



Kakabeka Falls Public School

Fall 2021



Greetings from Kakabeka Falls School

Welcome Back to all students, families and staff! We are so excited to be back in our newly renovated space this year and look forward to working together to make this school the best possible place for kids to learn and grow. We hope that everyone has had a relaxing and fun-filled summer, rejuvenated from the reality of last year and are ready for an exciting school year.

Our incredible staff has put forth a great effort in preparing for the school year and gotten off to an amazing start. The school has been given a huge update. Classrooms are inviting, new technology is being installed, our new play structure and fitness centre has been opened and ready for engaging use!

We want you to know that things are still changing. Please continue to watch our Facebook page for the most up-to-date information about events and notifications.

New information/communication technology at the board level has not been playing nicely with our various programs and has created challenges with home/school communication. Please know we are trying to get these issues ironed out and get back to a reliable place. In the meantime, the school will be using Seesaw, our Facebook page and School Messenger to inform our community of upcoming events and information.

Student Registration Verification Forms have been emailed or sent home with your student. Please either complete them online through the link or request a paper copy from the office and return them to the school as soon as possible. This important information is essential for the safety and security of our students.

OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Office hours: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Ms. DeCorte (secretary): 8:00 am – 3:30 pm

Bus Sign off by 1:45

Principal: Mr. Oades



We are pleased that SchoolCashOnline is now back up and running. Hot lunches and other items will eventually be available to purchase. Milk card sales begin November 1st and are available through SchoolCashOnline. To prepare for when these items are available, please ensure that you have signed up for School Cash. It is easy to sign up and very user friendly! You will need your child's OEN number found on his or her report card. JK students will be provided an OEN and it will be sent home by the end of October.

<https://lakeheadschoools.schoolcashonline.com>



1 844 288 7624

Parents may choose to report a child's absence online on the Parent Portal at

<http://parents.lakeheadschoools.ca>

Absence Reporting

Please don't forget to report all absences using one of the absence reporting methods. The easiest way to report is through the app or you can use the phone number above. Please don't forget that even on snow days, if the school is open, you are required to report your child's absence (as inclement weather). While a message for the teacher is nice, the office needs to be informed of any absences for accurate records. Unreported absences will result in the SafeArrival System calling you. You can enter a reason at this point.

Pick Up/Drop Off

When picking up or bringing your child to school, please use the school side of Porter Ave. during the school day. Please do not park near the bus exits while the buses are on school grounds. Remember to send notes to the teacher if you are picking up your child instead of taking the bus at the end of the day.

On "no transportation" days (Cold weather, snow related), the school will remain open but parents will be responsible for transportation (to and from school). On these days please send a note with your child if they are going home with someone other than someone that usually picks them up.

Student Drop-off and Pick-up

When dropping off children to school, PLEASE use Ditmars Street to access Porter avenue and drop students off on the school side of the road.

We are looking forward to our New Bus Zone and Kiss and Go construction to begin this spring.

We ask that you help ensure the safety of all students when picking up and dropping students. As we work through bussing challenges, please be extra vigilant as you move your vehicle through the area.



Have you got time on your hands around lunch hour?

Consider becoming a

Lunchroom Supervisors. Please call the school for details. Job perks: great compensation, great hours and great kids.

Late Arrivals and Early Pick-ups

Students Late to School

All students arriving late are to be dropped off and enter through the front doors wearing their facemask. After sanitizing hands, come straight to the office and check in before proceeding to class. Older students will not be able to bring younger JK/SK siblings to their classrooms. A staff member will accompany them.

Students Early Pick-up

Please send a note or call ahead to let us know what time to have your student(s) ready for pick-up. Students will wait at the office and meet you at the front doors. All early pick up arrangements should be communicated through the office. If you have notified the teacher, please also communicate with the office so we can notify the bus drivers.



Parents and visitors will only be permitted in the school by appointment or for emergencies. Anyone entering the building must self-screen, wear a mask, hand sanitize when entering and sign in at the office. Appointments can be booked by leaving a message with the school main office 473 9252



Students are required to bring a personal water bottle that is clearly labeled with their name and kept with them during the day. Bottles will be filled using water bottle filling stations and other designated drinkable water sources.

Traditional water fountains will be marked as "closed" and shut off.

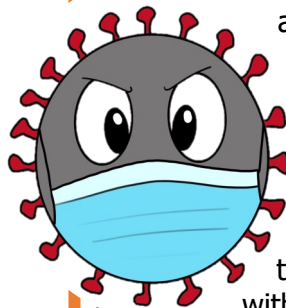


Please visit the LEA website (leasports.ca) to access the Lakehead Elementary Athletics Calendar. We have gotten off to a great start to the year with Soccer, Cross Country Running and Ultimate Frisbee. Please note that all athletes, coaches and volunteers must sign a concussion Code of Conduct prior to joining these events. Volunteers are often required for supervision of teams. Thanks for your help.

