

Welcome back to a new school year! We have a great team of educators who are excited to work with you and your children so that they learn and grow to their highest potential. If you have questions about your child's learning platform, please connect with their classroom teacher for information. You can see this information on our website under the Academics and Classes tab. Part of our school protocol is practicing safety procedures. Throughout the year, we will have fire, evacuation, tornado and lockdown drills to ensure everyone's safety in the case of an emergency.

On Friday, September 27th, Lord Nelson School will gather to commemorate and continue our journey towards reconciliation. Friday, September 27th will be a day that students and staff are encouraged to show their solidarity and empathy by wearing an orange shirt to honour the survivors of Residential Schools for Orange Shirt Day on Monday, September 30th.

During the school year, we will be closed for 10 days for administrative purposes and to continue our professional development as a staff. These are always listed on our calendars and on our website.

For the **safety** of all students, please help your children to follow these expectations:

- Arrive at school **AFTER 8:45 am** when there is school supervision
- All students who are being picked up are asked to exit at their entry/exit door
- Afternoon arrivals – If your children go home for lunch please remind them to return at 12:50 p.m. and wait at their regular entry/exit door
- Pick-up your children promptly at **3:25 pm**. In the event that you require someone (other than those listed on your child's student information form) to pick up your child, please call the office and let us know.
- Parents/guardians are asked to **drop students off by the hole in the fence on Aberdeen by the STOP, DROP and GO sign**; they should **exit the car on the curb side** and cross the sidewalk through the path at the fence and go directly onto the playground
- Students walking from the Redwood Street side are asked to walk to the corner and cross with crossing guards. Please do not allow your children to jay-walk
- **PLEASE DO NOT** stop/drop off or expect your child to meet you in the NO STOPPING zone on Redwood Avenue or in the staff parking lot. Parking Authority are ticketing parked or stopped cars.



CHILD CARE

Students **MUST** go straight home at 3:25 pm. The play structure will be closed at the beginning and end of the day.

If you require supervision for your child before 8:45 am or after 3:25 pm, we offer a YMCA/YWCA Before and After School Program and a Nursery/Kinder Care Program. It is located in the lower gym and is open from 7-8:50 am and 3:25-6 pm for the Before and After Program. The Nursery/KinderCare Program is open opposite our N/K class. Visit the YMCA website for more information and to add your child to the waitlist.

Birthday Celebrations!

If you want to celebrate your child's birthday at school, you may bring a **NUT-FREE** snack such as Goldfish crackers, pretzels, granola bars, Bear Paws, Fruit Snacks, etc. Pizza and timbits are allowed. Please let your child's classroom teacher know you are bringing a treat! Thank-you for your support!



We wish you all the best, and hope you have a great new school year!

Melissa Asmundson & Amanda Huang



September 17: Sisler Evacuation Practice
 September 20: Terry Fox Run
 September 27: Orange Shirt Day
 September 30: No school; National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
 October 4: Picture Day
 October 9: No School – Divisional Inservice
 October 24: Grade 6 Immunizations A.M.
 October 25: No School – Divisional Inservice
 October 29: Picture Retakes

Lunch Program News

- If you have not returned your child(ren)'s Lunch Program Registration Form, they must go home for lunch.
- Due to a number of allergies please do not send: Peanut Butter of any kind; Nuts of any kind including WOW Butter or Nutella; Fish/Seafood of any kind and Eggs
- Please send healthy lunches.
- Please limit sugary treats and ensure lunches are balanced.
- Cutlery is not provided, please send your child with the utensils needed for them to eat their lunch.
- Students should have a reusable water bottle throughout the day



PLEASE RETURN

- ✓ Student Registration Verification Form: make corrections directly on the form and return to school
- ✓ Mobile Vision Clinic Consent Form
- ✓ Dental Clinic Negative Consent Form
- ✓ Digital Newsletter Consent Form
- ✓ Grade 6 Immunization Consent Form
- ✓ Lunch Program Registration Form
- ✓ Health Care Plan



From September 13–20, 2024, we will be collecting “Toonies for Terry”! Have your child bring a toonie (or any loose change that you can spare) to help raise funds for cancer research. All funds will be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation. Your child can give their toonies, or loose change, to their classroom teacher.

On September 20th students will participate in the Terry Fox Run!



The Parent Centre is here for all Parents/Guardians and their children. Services available through the Parent Centre include:

- Ask questions and get help with school or community issues
- Access information on community or school resources
- Participate in any of our free programs
- Information on the Parent Council or Lunch Program
- Food Security: If you are struggling, reach out to me and I will be happy to discreetly help! I usually have emergency food available and can direct you towards resources in the community
- Infant/toddler/preschooler resources or parent help

Kim Storer is available on Tuesdays, Thursdays and every second Friday at 204-582-5499 or by email kstorer@wsd1.org.

Parent Council

Our first Parent Association meeting will be held on October 8th at 3:40 in the Parent Center, room 20. Child care is offered during this meeting in the gym. All families are welcome to attend.

Student Absences – School Messenger

Our school uses the School Messenger program for parents/guardians to report their child's absence. There are 3 options available for you to report their absence or late arrival.

If your child will be absent/late, please either:

1. Call 1-855-278-4513 and follow the prompts. You must wait for a confirmation number, if you hang up too soon the absence will not be recorded.
2. Visit go.schoolmessenger.ca (please ensure you are using .ca and not .com site)
3. Download the SchoolMessenger app (free) (blue colored)

If you do not report your child's absence the automated notification system will contact parents at multiple contact numbers until one of the designated contacts is reached.

If you receive a call from Safe Arrival, do not hang up and call the school. Listen to the message and enter the reason for your child's absence, at the end you will receive a confirmation number. The school will be notified of the absence.



Late Arrivals

If your child arrives late to school (either in the morning or after lunch) they **MUST** report to the office. Your child will be given a late slip to hand into their teacher. If your child does not check in at the office you will receive a call from the automated notification system informing you of your child's absence.