Boys category, Jake S brought home the gold medal, and Jett W clenched the bronze medal. Tyson, Jake and Jett all advanced to districts. We are proud of all our participants! All our golfers represented our school and themselves well. Congratulations to all our winners! We would like to thank Mrs. DeWulf, and Mrs. Spence for driving, and helping to organize the event. A special shout out to Thomson Lake Club house for treating us so well!

Mrs. Lisa Packet







#### **District Golf**

On September 17th, golf districts were hosted in Avonlea. We had beautiful weather. It was a very challenging course. Representing our school were Tyson S (Bantam), Jett W and Jake S (Senior). After 9 holes, Tyson placed 1st with a score of 42. The Senior boys had to complete 18 holes. Jett scored a 42 on his front 9 but struggled on his back 9. Jake golfed an 86 which awarded him the silver medal. All our golfers represented Lafleche well! Congrats to the winners! Jake now advances to Provincials in Rosthern. We wish him luck! We'd like to thank Avonlea for hosting. It is a great course and we recommend golfers to check it out.

Mrs. Lisa Packet

### <u>High School Rodeo</u>

Weston P has joined the Saskatchewan High School Rodeo Association in the Team Roping event. His team roping partner is Payson P from Glentworth. Payson is the header & Weston is the heeler. They compete against Grade 9 – 12 students from all over Saskatchewan in ten rodeos this fall, and then ten more in the spring, with a chance to qualify to compete in the provincial & national finals. In the spring he also plans to enter the Calf Roping event.



### <u>Football</u>



Jaxon is playing football with the U14 Steelers, of the Swift Current Minor Football Association. The U14 league consists of teams from Swift Current, Estevan, Weyburn, Yorkton and two teams out of Moose Jaw. The Steelers meet four times a week for practice and play a game every weekend. So far, the Steelers have played the Moose Jaw Vikings and the Weyburn Falcons. The last league game is October 9th, before playoffs begin October 16th. Jaxon has 6 coaches who volunteer their time to the U14 Steelers. We are so grateful for these wonderful coaches! Jaxon started out the first game as a defensive back, but because of his aggressive tackling skills and recognition of the opponents' offensive plays, he is now playing safety. The Steelers' next home game is on Saturday, October 9th, 2021 at 12:00pm in Swift Current. Go Steelers!

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# **Game Schedule**

Senior Boys	Senior Girls	Bantam Boys	Bantam Girls
September 28 – vs	September 28 – vs	September 29 – vs	September 29 - in
Glentworth/Mankota	Glentworth/Mankota	Coronach & ACHS	Mankota
October 5 - vs	October 5 – vs	October 6 - in	October 6 – vs
Kincaid	Kincaid	Gravelbourg	Rockglen 1 & 2
October 12 – vs	October 12 – vs	October 13 – vs	October 13 - in
Gravelbourg	Gravelbourg	ACHS	Assiniboia 1 & 2
October 19 - in	October 19 -in	October 20 – vs	October 20 - in
Glentworth	Glentworth	Kincaid	Kincaid
October 26 - in	October 26 - in	October 27 - in	October 22/23 -
Kincaid	Kincaid	Kincaid	Playoffs (Gbourg)
November 2 - Playoffs	November 4 - Playoffs	October 29/30 – Playoffs (Kincaid)	October 27 – vs Glent. & Mankota
November 13 –	November 6 -	November 6 –	October 30 –
Conferences	Conferences	Districts	Districts

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Many of us were never taught, in our education about the historical mistreatment of Indigenous people. WE ARE ALL TREATY PEOPLE! We all have much to learn about our history. We hope that everyone continues to learn the true history of our country and moves forward to help Canada's future better.

