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### Principal's Message:

We are in the full swing of learning at Langham Elementary School. We have begun our school year with new guidelines and regulations, but everyone has embraced the changes. The students, staff and parents have been so fantastic in supporting what needs to happen to keep our school safe and healthy!! Thank you for your understanding as we have worked through this process.

We have so enjoyed getting to be outside to admire the amazing colours that the season brings, and getting the chance to explore the wonders that nature holds for us. **LEARNING EVERYWHERE TOGETHER** is the theme that our school division has given for this school year and we are enjoying the opportunity to explore, wonder, and grow in our classroom, on-line, on our playground, and within our community. We will continue to embark on Learning Everywhere Together as the year progresses.

We hope that you enjoy seeing the learning that is happening in the classroom through SeeSaw. Classroom teachers will be sharing information with you through this program as well as share outcomes, tasks, and happenings from within the school and classroom. Please let us know if you have any questions with this.

With Thanksgiving around the corner, I want to thank each and every one of you for the positive experiences at Langham Elementary. This supportive community is willing to work together to make learning blossom at our school. I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Fall!

**Laura Prefontaine**

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### Important Dates to Remember

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Oct. 12	<b>No School</b> - Thanksgiving Day
Oct. 30	Halloween Celebrations
Nov. 4	Picture Day (all students)
Nov. 5	Picture Day (K-B students only)
Nov. 9 & 10	<b>No School</b> (School Holidays)
Nov. 11	<b>No School</b> (Remembrance Day)
Nov. 17	SCC VIRTUAL Meeting (6:30)
Nov. 20	Progress Reports sent home
Nov. 22-28	Education Week
Nov. 23	<b>No School</b> (Day in Lieu)
Nov. 25&26	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences (3:30-7:30 p.m.)

**Welcome to new Gr. 1-5 students and their families:** Connor, Jensen, Marcell, Braxzen, Anna, Christopher, Harper, Logan, and Haiwen.

### Staff Transitions

Welcome to LES:

- **Miss B. Van Damme** - Grade 1 Teacher



## 2020-21 Bell Schedule

8:35 AM – Students arrive/go to class pickup/drop off areas

8:43 – Bell for Classes to Begin

### Group 1 (1,2O,2C,4,5J,5D)

10:25-10:37

RECESS

12:05-12:25

LUNCH

12:25-12:50

RECESS

2:08-2:20

RECESS

### Group 2(K,1M,3L,4M)

10:03-10:15

11:32-11:52

11:52-12:17

1:34-1:46

3:07 Dismissal for Bus Students – from their classrooms

3:12 Dismissal for Town Students – from pick up/drop off area

### Outdoor Supervision in Morning

LES staff are available to supervise students on the playground starting at 8:35 a.m. in the morning. Our playground supervisors wear high visibility vests so that students always know where to find an adult to help them should they encounter difficulty. We are pleased that the Boys and Girls Club offers extended day programming for students who need to be dropped off before LES staff are available to supervise.

### Drop Off & Pick Up

We thank parents for their cooperation at drop off and pick up times. Thank you for meeting your children outside the playground area!

As the weather becomes cooler, we ask that you park by the rink (**Main Street**) and on **1<sup>st</sup> Street East**.

For safety reasons, vehicles **CANNOT** block the road to wait for the buses to leave or to drop off students.

There is no parking on the opposite side of the street in front of the school.

We appreciate your support in this matter!



## Terry Fox Walk

On Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, students of Langham Elementary



School went for a walk around the community for our annual Terry Fox

Walk. Our staff and students brought in \$247 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Thank you to all who contributed!

### Supply Recovery Fees

Thank you to all parents who have paid their fees so promptly. If your supply recovery fee has not been paid, please do so as soon as possible. Fees were due September 30<sup>th</sup>.

	2020-2021 Total Amount Payable to the School
Kindergarten	\$15
Grade 1 - 5	\$33

### Birthdays

Student Birthdays will be acknowledged and celebrated at LES through our announcements. We ask that you do not send items from home (food, treats, toys, etc.) due to health and safety regulations. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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Remember to check our updated website at [www.spiritsd.ca/les](http://www.spiritsd.ca/les)

We want to extend a big

### THANK YOU

to all our wonderful bus drivers! They do a great job of safely transporting our students to and from school each day.



