

Principal's Message



Hello Everyone. My name is Melissa Asmundson, and I am honoured to be the newly appointed Principal of Lord Nelson school. I am excited and looking forward to getting to know your children, your families, and the community. Lord Nelson school has a wonderful reputation within our school division and beyond. The work of our teachers, and academic achievements of our students, is an expectation and standard that I am whole heartedly committed to. Please feel free to stop and chat when you see me outside, call the school or send me an email (even if it's just to say hello). The last year and a half haven't been easy, but our teachers and support staff are all looking forward to serving and supporting you with whatever you may need. I believe in the resiliency of our children, and I know that we will continue to make positive strides forward. Lord Nelson is "One Big Family" and I feel privileged to have been chosen to be a part of this amazing community.

Sincerely,

Melissa Asmundson

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Cohorts at Lord Nelson



- Cohorts are a small group of students who stay together.
- Lord Nelson has divided the school into 7 cohorts.
 - Grade 4-6 – Three cohorts
 - Grade 1-3 – Three cohorts
 - Nursery and Kindergarten – One cohort
- Cohorts will share the same recess time and location and will have assigned spaces.
- Classrooms will be assigned specific entrance and exit doors.
- Students within a cohort will have seats at least 1 metre away to greatest extent possible from other students in their classes.

Before you come to school, the critical role of families:



- Caregivers must pre-screen their child/children to ensure they are not exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms. Any student who is showing any symptoms (including fever, runny nose, sneezing, coughing, etc.) must stay home.
- Students who are sick should seek guidance about when to return to school from their health professional.
- See this link for the screening tool:
<https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/>
- Pack a water bottle with your snacks and lunch (if you have registered for lunch program).
- Water fountains will not be operating at this time; we do have 2 water bottle filling stations for re-useable bottles.

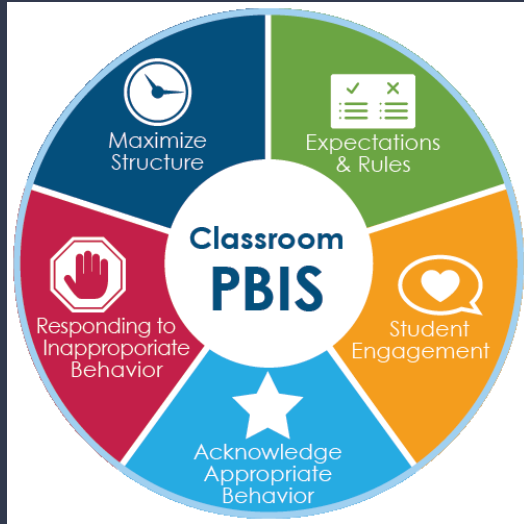
Arriving at School:



- Due to the continuing circumstances around COVID-19, students will not be able to arrive early at school and play on the playstructure or playground.
- The school's Crossing Guards will be on duty at 8:40 AM.
- Students will line up at their cohort's assigned door following social distancing guidelines no earlier than 8:45 AM.
- Teachers will welcome their classes at the door, screen the students for symptoms and walk them to class at 8:55 AM.
- Students will sanitize hands upon entry.

| Cohort | Classrooms | Grade | Teacher | Enter/Exit Doors |
|--------|------------|-------|-----------------|---|
| 1 | 22 | 1/2 | Ms. Delgado | Hardtop doors by new gym |
| | 24 | 1 | Ms. Bartisz | |
| 2 | 20 | 2 | Mr. Pollok | Redwood Avenue Doors |
| | 21 | 1 | Ms. Battaglia | |
| | 23 | 2 | Ms. Stanus | |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | Ms. Lewicki | Aberdeen Doors |
| | 7 | 3 | Ms. Pereira | |
| 4 | 5 | 4 | Ms. Lynam | Hardtop Centrum Doors |
| | 9 | 4 | Mr. Dalayoan | |
| | 11 | 4/5 | Ms. Medina | |
| 5 | 14 | 5 | Ms. Miladinovic | Front Entrance on McPhillips |
| | 15 | 5/6 | Mr. Ferreira | |
| 6 | 16 | 6 | Ms. Lee | Front Entrance on McPhillips |
| | 10 | 6 | Ms. Drewniak | |
| 7 | 107 AM | N/K | Ms. Kiziak | Nursery Kindergarten Door (Facing the field) |
| | 107 PM | N/K | Ms. Kiziak | |
| | 109 AM | N/K | Ms. Frohwerk | |
| | 109 PM | N/K | Ms. Frohwerk | |

