

Bring your Courage!



Return to School Plan 2021_22:

We welcome ALL students
on Wednesday, September
8th. Kindergarten will
follow a staggered entry.

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Principal's Message

Dear Laidlaw families and students,
Here is Laidlaw's return to school plan for 2021_22. We are the Laidlaw Lions who are courageous and kind, we are all going to step into school with our whole heart as we did last year. We kept each other safe and well and we will do this again by working together as a community. I am proud to be your servant leader and will do whatever I can to lead us through a school year as a cohesive and caring community so we can provide a creative, caring and enriching learning environment for all students. We have been working hard over the summer on some building projects and we are so proud of the way the school looks and feels. Our literacy and numeracy school goals this year will come alive with STEM and Indigenous ways of knowing intertwined to enrich all students experiences. While creating this school opening plan we have followed the yellow guidelines provided by Manitoba Education and Pembina Trails SD. We prioritized the well-being of students and staff while guided by our school framework—the Circle of Courage. **Please read carefully and adhere to all elements of the framework.** We are in this together and we need to trust the framework which is adaptable. Any changes will be communicated in a timely manner. Let's move forward with trust and vulnerability together and bring our courage as Laidlaw Lions.

Jacqui Kroeker, Principal



We Cannot Wait to See You!

To ensure your child's safety and well-being please:

- ♦ Be positive about the return to school; reassure your child that schools are clean and safe. All school staff are here to help with a safe, happy return to school.
- ♦ Teach your child how to wear and take off a mask. They need a clean mask daily for school as per the K-8 mask requirements.
- ♦ Review proper handwashing technique with your child. Encourage your child to sing their ABC's or count for 20 seconds.
- ♦ Explain to your child the importance of physical distancing and remaining at least 2 meters apart from other students who are **not** in their cohort.
- ♦ If biking or walking please ensure physical distancing to and from school and while using the bike racks.
- ♦ Please remember—no hugging. Virtual high fives, waving, thumbs up are all great ways to communicate how happy we are to see each other.
- ♦ Assiniboine Castle Daycare provides before and after school programming. Please contact them directly with any questions 204 896 0833
- ♦ Regularly check the Pembina Trails School Division website for updates or social media feeds.

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Staggered Start

On Wednesday, September 8th all students will be welcomed into our school community for their first day of the 2021-22 school year.

Kindergarten will follow the plan sent out in June, please refer to your letter. A staggered start will enable us to teach all students the new school guidelines for keeping everyone safe and well. **Friday, September 10th** all students will start the day together.

Screening

SCREEN YOUR CHILD for symptoms: If your child is experiencing flu-like/COVID-19 symptoms, please keep your child at home and follow Public Health guidelines. Please email LLattendance@pembinatrails.ca. We are mandated to report attendance diligently and why children are absent.

Cohorts

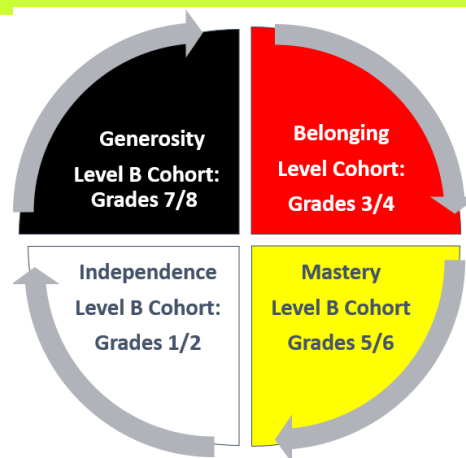
Students will be grouped into cohorts. There will be 2 levels of cohorts.

Level A = classrooms. Each classroom will be their own cohort that will learn together all day.

Level B = grades. Cohorts will follow the Circle of Courage as this is familiar and comforting for Laidlaw students.

Cohort level B will be used for recess, outdoor learning on occasion and entering and exiting the school.

Kindergarten students are part of the Independence cohort but will also have their own cohort name: **Adventure**.



Zones

Cohorts will rotate through the following 5 zones during recess for grades 1-6 and during lunchtime cohorts for grades 1-8.

With the exception of zone 5, this will be reserved for grades 7/8 students based on maturity and safety guidelines. All zones will have clear signs so students know where to play and learn.

Recess equipment is designated to each classroom. We want to limit the use of equipment from home, due to storage requirements. Masks are not required for outdoor play, however 2m of physical distancing is still required. **Please help us educate your child on these important health guidelines.**

Zone 1	Play Structure
Zone 2	K-4 Soccer Field & Outdoor Classroom
Zone 3	5-8 Soccer Field & Baseball Diamond
Zone 4	Basketball Hoops, Zip Line and Hard Top
Zone 5	Grade 7/8 Entrance Basketball Courts and Outside Tables

Staggered Lunch

The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) manage the lunch program at Laidlaw. They will continue to provide a well organised and safe program that has the well-being of all children in mind. No microwaves will be available. Please provide a bagged lunch. Please consider having your child come home for lunch **if you are able**. This will help with on site supervision of cohorts, but we know this is not an option for many. Grades 7/8 will still have permission to leave the premises. Please remind them of the need to physically distance, wear masks and practice good hand washing practices. More information will follow in regards to fun lunches and pizza Wednesdays.



11:45-12:15

Grades 1-4 will eat in their classrooms

Grades 5-8 will have outdoor recess in zones.

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Masks

Students in K-8, all staff, visitors and volunteers are mandated to wear non-medical masks. Non-medical masks should not be worn by anyone who is unable to remove the mask without assistance, due to ability or developmental status.