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## Halloween Celebrations

We will be celebrating Halloween on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>. If students wish to dress up, they should come to school already in their costumes in the morning.

Please note: Costumes should be appropriate for school and be acceptable for all age levels within our school.



We will take part in a VIRTUAL costume parade and sock hop within our classrooms. Classroom activities will also be occurring throughout the day.

Please do not send treats to share with our classroom friends for this holiday.

Any 'weapons' that complement the costume should be left at home.

Students and adults must not possess or use real or replica weapons on school premises or at school-sponsored activities held off school premises. This also includes transportation on the school bus. There are no exceptions to this procedure. (as per letter from the Prairie Spirit School Division, dated March 2, 2016)

**We are still following our Safety Plan in regard to visitors within the school. Therefore, Halloween events will be for LES students and staff only.**

## SCC

Our next VIRTUAL meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Please let us know if you would like to join our meeting. We would like to hear your comments and ideas.

The SCC will be asking for your thoughts/opinions to move our learning work forward. Watch your email next week for an online survey to complete.

## Student Accounting and Release

Parents or legal guardians are allowed to pick up their children unless public safety officials have declared that there is some reason why access to the school is restricted. During any emergency, school personnel will maintain as safe and normal an environment for children within the school as is possible. School is not automatically cancelled in emergency situations.

Children will not be released to individuals who are not authorized on the student's registration information. Schools will also ask for identification when the child is released. If a person is NOT written on a students' registration form, they will NOT be released to that individual – even if a phone call is made.

***Students will ONLY be released to those on the authorization sheet.***

**\* Parents or legal guardians are asked not to call the school in emergency situations so phone lines can remain accessible for handling the specific situation.**

No students will be released to parents during a Hold and Secure or Lockdown until the principal has deemed that the situation is "all clear".

## Reporting Student Progress Term 1

On November 20<sup>th</sup>, you will receive your child's first Progress Report of the school year. All schools within Prairie Spirit School Division utilize this common progress report.

On the progress report, instead of the letter grade scale, you will see the following:

- 4 – Mastery - Demonstrates a deep knowledge and understanding
- 3 – Meeting – Demonstrates a complete knowledge and understanding
- 2 – Approaching – Demonstrates a basic knowledge and understanding
- 1 – Beginning – Demonstrates a partial knowledge and understanding
- ME - Missing Evidence
- NT – Not reported at this time

*“anything a student does, says or creates is evidence of learning”*

– Damian Cooper



## PICTURE DAY

Picture day has been rescheduled:

Wednesday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> – All students.  
Our K-B class will have their pictures taken on Thursday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon.

LifeTouch will be taking our pictures once again and has a detailed safety standard plan that they will follow to ensure our safety. If you would like information on these standards, please let us know.

*LES will be holding a Remembrance Day Service on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 a.m. for LES students.*



*This will be an online service for LES students and staff only.*

## **FLEXIBLE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

**Spare Bus Drivers are needed in your community!**

**A Prairie Spirit Bus Driver:**

- Receives free training; licensing fees covered
- Could take their young child on route
- Enjoys daily contact with students
- Supports the local community.

For more information, contact PSSD Bus Garage at 306-374-2496 or go to [spiritsd.ca/careers](http://spiritsd.ca/careers)



## PRAIRIE SPIRIT BUS POLICY CHANGE

Starting this school year, a bus route that is cancelled in the morning due to extreme cold **WILL RUN IN THE AFTERNOON IF CONDITIONS HAVE IMPROVED.**

In the past, if a bus route was cancelled in the morning, it was automatically cancelled for the entire day.

***With this change, bus routes cancelled at 6 AM due to cold weather will operate on their regular routes at the end of the school day, provided that the temperature reports at 12 NOON are warmer than -40 degrees Celsius (combined temperature/windchill).***

If the bus will run at the end of the school day, parents will receive notifications through the VersaTrans My Stop App and the update will be posted on the Division's website.

For more details on this policy change, please see Admin. Procedure 805 – Bus Service Cancellation Due to Inclement Weather.

## PET-FREE Zone

For the safety of our students and staff, please keep all pets off of the school property. Pets are not to be on school property as per bylaw of the Town of Langham.