PBIS at Lord Nelson



- Lord Nelson is a Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) School.
- We teach and regularly remind students about expectations in the hallways, stairs, bathrooms, water fountains, lining up, recess and many other important safety aspects at Lord Nelson.
- Students will follow PBIS guidelines in all areas of the school. This will support social distancing and keep cohorts separate.
- Students returning to Lord Nelson will be comfortable and familiar with most routines in public spaces.



Classroom Environment



- Some modifications to a standard classroom are necessary to keep everyone safe. These include:
 - Socially distant seating plans.
 - Students will have a designated seat in the classroom.
 - Each student will receive their own set of school supplies. Supplies will not be shared.
 - Students will keep personal property in bags in the classroom.
 - Classes will take regular breaks to wash hands.
- Lord Nelson School always promotes using the outdoors as a classroom. Teachers will use the outdoors as often as possible.
- Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather at all times.

Recess



- Cohorts will be separated during recess.
- Cohorts will have access to either the hard top, the play structures, or the field. Adult supervision will be provided to ensure students remain in cohorts.
- For recess, students will enter and exit the school through their classroom's assigned doors.
- A limited supply of recess equipment will be available for cohorts.

Late Drop Offs/ Early Pick Ups



- **Early Pick Up**
 - Please call the office and let Shirley Mark and/or Melissa Ruminski know if your child/children need to be picked up early so we can have them ready. 204-586-9625.
 - Once you arrive, please call the office and a staff member will ensure a safe meet up outside of the school.
- **Late Drop Off**
 - Cohort entrance and exit doors will be locked at 9:00.
 - If your child arrives at school after 9:00 they will have to come to the main doors facing McPhillips.
 - Students must sanitize their hands at the entrance, then report to the office before going to their classroom.

Lunch Program



- Any student who wishes to be enrolled in the lunch program must register with Beth Mason as soon as possible.
- Beth can be reached at 204-510-4130 or lordnelsonlunchprogram@gmail.com
- Lunch program students will remain in their same cohorts for lunch.
- Students will eat in the MPR lunch room with their full cohort, or in their classroom. This will be based on our number of volunteers.
- In order to keep cohorts separated, a staggered lunch and lunch recess schedule will be followed.
- Microwaves will not be available to heat up lunches.

| Cohort | Classrooms | Grade | Teacher | Eating Time | Lunch Recess Time |
|--------|------------|-------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 1 | 22 | 1/2 | Ms. Delgado | 11:55 - 12:25 | 12:25 - 12:55 |
| | 24 | 1 | Ms. Bartisz | | |
| 2 | 20 | 2 | Mr. Pollok | 11:55 - 12:25 | 12:25 - 12:55 |
| | 21 | 1 | Ms. Battaglia | | |
| | 23 | 2 | Ms. Stanus | | |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | Ms. Lewicki | 11:55 - 12:25 | 12:25 - 12:55 |
| | 7 | 3 | Ms. Pereira | | |
| 4 | 5 | 4 | Ms. Lynam | 12:25 - 12:55 | 11:55 - 12:25 |
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Going Home for Lunch



- Students who are going home for lunch will exit through their cohort's assigned door at 11:55 AM.
- Teachers will greet their students at their assigned doors promptly at 12:55 PM and walk them to their classroom.
- Students will sanitize hands upon entry.

Masks in Schools



- On August 20th, 2021 the Winnipeg School Division Board of Trustees announced that masks will be mandatory for all students, staff, and visitors in Winnipeg School Division Schools for the 2021/22 school year.
- It is recommended to have a spare mask(s) in your student's backpack.
- Families may choose to have students wear face shields in addition to masks. Face shields cannot be used as a replacement for a mask.
- Re-usable non-medical masks can be homemade or store bought. Disposable masks are also allowed.
- All re-usable masks should be washed every night with hot soapy water.

