

Greetings

from our Pembina Trails Board of Trustees

**These
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great pride in
governing our
entire division.**



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Meet your Teachers



Hi! I'm Mrs. Wog, I am so excited to be your Kindergarten teacher and I can't wait to meet you.

I like to bike, swim and go for walks. I also enjoy crafting projects. I really love making cookies and baking treats for my family.





More great people at our School!



Mrs. Allard- Student Support
Teacher

Mrs. McGregor- Teacher Librarian
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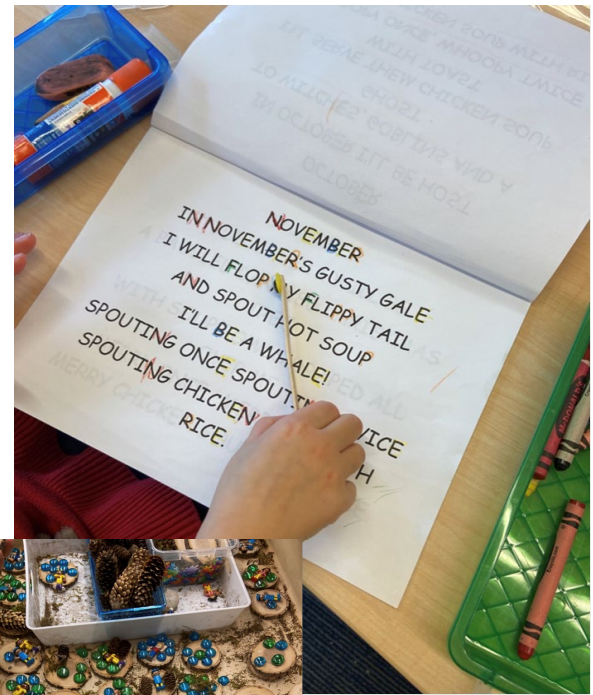
Mr. Stupak- Physical Education Teacher

Ms. Dangerfield- Music Teacher



! Take a peak into our Kindergarten classroom







Places in our School

Music Room



Library



Gymnasium





Your Welcome to Kindergarten Bag...

Your Welcome to Kindergarten bag is filled with so many amazing materials and resources for talking, reading, singing and playing together every day!

See the Family Activities for Early Learners Resourcebook for fun ideas (in the WTK bag)

Pick an item or activity that you can enjoy together every day!





Getting Your WTK Bag...



You are your child's first and best teacher!

We'd love to meet you and give you your activity bag with resources to help your child prepare for school.

Date: June 1st, 2022

Time: More information will follow.

Location: More information will follow

Welcome to Kindergarten is brought to you by The Learning Partnership, a national charitable organization dedicated to supporting, promoting and advancing public education. To find out more or to support this program, please visit thelearningpartnership.ca today!



Welcome to Kindergarten Key Message

You are your child's first and best teacher!

- Follow your child's lead as you play and discover together
- Talk and read with your child in your first language
- Help your child to share and take turns
- Encourage your child to make choices and decisions
- Celebrate your child's learning

Talk Read Sing Play, Every Day!



Talking Builds:

- Relationships
- Vocabulary
- Listening and speaking skills
- An appreciation for family stories and oral traditions



Reading Builds:

- Vocabulary
- A sense of story
- Knowledge
- Print, letter and number awareness



Singing Builds:

- Oral language
- Memory
- Rhythm & rhyme
- Belonging
- Enjoyment of music
- Patterning

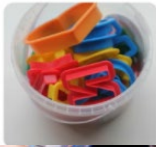


Playing Builds:

- Decision making
- Cooperation
- Physical skills
- Curiosity
- Self-regulation
- Creative thinking
- Measurement, geometry and spatial sense



Playing with Playdough



There are so many benefits to playing with playdough!

Playdough can be bought or made out of some basic ingredients. (See WTK Family Activities Guide for a simple recipe)

Using props found at home, help your child to create! Here are some things you might use to help your child play with playdough: buttons, toothpicks, cookie cutters, plastic animals, pipe cleaners, rolling pins, garlic press, potato masher...

Not only will your child have fun, they will learn so many things!