Orange Shirt Day September 30, 2021

# FRIENDLY REMINDER

- If your child(ren) is ill, they must remain at home until they are symptom free. Please call the school at 306-472-3192 or email Mrs. Spence at <a href="mailto:spence.joelle@prairiesouth.ca">spence.joelle@prairiesouth.ca</a> to report their absence.
- ALL visitors must phone the school prior to entering the building. If you
  are dropping something off, we can meet you in the front porch and
  will deliver to the classrooms.
- Masks are now mandatory on buses and in the school building. Students will have mask breaks throughout the day.

Did you know you can order Lafleche Central School gear online anytime? Go to <a href="https://lafleche.entripyshops.com/">https://lafleche.entripyshops.com/</a> and you can pick anything from hoodies and hats to pants and backpacks! Pick from a multitude of designs and colors. They ship directly to you (FREE on orders over \$85) and the best part? The school benefits from every purchase made.





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The Terry Fox Run for Cancer Research

The students and staff of Lafleche Central School would like to invite you to join us on our **Annual Terry Fox Walk.** 

When: Monday, September 27th, 2021 at 1:30 pm

Where: Meet us on the front lawn of LCS then follow a route through town.

If you wish to make a donation to the Terry Fox Foundation to support LCS in our fundraising efforts, you can contact any LCS student, pick up a pledge sheet at the school, or go online to <a href="http://www.terryfox.ca/LaflecheCentral">http://www.terryfox.ca/LaflecheCentral</a> and click on "Donate".

We thank you for your continued support, and we hope to see you September 27<sup>th</sup> for our Terry Fox Walk!





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# **Upcoming Events**

#### September 24

Non-Instructional Friday
Golf Provincials - Rosthern
Bantam Boys (8/9) VB Tournament – Rouleau
Senior Boys VB Tournament - Gravelbourg

#### September 25

Golf Provincials - Rosthern Senior Boys VB Tournament - Gravelbourg

#### September 27

School Colours Day Terry Fox Walk – 1:30pm Early Dismissal – 2:30pm

#### September 28

"ER" Day Driver Training – Meet and Greet

#### September 29

Rider Day
Picture Retakes
Grade 6 & 8 Immunizations

#### September 30

Orange Shirt Day

#### October 1

Non-School Friday Driver Training ZOOM – 8:30am - 11:30am Senior Girls VB Tournament – Assiniboia Senior Boys VB Tournament - Frontier

#### October 2

Bantam Boys VB Tournament - Ponteix Senior Girls VB Tournament - Assiniboia Senior Boys VB Tournament - Frontier

#### October 3

Non-School Friday Driver Training ZOOM – 1:00pm - 4:00pm

#### October 6

Cross Country Districts SRC meeting – 12:00pm

#### October 7

SCC meeting – 6:00pm

#### October 8

Prep Day for Teachers – No school for students Driver Training ZOOM – 8:30am – 11:30am

#### October 11

Happy Thanksgiving! - School closed

#### October 14

Driver Training ZOOM - 4:00pm - 6:30pm

#### October 15

Regular classes – Monday Timetable Kindergarten Day

#### October 16

Cross Country Provincials – Humboldt Bantam Boys VB Tournament – Gravelbourg Senior Girls VB Tournament – Coronach

#### October 17

Driver Training ZOOM - 1:00pm - 4:00pm

#### October 19

Senior Girls VB game in Glentworth

#### October 21

Driver Training ZOOM - 5:30pm - 8:00pm

#### October 22

Regular classes – Wednesday Timetable Kindergarten Day Bantam Girls VB Playoffs – Gravelbourg

#### October 23

Bantam Girls VB Playoffs – Gravelbourg Bantam Boys VB Tournament – Lafleche

#### October 24

Driver Training ZOOM – 1:00pm - 4:00pm

#### October 29

Prep Day for Teachers – No school for students Driver Training ZOOM – 8:30am – 11:30am Bantam Boys VB Playoffs – Kincaid Senior Girls VB Tournament – Gravelbourg Senior Boys VB Tournament - Assiniboia

#### October 30

Bantam Boys VB Playoffs – Kincaid Senior Girls VB Tournament – Gravelbourg Senior Boys VB Tournament - Assiniboia

