

Gladiator News



Welcome Back!

September 2017



Dear Parents and Guardians

For those families returning to Algonquin, welcome back! And for those families new to our school community, a very warm welcome! I hope that everyone was able to take advantage of the summer weather we had to spend some time with family and friends. We're all excited to be back to learn and grow with your child.

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The school has been a very busy place over the past couple of weeks as staff have been working hard to prepare for another exciting year. As the adults in your child's life, you have the most powerful impact on his or her learning and success. Please know that you are welcome to be part of your child's life at school. You can call me anytime to discuss your child's progress. Our first opportunity for a formal visit will be at our Open House in a few weeks. We hope to see you there!

We all look forward to a wonderful school year working together with you!

Sincerely,

Todd Miller,
Principal



CHARACTER RECOGNITION

Lakehead Public Schools has recognized the importance of character education development for our students. The following values have been identified as key to helping students grow as citizens in our society:

Integrity, Acceptance, Responsibility, Empathy, and Respect.

We weave these values into our daily teaching and interactions with students. Thank you for that most important role you play in helping your children to understand and model these critical values.

JOB OPPORTUNITY!

Are you a morning person who likes to cook? Are you looking for a part-time job?

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Thunder Bay is looking for a Breakfast Club Coordinator to cook breakfast for children every morning. We pride ourselves on being the only program that cooks hot, nutritious breakfasts for children and youth.

It is a fast-paced and much needed program that is funded through the Red Cross Student Nutrition Program and the United Way.

If you are interested in the position that is 10—12 hours per week from 7:30—9:30 am each school day morning, please contact Lee-Ann Skirving at 623-0354, extension 111 or at laskirving@tbaytel.net. The program will operate from mid-September until mid-June. A full job description is available at www.tbayboysandgirlsclub.org

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Lakehead Public Schools

ALGONQUIN AVENUE STAFF 2017—2018

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ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. Todd Miller Principal
Mrs. Kali Bernst Vice-Principal/Facilitator

SECRETARIAL STAFF (*the office is open from 8:00 am—4:00 pm daily*)

Mrs. Nancy Coulter (all day) Ms Alisha Burke (afternoons)

TEACHING STAFF

Mrs. Leila Gunnell	JK/SK-A Teacher
Ms. Charlene Sasyniuk	JK/SK-A Early Childhood Educator
Mrs. Kari McKeown	JK/SK-B Teacher
Ms Erin Psikla	JK-SK-B Early Childhood Educator
Mrs. Jolene Lesniewski	SK/Gr. 1 Teacher
Ms Ashley Pouru	SK/Gr. 1 Early Childhood Educator
Mrs. Dawn Aho	Gr. 1 Teacher
Mrs. Hannah Larocque	Gr. 2 Teacher
Mr. Shawn Dunlop	Gr. 2/3 Teacher
Mrs. Carrina Loffredo	Gr. 3/4 Teacher
Mr. Brett Morgan	Gr. 4 Teacher
Mr. Jason Duhaime	Gr. 5 Teacher
Ms Kathryn McEwan	Gr. 5/6 Teacher
Mrs. Martine Engel	Gr. 6/7 & Art/His./Geo./Health Teacher
Mrs. Emily Schooler	Gr. 7/8 & Math Teacher
Mr. Ryan Sutherland	Gr. 8 & Science/Gym Teacher
Mrs. Ellen Kalbus	Multi-Needs Class Teacher
Mme Natalie Corbin	French Second Language Teacher
Mme Tressa Trommelen-Jon	French Second Language Teacher
Ms Corine Bannon	Ojibwe Second Language Teacher
Mrs. Darla Fleury	Music Teacher
Mrs. Joanna Jewell	Facilitator
Ms Jen Barry	Primary Planning
Ms Shanlee Linton	Primary Planning
Ms Christina Noyes	English Language Learners

SUPPORT STAFF

Mrs Heather Koiranen	Student Support Professional
Ms Kendra Steele	Student Support Professional
Ms Lori Placken	Student Support Professional
Ms Debra Trethewey	Student Support Professional
Mrs. Marilyn Erickson	Student Support Professional
Mrs. Lori Sonogo	Student Support Professional
Ms Angela Talarico	Student Support Professional
Mrs. Laura Ojala	Student Support Professional
Ms Rebecca Fraser	Student Support Professional
Ms Roxane Morrison	Student Support Professional
Ms Sharon Bleakney	Student Support Professional
Ms Jayne Horne	Student Support Professional
Mrs. Laura Jantunen	Student Support Professional
Mrs. Nancy Chovancak	IST (Library and Computers)

CUSTODIAL STAFF

Mr. Ted Frisky
Ms Anna Axent
Ms Lorraine Mueller

LUNCH SUPERVISORS

Ms Aileen Seed
Mrs. Shahida Pervin
Mrs. Liliana Caputo
Mrs. Lubna Darzaid

NUTRITION BREAKS

Our school's balanced day allows students to have two breaks for eating and recreation. Please ensure that your child's lunch bag is full of healthy foods that help him or her stay alert and active throughout the day. Protein, fruits and vegetables should make up the majority of the food. For Grades 1—8 nutrition break times are as follows:

10:40—11:10 (10 min. in, 20 min. out)

12:50—1:35 (Gr 1-4: 15 min. in, 30 min. out)
(Gr. 5-8: 25 min. out, 20 min. in)

Kindergarten students have a different schedule that has been communicated directly via those teachers.