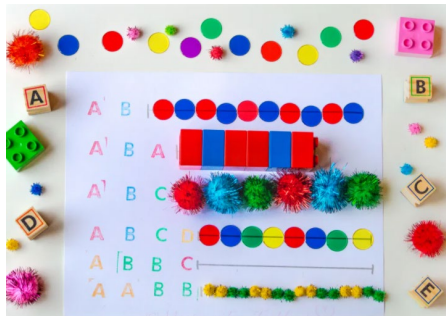
For more information see [The Benefits of Play Dough](#)

Mathematics

Numbers and shapes can be found everywhere (e.g., clocks, house numbers, keypads, license plates, in books..). Help your child explore mathematics in their environment.

- Look for collections of objects in your house (e.g., rocks/gems, clothes pins, buttons, animal figures..). Count “how many” and place magnetic numbers beside each group.
- Use buttons or coins and dice to play “Snakes and Vines” in your WTK Chirp magazine
- Using beads and string, make a “pattern” necklace (e.g., red bead, blue bead, yellow bead, red bead..).
- Have fun cooking, measuring, counting, and more by using the [WTK cookbook](#) with your child.

[Here](#) are more ways to play with mathematics.



Noticing Print

Playing with letters and noticing print in the environment help build foundational early literacy skills.

- Using WTK magnetic letters and alphabet template, sort letters in various ways (e.g. by colour, by shape, upper/lower case...)
- link letters to names and familiar words found in the environment (e.g. F like Fatima, M like McDonalds...)
- Build your child's name with magnets and other items (e.g. stones, Lego...)
- Make name puzzles using your child's name and those in their family
- Write simple stories using environmental print found in flyers, magazines, labels from packages...

Here are some ways you can play with WTK Magnets at home [click here](#)

a a a b c d e e e
f g h i j k l m m
n n o o p p q r r
s s t t u u v w x y z





Talking and Reading Together



The WTK Resource bag contains several books to enjoy together. Find a time each day to sit and read with your child. Make reading a special time to share.

Practice the three Cs of reading **Cuddle, Conversation and Choice**

Talking about books and stories helps your child make connections between the books and themselves, their community, and the world.

When you hold a book and read with your child, so many important skills are fostered. In addition, e-books can be accessed [here](#).

There is no app to replace your lap ~ spend time reading with your child!



Creative Exploration



Children are naturally curious. They enjoy exploring and creating using a variety of materials.

Using WTK scissors and crayons, assorted paper, tape, and recycled materials at home, invite your child to create!

Drawing, cutting, and playing with art objects is not just fun, but full of learning!

More Art Activities can be found [here](#)





Healthy Choices

Learning is made easier for child when they are healthy and well rested. To promote healthy children:

- use Canada's Food Guide as a guide to make healthy meals or snacks
- cook and eat together
- make water a drink of choice

Explore the [Welcome to Kindergarten Family Cookbook!](#) It has many healthy recipes that promote cooking and enjoying food together. For information about healthy habits for children, visit [Caring for Kids](#)





Music and Movement

Listening and moving to music is a fun, healthy family activity. The WTK ball and WTK music (download [Welcome to Kindergarten Album](#), [Lyrics](#), and [Activities](#)) that can be used anywhere!

Here are some ways to enjoy music and movement together:

- Using the WTK song, “Jump Up, Jump Down”, try moving to the actions described in the song.
- Move along while waving and tossing light objects like ribbons, scarves, and tissues.
- Use music to calm or energize!
- Play ball games together and practice rolling, tossing, passing and catching.
- Move to music and pretend to move like an animal (e.g., rabbit, elephant, snake, butterfly)
- Enjoy music from around the world



Here are some links to other music for children:

[30 Playtime Songs](#)

[Classical Kids: Light and Silly Classical Music for Young Children](#)

[Children's Music from Around the World](#)



Social and Emotional Learning

Teaching children about their emotions and helping them to form relationships with others are foundations of school success. Here are some ways families can practice these important skills:

- talk about feelings by reading stories or watching videos about emotions.
- sing songs to help your child learn how to express their feelings (e.g. [If You're Happy and You Know it](#))
- create a “Kindness Calendar” with your child. Write down some thoughtful ways children can support others and put this on the calendar (e.g., draw a picture for a grandparent; give someone in your family a great, big hug; donate a toy; feed the birds) children love to generate ideas on how to be kind!
- Praise your child when they use words to express their feelings.
- Help your child through overwhelming moments by practising [12 Self-Regulation \(Calming\) Strategies for Young Children](#).