Facemasks and Shields

All staff, visitors and community partners in the building are required to wear the board provided medical mask while indoors and have the option of wearing a shield in addition to the mask unless they are within 2 meters of an unmasked child.

- Students in grade 1-8 are required to wear a non-medical or cloth mask indoors, including the hallways and during class time. Students in the SK/1 class are also required to wear a mask.
- Students in the JK/SK class are encouraged, but not required to wear masks in indoor spaces.
- Students will not be required to wear masks while seated at their desk during nutrition breaks and during outside play when within their own cohort.
- At the end of the day, students are required to wear their masks and maintain social distancing while waiting in bus lines.
- **All students riding the bus are required to wear a mask.**





A Message from School Council:

Hi everyone, thank you for taking the time read a note about our school council.

We recently had our first virtual meeting of the year and it was great to connect with so many parents and teachers to plan out what the school year is going to look like with hopes of bringing back some of the fun we have hosted prior to the last two years.

One of the reasons I love being a member of our school council is because it provides to the opportunity to be an advocate for my kiddos and their learning environment as ideas are always shared and concerns heard. It's a front row seat to seeing just how much the staff at our school care about our children and the plans that they have for their students. It gives a chance to be involved in the discussions that make our kiddo's school a better place.

A big part of that comes in the form of fundraising. Previous years, as a school community, we have raised the funds to outfit the gym with a new sound system for assemblies and school plays, a large projector screen for family movie nights, new jerseys for our sports teams, gym equipment and coordinated class shirts for our primary grades for added safety during field trips to name a few.

Quite literally anyone can join our school council and you can be involved as much or as little works for your family.

At the beginning of the year is when we set our focus on what need we see for the school this year. So if you have any ideas that would help better the school environment for our kids please share. I can always be reached via e-mail at carlieandresen@hotmail.com or please join in during our monthly meetings. Or if you would like to be added to our parent's council facebook page just reach out.

Here's to a great year back together as a school family!

Parents Role in keeping schools safe

The **most important** thing you can do to help us keep your children in the school safe is to complete the self-assessment for EACH child in your house before they come to school! PLEASE do the self-assessment every day for each child.

- Familiarize yourself, your family, and your child(ren) with common symptoms of COVID-19 so everyone knows what symptoms to look for in themselves and for recognizing the symptoms in others.
- Model social distancing in public. Parents should maintain 2-metre distance during drop off & pick up.
- Remind students that there is no sharing of personal items like masks or food.
- Students will be responsible for the safe use, cleanliness and disposal of their non-medical mask/cloth mask/face covering. We provide disposal or recycling for masks.

What your child needs at school

- Indoor shoes
- Clothing, jackets and footwear that your child can put on or take off easily themselves.
- Food containers that they can open and close without assistance. Baggies might be an option if your child can't open containers.
- **LABEL everything** including masks and their storage containers, clothes, shoes, etc. Consider a fanny pack for mask storage when your child is outside or eating lunch.
- Pack extra labeled masks so when one gets soiled, wet or dropped your child has an extra one.
- A labeled water bottle.
- Limit the personal belongings your child brings to school to items they NEED. Individual school supplies like special markers and pencils can be left at the school. Choose items that are easy to clean with disinfectant wipes, for example, plastic pencil cases verse cloth pencil cases.
- You may want to pack a small towel or cloth that your child can eat their lunch on and change it each day.
- At this time, microwaves are not available. Please provide nutritious snacks and lunches that your child can open and manage by themselves. Stay tuned for microwave use in the future.



2021-2022 Kakabeka Falls

Principal (off-site)	Michael Oades
Secretary	Jennifer DeCorte
JK/SK	Jolene Wilhelm Danielle Dunne
SK/1	Stephanie Siemieniuk Carla Stewart
Grade 1	Ashlyn Terpstra
Grade 2	Tracey Maki
Grade 2/3	Jason Wilton
Grade 4	Joanna Martins
Grade 4/5	Brett Morgan
Grade 6/7	Derek Kochen
Grade 7/8	Jason Duhaime
Primary Planner/ Core French	Lisa Cervi
IST (library Tech)	Roberta Delamorandiere
Student Support Professionals	Karem Enders
	Sheila Maxwell
	Leona Woods
Custodians	Tavene Tighe Stephanie Pedwyssocki

Fall Dates to Remember:

October 20th —Bus Driver Appreciation Day

October 22nd —PA Day no school for students

October 29th —Halloween Fun Day at school—Details will come from your teacher

November 1st—Photo Retakes

November 3rd —School Council Meeting

November 5th—Intermediate student immunizations

November 11th—Remembrance Day ceremony at school via Teams

November 19th —Progress reports go home

November 25th —Home/School Interviews via Teams/phone

School Photos

School photo retakes will be taken at Kakabeka Falls School by Lifetouch on **November 1, 2021**



We have several children with Anaphylaxis (severe life-threatening reaction to nuts).