Milk will again be sold at 2nd Nutrition Break. The cost is \$1 or 8 milk for \$10 (you can buy milk cards at the office or online).

Pizza lunches will take place every Thursday. Students are welcome to purchase hot and nutritious pizza for \$2.00 a slice (pepperoni and cheese or cheese only) that meets the healthy foods criteria. An information sheet about pizza sales will be sent home in the near future.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

Any parents with existing CBCs need to come in to sign an offence declaration to update the files.

Any parent interested in volunteering at the school needs a CBC and should start the process soon as it takes 8-10 weeks to be completed. This is especially important if you are interested in volunteering for Kingfisher trips.

We are always looking for more volunteers and thank the many families that offer their time and skills to our school community!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE!

Thursday 21 September, 5:00—6:00

Please plan to come tour the school, visit your child's classroom, and say hello to some familiar and new faces!

PLEASE GET INVOLVED

Algonquin Avenue School Council

The first meeting of the School Council will be held on **Wednesday 27 September from 6:30 to 8:00** at the school in Room 4. ELECTIONS will be held at this first meeting for positions of chair (or co-chair), secretary and treasurer. Nomination forms can be found in the office at the school. Meetings are held four to six times per year, usually on a Tuesday or Wednesday evening. This committee advises the school on matters of interest to the parents and the community. It assists in developing school priorities and shaping school policies and procedures. Your input and interest is most welcome!

If you have any questions about School Council or if you are interested in joining/nominating someone, please drop by the school or call Mr. Miller.

Picture Days

Tentatively scheduled for...

Wednesday 27 September

JK/SK-to Gr. 3/4

and

Thursday 28 September

Gr. 4 to Gr. 8

More info will be sent home very shortly!



Does your child have asthma?

As you may be aware, **Ryan's Law, 2015** is specific legislation that supports the well-being of students with asthma in Ontario schools.

If your child has asthma, we ask that you immediately contact the main office at your school to provide information about your child's asthma medication if you have not yet had the opportunity. In following the legislative requirements, your child will be allowed to carry their asthma medication with your permission. Pupils 16 years of age or older will not need to obtain permission to carry his or her asthma medication.

The Ministry of Education website has resources on asthma that can be found at: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/healthyschools/anaphylaxis.html>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Miller or Mrs. Bernst at the school.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM SHUTTLE FROM ALGONQUIN SCHOOL

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Thunder Bay is working with Algonquin School and the Transportation Department to shuttle children to the Windsor Club after school. During the after school program there are plenty of recreational activities, homework help, crafts, computers, leadership activities, and outings. It costs \$10 per year to be a member and \$25 for a family of three or more children. All children are to be picked up from the Club prior to 5:30 pm.

We open on September 11th for drop in but the shuttle service will not start until Wednesday, September 13th. Memberships and safe arrival forms must be handed in to the Boys and Girls Clubs staff at least 3 school days prior to starting on the Shuttle.



**Boys & Girls Clubs
of Canada**

While the spots on the shuttle are currently full, you can still sign up for drop in or talk to the Club about getting on a waiting list for the shuttle. To get your membership, safe arrival forms, and more information you can drop in to the Windsor Club from 9:00 to 4:00 pm until September 9th and until 5:00 from September 6th to 9th. Or check out our website at www.tbayboysandgirlsclub.org.

Lunchroom Supervisors

We are looking for additional lunchroom supervisors (both regular and on-call) to help provide a safe and welcoming atmosphere for our students during 2nd nutrition break. If you have some time available midday and you enjoy working with children, please call the school to find out more about this paid position.



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"Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves."

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Labour Day (school closed)	5 PA Day (no school for students)	6 DAY 1 ☞ First Day for SK-Gr. 8 students!	7 DAY 2	8 DAY 3 ☞ Assembly 11:15	9
10	11 DAY 4	12 DAY 5	13 DAY 1	14 DAY 2	15 DAY 3	16
17	18 DAY 4	19 DAY 5	20 DAY 1	21 DAY 2 ☞ Pizza Day ☞ Open House	22 DAY 3	23
24	25 DAY 4	26 DAY 5	27 DAY 1 ☞ Picture Day ☞ School Council Meeting 6:30 pm	28 DAY 2 ☞ Picture Day ☞ Terry Fox Run ☞ Pizza Day	29 PA Day (No school for students)	27

BUS LOADING ZONE

Please be aware of the bus loading and unloading area beside the school. The zone is closed to all other vehicles from 8:30 to 9:15 and 2:45 to 3:45. Thank you for helping to keep all our students safe while they are arriving and leaving!



A reminder that supervision begins on the playground at 8:45am each day. Before this time there are NO adult supervisors outside.



Accessing Your Child's Bussing Information

Your child's bussing information is now available on-line! Just follow these steps:

1. Log onto the Transportation website at www.ststb.ca
2. Click on the parent portal
3. Enter your child's OEN (Ontario Education Number, found at the top of the report card or by calling the school), date of birth, and click on "Submit"

The results will show the bus and route number, stop location, and estimated time!

THE FIVE DAY CYCLE

All public elementary schools follow a five day cycle. This ensures that all classes and subjects are not affected by holidays or PA Days. Please refer to your child's class schedule, as activities such as library will change days after each holiday. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

SEE YOU AT THE OPEN HOUSE ON THURSDAY 21st 5:00—6:00 pm