Additional Resources

Here are more WTK Resources to Explore

- [Welcome to Kindergarten website](#)
- [WTK Early Learning Resources](#) page for Key Messages available in 27 languages, and the Parent Page with [fun activities](#)
- [Family Activity Calendar](#)
- [Healthy Media Use](#)
- [Learning Through Play Videos](#) - more ideas for playing and having fun together.

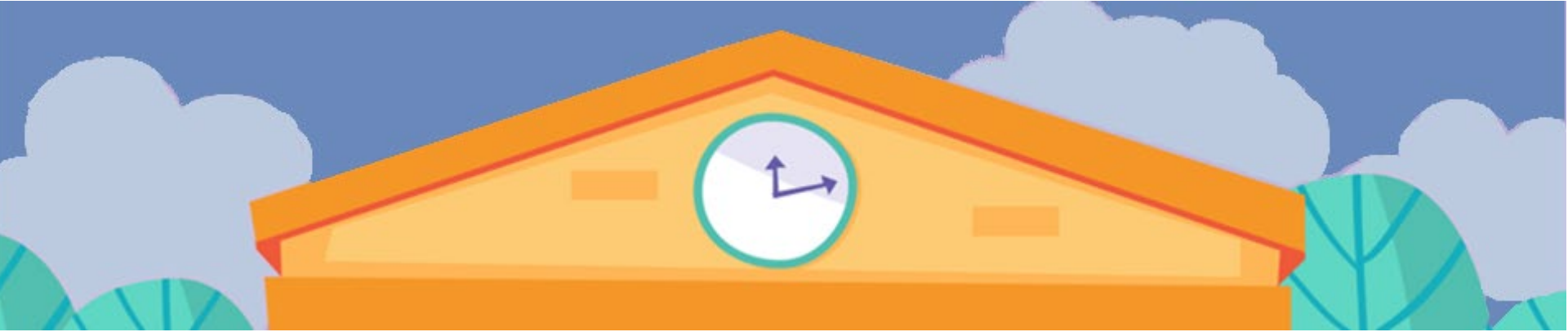




Greetings from your Principal!



Hello future members of the Laidlaw community, my name is Jacqui Kroeker and I am your Principal at Laidlaw. I am a proud Mum of two boys Jaxon and Hudson. My husband is Andrew, he was born in Canada and I was born in England so our boys are from mixed heritage. We have two dogs- Penny and Norman. I love hiking, yoga and being outside. I am proud to have served this community for 4 years. As Laidlaw Lions we are courageous, kind and full of adventure. The Circle of Courage guides us on our learning journey every day.





Additional Information About our Sch

Staggered entrance on September 8th and 9th

All Kindergarten students will begin as a full group on Monday, September 12th, 2022

Strong Beginnings– Students attend by appointment only on Thursday, September 22 or Friday, September 23, 2022.

Assiniboine Castle Daycare provides before and after school care including K's in the PM. Please call: 204 896 0833 for more information.

Bussing can be available to Assiniboine Castle Daycare, but you must apply for a seat sale. This does have a cost associated with it.

Please visit [Pembina Trails Transportation Website](#) for more information.



