



Little Current Public School – Home of the Coyotes

September 2016



Welcome!

Students have settled into their new classes for another year. The success of the students at LCPS is largely dependent on the supports around them, and we look to parents as active partners in their child's education. All students have an Agenda book which we've purchased for use as a daily communication tool, or access to an electronic Agenda book equivalent. Please take some time to review it daily for possible correspondence from your child's teacher. If you have questions or concerns throughout the year, feel free to contact your child's teacher or the main office.

Concussions

Recent studies have revealed the serious health implications with regard to concussions. If your child is diagnosed with a concussion, it is important that the school is notified so that we can follow the procedures to ensure your child's safety. School procedures include: modified/restricted recess and removal from any other physical activities such as gym class, inter-murals or participation on school teams. A note from the doctor must be received prior to your child returning to regular physical activities at school.

Attendance – Safe Arrival

As regular attendance plays an integral role in your child's education, we will be recognizing students with perfect attendance on a monthly basis throughout the year. If your child is absent from school please let us know by phone or by emailing cortesm@rainbowschools.ca. This is extremely helpful to our "Safe Arrivals" program. Parents or guardians who wish to change the end of day arrangements (bus, daycare, walk home) for their children should send a signed note in with the student. That note will then be sent to the main office.



Nutrition Breaks

Students have the opportunity to recharge their batteries with nutrition twice during the day. Please note that when packing lunches, the morning nutrition is really only intended to be a snack, while the second break is a lunch.

Asthma-Friendly Schools

Many children have asthma. Some asthma attacks can be life threatening. Rainbow District School Board staff receive asthma education and training on recognizing triggers and symptoms. Please contact your school Principal as soon as possible, if you are a parent/guardian of a child with asthma. We need your co-operation in providing the school with current medical information and in developing a plan with your child's Principal to protect your child. Please also contact the Sudbury Student Services Consortium at 705.521.1234 and inform your child's bus driver of your child's condition. Students under 16 years of age who have parental permission are permitted to carry their own asthma medication with them at school.

Open House

Our Open House is scheduled for Thursday September 22nd from 5:30-7:00pm. The Open House provides students the opportunity to show their parents their new classroom and meet their teacher.

Stand Up Against Bullying Day

Rainbow District School Board will mark its fifth annual "Stand Up Against Bullying Day" on Thursday, September 15th, 2016. Staff and students in Rainbow Schools are invited to wear pink.

Student Allergies

This year we have a combined student and staff population of twenty people with life-threatening allergies, some of whom are allergic to nuts. As you are packing items for your child's lunch please do not include nuts, or items containing nut products.



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Contact Information

Please take some time to update your contact information with us if any of your registration information has changed. This could include your mailing address, phone number, emergency contacts, or medical concerns. We've included an index card which is the record of information we have on file here at the school to assist you in this process. If you have any questions regarding this please feel free to contact the main office at your convenience.

Students Leaving School Property

Students are allowed to leave school property for lunch providing there is permission from parent/guardian on file in the office. If you would like this in place for the year, please provide the main office with a note indicating your son or daughter will be eating their lunches at home.. Students are to leave at 12:50pm which should allow enough time to eat and get back to school and in class for 1:30pm. Daily permission slips to leave school will not be granted. All other students leaving school must be signed out by their parent/guardian.

School Council

School Council provides a forum through which members can contribute to improving student achievement and school performance. School Council members provide input and make recommendations to the principal. If you are interested in participating and serving the school community, please send in the form which was sent home the first day of school. Nominations must be turned into the office at the school by 3:00p.m., Friday September 23, 2016.

Milk Program

LCPS does offer both chocolate and white milk for sale to all students. The cost for milk is \$1 for a 250ml carton. We encourage those parents wishing to participate in the program to purchase milk tickets. A sheet of 10 milk tickets is sold for \$9.00 and may be purchased from the main office. Purchasing the tickets from the main office helps the school maintain an accurate inventory.



21st Century Education

Rainbow District School Board has been participating in the Ministry of Education's 21st Century Innovation Research Initiative since the 2011-2012 school year.

The Technology and Learning Fund has been a multi-year commitment to modernize classrooms and bring innovation to learning. The fund directs 80 per cent of expenditures to the acquisition of technology, such as iPads, Apple TVs and apps. The other 20 per cent to the provision of professional learning for staff, including teaching and learning tech coaches and professional learning with Apple distinguished educators. The focus of research conducted through the Innovation Fund was to enhance student achievement in Grade 9 and Grade 10 compulsory subject areas. Teachers are being supported in the development of open-ended learning tasks that foster student collaboration, student talk and uncover student thinking.

The use of iPads in mathematics classrooms has increased the level of engagement of students, with the biggest increases among students who are at risk. The Technology and Learning Fund will have an elementary focus in 2016-2017.



Have A Great Year!

We hope everyone has a great year and trust that if you have any questions or concerns throughout the year you won't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the main office.

Important Dates

- Wear Pink – Stand up to Bullying.....Sept 15
- Student Pictures.....Sept 20
- Open House.....Sept 22
- Three Pitch (Intermediate – CMPS, Junior – CCMcLean).....Sept 27
- School Council Meeting.....Sept 29
- P.D. Day.....Sept 30