For the safety of our students, please be diligent with the food sent to school.

Electronic Communications

Please sign up for the **electronic classroom** communications as soon as the information is sent home by the classrooms and like our Facebook page to receive whole school updates!

Supervision of Students

Please note that students are supervised outdoors from 8:25 am until 8:35 am and should not arrive at school any earlier than this time as we do not have staff available for supervision.

2021-2022 Bell Schedule

Entry Bell	8:35 AM
1 st Nutrition Break	9:55 – 10:20 AM
2 nd Nutrition Break	12:20 – 1:00 PM
Dismissal	2:40 PM

Coyote School Swag Store now open (closes November 5th)

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You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Scan the QR code or go online to <https://kakabeka-publicschool-student-spiritwear.itemorder.com/>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card

Online Store Deadline: Friday November 5th, 2021 (11:59pm EDT)



HOW TO SAFELY USE A NON-MEDICAL MASK OR FACE COVERING

DO'S



DO wear a non-medical mask or face covering to protect others.



DO ensure the mask is made of at least two layers of tightly woven fabric.



DO inspect the mask for tears or holes.



DO ensure the mask or face covering is clean and dry.



DO wash your hands or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer before and after touching the mask or face covering.



DO use the ear loops or ties to put on and remove the mask.



DO ensure your nose and mouth are fully covered.



DO replace and launder your mask whenever it becomes damp or dirty.



DO wash your mask with hot, soapy water and let it dry completely before wearing it again.



DO store reusable masks in a clean paper bag until you wear it again.



DO discard masks that cannot be washed in a plastic-lined garbage bin after use.

DO YOUR PART.

Wear a non-medical mask or face covering to protect others when you can't maintain a 2-metre distance.

NON-MEDICAL MASKS ARE NOT RECOMMENDED FOR:

- People who suffer from an illness or disabilities that make it difficult to put on or take off a mask
- Those who have difficulty breathing
- Children under the age of 2

DON'T JUDGE OTHERS FOR NOT WEARING A MASK.

Kindness is important as some people may not be able to wear a mask or face covering.

CLEANING OF NON-MEDICAL MASKS

Cloth masks or face coverings should be changed and cleaned if they become damp or soiled. You can wash cloth masks by:

- putting it directly into the washing machine, using a hot cycle, and then dry thoroughly
- washing it thoroughly by hand if a washing machine is not available, using soap and warm/hot water
- allow it to dry completely before wearing it again
- Non-medical masks that cannot be washed should be disposed of properly in a lined garbage bin, and replaced as soon as they get damp, soiled or crumpled. Do not leave discarded masks on the ground where other people may come into contact with them.
- IT IS IMPORTANT TO LABEL YOUR CHILDS MASK TO ENSURE IT IS ONLY USED BY THEM
- masks with an exhalation valve are not permitted

https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/prevention-risks/how-put-remove-clean-non-medical-masks-face-coverings.html#_How_to_put

Student-Built Blessings Box

Supporting community food access



Coming Soon...

SCREENING: ALL STUDENTS must be screened

by an adult at home before coming to school or getting on the bus

- ? Is your child currently, or have he or she in the past 24 hours, been feeling unwell OR does your child have any new symptoms related to COVID-19?
- ? Has your child been in close contact with someone who is confirmed to currently have COVID-19, or who has Symptoms and is awaiting test results?
- ? Has your child been tested for COVID-19 due to symptoms and are currently waiting results?
- ? Has your child travelled outside Canada in the past 14 days?

If you answered
YES to ANY
of these questions:

DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL

Isolate the individual with symptoms

Call Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000 or the assessment centre at (807) 935-8100 <https://www.tbdhu.com/testinginfo> for further direction.

PLEASE don't forget to call the school!

If you answered
NO to ALL
of these questions:

Come to school!

At School:

If your child exhibits any of the COVID-19 Symptoms while at school we will:

- Remove the student from class and bring to a designated area
- Call home and ask that he or she be picked up (they will not be able to ride the bus home)
- Ask that you contact Telehealth Ontario or the COVID-19 Assessment Centre for further direction.

Telehealth Ontario 1-866-797-0000 or COVID-19 Assessment Centre at (807) 935-8100 or <https://www.tbdhu.com/testinginfo>

Healthcare will advise for all actions:

Your child will generally need to remain home until they test negative for the COVID-19 Virus or until they have been symptom free for 24 hours.

Signs and Symptoms

- Fever (feeling hot to the touch, a temperature of 37.8°C or higher)
- Chills
- Cough that's new or worsening (continuous, more than usual)
- Barking cough or making a whistling when breathing (croup)
- Shortness of breath (out of breath, unable to breathe completely)
- Sore throat
- Difficulty swallowing
- Lost sense of taste or smell
- Headache that's unusual or long lasting
- digestive issues (nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pain)
- Muscle aches
- Extreme tiredness that is unusual (fatigue, lack of energy)