Registration Process



Please visit our website

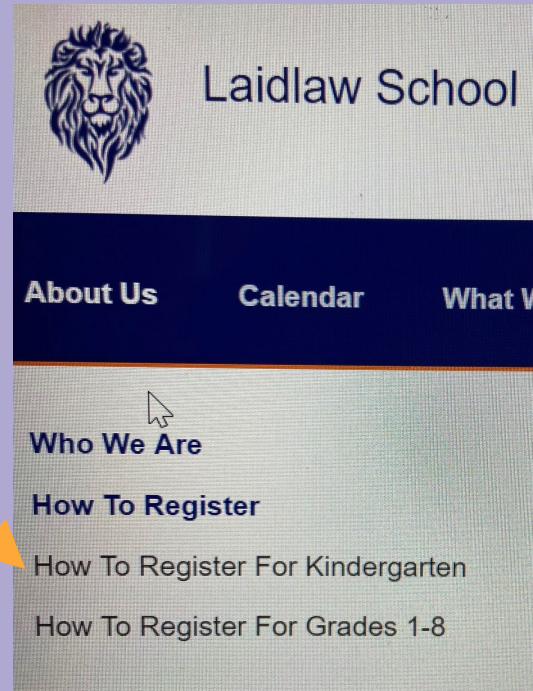
Click on How to Register for Kindergarten

Please read the content carefully it tells you how to apply if you are in catchment, in division or out of division.

If you are in division or out of division, please also apply to your catchment school.

Once the fillable registration form, media release and technology agreement PDFs are completed – email it to

laidlaw@pembinatrails.ca



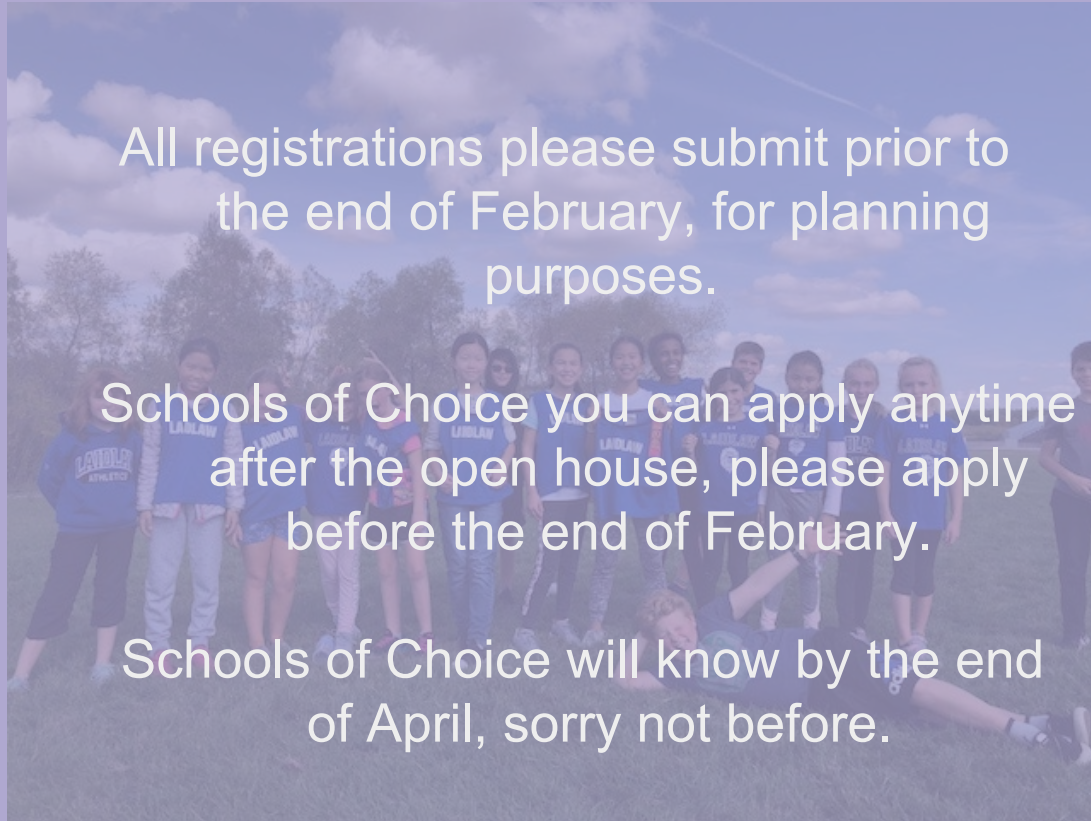
Registration is Online!



All registrations please submit prior to the end of February, for planning purposes.

Schools of Choice you can apply anytime after the open house, please apply before the end of February.

Schools of Choice will know by the end of April, sorry not before.



Questions?



See you soon! We hope you choose Laidlaw as your learning community



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