

Fly High!



LANGDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Soar to your dreams!

STUDENT HANDBOOK 2017 - 2018

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OUR MISSION

We seek to enable all learners to be creative, global citizens who possess the necessary skills to positively shape the future.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year at Langdale Elementary! It is going to be a fantastic year full of diverse learning opportunities and adventures. It is important to start the school year positively by using your agenda to write down things you need to remember, such as play dates, notices going home or work that needs to be finished. Another way of starting the year strong is to set yourself weekly goals and reward yourself when you achieve them.

We will be focussing on our key words all year:

Key Word	Langdale learners ...
Kindness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• treat the environment, themselves and others with compassion• encourage others to be their best• respect diversity and other view points
Courage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• stand up for others when they are treated unfairly• take positive risks to learn new things• take pride in being themselves
Perseverance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• keep trying when facing challenges or things get hard• learn from their “mistakes”• show “grit” to achieve goals
Ownership	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• take responsibility for their behaviour and learning• clean up after themselves• take care of their belongings
Optimism	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• use the “Growth Mindset” to tackle problems• have a positive outlook

I am excited about the new school year and seeing how everyone will be successful in different ways. Have an amazing year!

- Mr. Knight

“Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly.”

– Robert F. Kennedy

BELL SCHEDULE

Doors Open (supervision begins)	8:00am
Warning Bell	8:35am
Morning Instruction	8:40am - 10:15am
Recess.....	10:15am - 10:35am
Instruction Resumes.....	10:35am - 11:50am
Lunch.....	11:50am – 12:35pm
Outside Playtime.....	11:50am – 12:15pm
Inside Eating	12:15pm – 12:35pm
Afternoon Instruction	12:35pm – 2:35pm
Classes End	2:35pm
Buses Leave.....	2:40pm

*** Please contact the office at 604-886-9971 if your student will be absent***

USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

School Office	604-886-9971
School Office Fax Line	604-886-7782
Community School Office	604-886-2621
Kidzone (Afterschool Care) Cell Phone.....	604-989-0140
Thirdwave School Bus.....	604-885-1260
School Board Office.....	604-886-8811
Kids Help Phone.....	1-800-668-6868

HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

Attendance

It is extremely important that we account for all our students at all times of the day. **If you know that your child will be away for any reason, please let the office know.** If your child is home sick, please call the school and let the office know as soon as possible. If your child is absent and we do not know why, we will phone home to make sure that the absence is excused.

If you drop off your child late to school, they **MUST** check in at the office before heading to class. As well, if you pick up your child early for any reason, you must sign them out at the office.

Please be mindful that teachers expect to start their lessons at 8:40am when the final instruction bell rings in the morning. It is extremely disruptive to have students coming in late after the bell. If you can try and ensure that your student is in attendance at the warning bell and is ready to learn, it would be greatly appreciated.

Electronic Devices

It is Langdale Elementary's policy that we DO NOT allow personal electronic devices in class or on the playground during school time, this includes recess and lunch.

Due to the rising popularity of social media and the differing philosophies amongst parents and teachers, we will not allow the use of personal electronic devices during school time. If staff see students with their personal devices at school, they will be held in a safe place until the end of the day.

Please speak to your child about leaving their devices in their backpacks during the day if they need to bring them to school. If you need to contact your child during the day, please call the front office and we will relay messages to them. If you have any concerns, please speak to Mr. Knight.

Field Trips and Consent Forms

Just a reminder that it is important that the school have written permission for your child to attend field trips. We realize that there are times when you may be overwhelmed with paperwork. However, for liability reasons, we must have those forms on file before your child attends any trip outside of school grounds. If we do not have written permission for your child to attend, we will find an alternate program for them within the school grounds. We really appreciate your cooperation.

Medical Alerts and Illness

It is extremely important to let the office know if your child has a medical alert that we should be aware of. At the beginning of each year, we send home a student verification form that includes a section to detail any medical concerns, please make sure that it is filled out accurately. However, if at any time during the school year, there are changes, please make sure to let the office know.

As well, if at any time during the year, your child requires medication that needs to be administered at school, please come to the office and fill out a *Request for Administration of Medication form*. This helps us to make sure we are administering the medication properly.

If your child is sick (ie. cough, runny nose, fever, etc.), please keep them at home. This will help to stop the spread of infection through the school. If your child becomes ill at school, they should let their teacher know. The office will then call home and ask that they be picked up. We appreciate your help in keeping illness in the school at a minimum.