End of day pick up



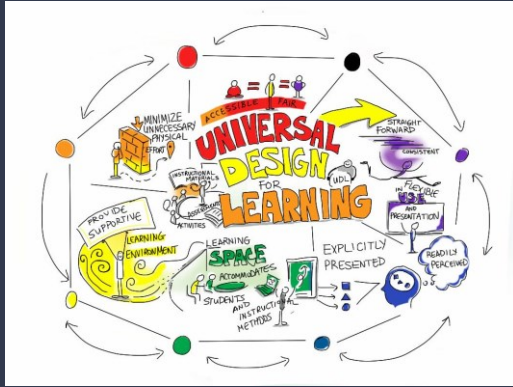
- Caregivers are asked to meet students outside of their designated doors.
- N/K students and primary students will be closely monitored and handed off for pick ups
- Staff will be available at the doors for assistance.
- All students must be picked up promptly at 3:25 PM.
- The playstructure will not be available for students before and after school.

What happens if a child becomes ill at school?



- If a student develops symptoms at school they must go home immediately for the safety of others.
- Students who display symptoms will be withdrawn from their classroom and isolated while being monitored by a staff member.
- You will be called to pick up your child immediately.
- Once you arrive, phone the school at 204-586-9625 and a staff member will walk your child out to meet you.
- Parents are required to contact their health care provider or Health Links at 204-788-8200 for direction.
- Students who are awaiting test results are to remain at home until their results are known.
- A child can return to the school once it has been determined safe to do so by their health care provider.
- If a COVID-19 case is known, we will follow directives from Manitoba Public Health Authorities.

Learning:



- Due to the disruption of schooling, we understand some students may have significant learning loss.
- All Winnipeg School Division teachers will utilize WSD assessment tools, observations, and professional judgement to determine strengths, challenges and next steps in student learning.
- Targeted instruction will be crafted to meet the learning needs of your children.
- The learning focus will be on literacy, Numeracy and mental health.
- To support our learners, we have a Reading Recovery Teacher, Guidance Counsellor, Learning Support Teacher and Inclusion Teacher who will work with classroom teachers to provide the best opportunities for learning.
- Our staff will do their best to foster collaboration in classrooms using all available resources while following all health recommendations.

Student Mental Health and Well Being



- COVID-19 has been tough on all of us. Student mental health and well-being will be talked about and monitored as students return to school.
- Staff is trained on trauma informed care, and use a variety of strategies and activities to support and maintain mental health wellness.
- Lord Nelson School will continue to be supported by our Clinical Support Services (School Psychologist, School Social Work, Speech and Language, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, and Reading).

Cleaning & Disinfecting:



- Lord Nelson's team of custodians have been working very hard over the summer to make sure we are ready for a safe return.
- All high touch surfaces will be cleaned regularly according to WSD guidelines.
- All washrooms and classrooms will be cleaned regularly according to WSD guidelines.
- All classrooms will have sanitizers.
- Lord Nelson Teachers will teach and encourage proper handwashing techniques and provide time to do so.

Meet the Staff Night



- Due to current COVID Restrictions, we are not able to bring students and families into the building for large events as we had hoped in June.
- In lieu of Meet the Staff night, our teachers will be calling families Tuesday September 7th between 2:30 and 6:00 PM.
- Teachers will be calling the phone numbers that are currently on file. If you have changed your phone number, please call the school to have the records updated.

Helpful Links/Resources

Link to WSD Pandemic Planning:

<https://www.winnipegssd.ca/page/13349/pandemic-planning>

Homeschooling Information:

<https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/schools/ind/homeschool/index.html>

Return to School Information for Parents/Guardians

https://manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/covid/k12-guidelines-aug2021.pdf

WSD Safe Return to School Questions and Answers

<https://www.winnipegssd.ca/page/16544/wsd-safe-return-to-school-questions-and-answers>

Parent/Gaurdian FAQs

https://news.gov.mb.ca/asset_library/en/newslinks/2021/08/K-12_GuideForParents_Aug_2021_FNL.pdf

Closing:



We are excited to see our students and Lord Nelson School families! The Lord Nelson Community was extremely supportive of all COVID Protocols last year. We look forward to continuing to work together with families to provide the safest, most engaging opportunities for learning for our students.

We wish everyone a safe and exciting year of learning!

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