Electronic Notices, Reminders & Newsletters

Please make sure that we have your current email on file as we will be sending out reminders, notices and newsletters via our autodialler system. This system will also be used to inform parents of any school closures or emergencies. We would like to limit the amount of paper forms that we send home during the year.

Recess and Lunch: Outside or Inside?

We feel that it is important for students to go outside and burn off their energy at recess and lunch. Unless the weather is absolutely dismal, we will be sending students outside. So, please make sure that students are always equipped with weather appropriate clothing and footwear. If your child is prone to getting wet on rainy days outside, please make sure they have a change of clothing on site to change into. We will not be phoning home to get dry clothes.

School Appropriate Language

Over the last few years we have noticed an increase in the amount of inappropriate language we hear from our students around the school. We will be addressing this issue at school as it comes up, however, please speak to your student about appropriate language at school. We would like our intermediate students to be positive role models for our primary students, this includes using school appropriate language in class and outside on the playground.

Hallway Expectations

We expect students to be respectful of all students and staff when they are in the school. This includes walking when they are in the halls and using inside voices. It is imperative that students do not disrupt other classes while they are in the halls. Instructional time should be uninterrupted time for teachers. Please review with your child these expectations.

Afterschool Plans

Please try and arrange any changes to regular afterschool plans before school begins. Please make a note of the change in your student's planner. It is very difficult to manage last minute afterschool plans at the end of the day. We cannot have students calling home afterschool to arrange playdates. We understand that there are times when this is not possible and plans may change within the course of the day. In this instance, please call the school office and let them know of the new plan. We will then pass the information on to the right people. Thank you in advance! 😊

WAYS YOU CAN HELP MAKE THIS SCHOOL YEAR SUCCESSFUL!

Pathways to Success

- Get a good night's sleep (9-11 continuous hours a night)
- Limit screen time; especially before bed
- Choose nutritious foods for snacks and lunch
- Do 60 minutes or more of moderate exercise every day
- Have extra clothes at school for those wet, rainy days outside
- Use a light back pack to carry all things school related
- Read at least 20 minutes a night

Staying Connected

We have a variety of two-way communication channels at Langdale:

- Weekly newsletters
- Coffee and conversation
- E-blasts via the auto-dialler
- Agenda notes
- The Langdale website

The Langdale Learning Community

We recognise that a strong home, school connection is essential for student success. Furthermore, the hallmark of Langdale Elementary is its strong sense of community and the support it provides students, parents and staff through a variety of volunteer programs. Besides using shared, common language, we also encourage parents to participate actively in school activities if they can. We appreciate our volunteers for all they do, which include:

- Our hot lunch program (parent driven this year)
- Glee Club
- Book Fairs
- PAC (Parent Advisory Council)
- Volunteer Drivers (Criminal record checks required)
- Parent readers (new this year)
- The Langdale Spring Fair

School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) & Langdale Elementary Calendar

The following dates have been established for the 2017/18 school year:

Tuesday, September 5 th	First Day of School (.5)
Monday, September 25 th	Open House & Welcome Back BBQ
Thursday, September 28 th	Terry Fox Run
Friday, September 29 th	Professional Development Day (1.0)
Friday, October 6 th	Multicultural Gratitude Feast
Monday, October 9 th	Thanksgiving Day (1.0)
Friday, October 20 th	Professional Development Day (1.0)
Monday, November 13 th	Remembrance Day (1.0)
Monday, November 27 th	Professional Development Day (1.0)
Wednesday, November 29 th	Early Dismissal @ 1:35pm/Book Fair
Thursday, November 30 th	Early Dismissal @ 1:35pm/Book Fair
Monday, December 25 th to Friday, January 5 th inclusive.....	Winter Vacation
Monday, January 8 th	Non-Instructional Day (1.0)
Tuesday, January 9 th	School Reopens
Friday, February 9 th	Professional Development Day (1.0)
Monday, February 12 th	Family Day (1.0)
Wednesday, March 7 th	Early Dismissal @ 1:35pm/Book Fair
Thursday, March 8 th	Early Dismissal @ 1:35pm/Book Fair
Monday, March 19 th to Thursday, March 29 th inclusive	Spring Vacation
Friday, March 30 th	Good Friday (1.0)
Monday, April 2 nd	Easter Monday (1.0)
Tuesday, April 3 rd	School Reopens
Monday, April 16 th	Professional Development Day (1.0)
Monday, May 14 th	Professional Development Day (1.0)
Monday, May 21 st	Victoria Day (1.0)
Thursday, June 28 th	Last Instructional Day of School Year