Please ensure you provide a bag for your child to store their mask in to avoid contamination.

All bused students K-8 must wear masks while travelling on the bus.

We will be using our eyes and words more to communicate. We will be teaching students more than ever the power of our words and how to communicate appropriately and respectfully with our body language #laidlawbelonging.

Vaccinations

All staff are required to be fully vaccinated. The two actions of wearing masks for all and for staff to be fully vaccinated in conjunction with the other safety measures follows the advice from provincial health experts. Please know that we are here to support the Laidlaw community. The mandating of masks and vaccines follows the guiding principle that these health and safety issues are about kindness, respect and responsibility. #laidlawsafety

Supplies & School Fees

Please visit our website for the latest supply lists. We are in the process of developing the ability to pay for school fees via permission click. More information to follow. Students will not change for gym until further notice. Please refer to the supply lists for more information on this. [Click here](#)



to access the latest supply lists or visit:

<https://www.pembinatrails.ca/schools/laidlaw/About-Us/School-Supplies/Pages/default.aspx>

Water Bottles

Please have your child bring a filled water bottle each day to school. We have 3 touchless water fountains (an additional one was installed this summer). These will be available for students to refill their water bottles but the times to travel to the water fountains will be restricted to avoid cohorts mixing.

Building Access

All our doors will be locked during the day. Families will not be able to come into the building as we are being diligent in tracking who is in our building for contact tracing. Should you need to drop off or pick up your child or drop off an item for your child, we ask that you use the front door video buzzer when you arrive at the main school doors and we will come out to meet you. Family members must wait outside the school building when dropping off or picking up their child. **All visitors must wear a mask when invited into the school and will need to complete a screening form in the office.**

Before & After School Supervision, Entrances & Exits

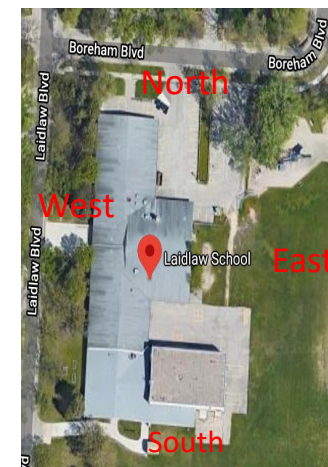
All students will remain in their level B cohorts before and after school, during recess and lunchtime recess. As indicated lunch will be staggered. Please do not drop off your child prior to 8:30am and be available to pick them up from school unless they are travelling by bus no later than 4:00pm. We are providing supervision **outside** to enable all students to remain in their cohorts. **Please dress appropriately for the weather.** The following entrances will be supervised from 8:30-8:50am and again from 3:30-4:00pm **to maintain cohort adherence.** If you arrive after 8:50am you will need to use the video buzzer and we will help your child enter the building safely.

Main Entrance (West): K-2 students

Daycare doors (South): 3/4 students

Gym doors (South): 5/6 students

Boreham Side doors (North): 7/8 students



No supervision will be provided before and after the times indicated above. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the office.

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Stop, Drop and Go!

Please practice a “Stop, Drop and Go” procedure for drop off and pick up of your children. Families are to remain at their vehicle. Please show respect, patience and safety when dropping off students. **It would be helpful if you displayed your child’s name and grade in your vehicle window for our supervisors.**

Drop Off Zones:

- Laidlaw Boulevard: K-4 students
- Boreham Boulevard: 5-8 students

(Drop off at your youngest child’s zone if you have children in both K-4 & 5-8).

We will have supervisors helping to receive and direct students to their cohorts.

Due to the minimum parking at Laidlaw, we are encouraging walking, biking or car pooling.



Building Entry Protocol

Students will be welcomed into the school, they will go straight to their classrooms where they will wash and sanitize their hands. Almost all homerooms have sinks, soap and paper towels.

Main entrances and hallways have hand sanitizer units. The two classrooms (8 MC & 5/6 CA) will be provided with hand sanitizer bottles in the classrooms and can use the washrooms regularly.

Dismissal

At the end of the school day, students will be dismissed at **3:30pm**. However, dismissal will be staggered so students can adhere to the exits in level B cohorts. If your child is in K-4 please park on Laidlaw Boulevard, if your child is in 5-8 please park on Boreham Boulevard.

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Late Arrivals and Absences

If a student is late for school, the student is to enter through the main doors. Please call the office prior to arrival. If your child is feeling unwell, please email llattendance@pembinatrails.ca or call the office at 204 888 1678 and report the reason for their absence.

Illness at School

If a student exhibits any symptoms of COVID-19 while at school, they will be isolated in a dedicated area of the school. Family members will be called for immediate pick-up. If you are unable to pick up your child within 30 minutes, we ask that you have a back-up plan of someone who is on your emergency contact list.

If your child is sick or needs to self-isolate we will provide learning supports via packages or using Seesaw (K-4), Edsby (5-8) and Teams where and if possible.

Cleaning

We have learnt that good hand washing is the best way to keep everyone safe and well. We will be taking the following extra precautions. All excess furniture/equipment has been removed from the classrooms to enable for the maximum physical distance for students. We have also purchased furniture that is more flexible and takes up less room. Classrooms will all be deep cleaned/sanitized by our custodial staff at the end of each day.

Washrooms and common areas will be regularly and thoroughly cleaned and sanitized. Cubbies and lockers will be used and we have a system that will adhere to all physical distancing requirements.

Field Trips

Field trips will occur this year. Permission Click will be used for all permission letters. Please respond in a timely manner so teachers can plan accordingly. We will be encouraging outdoor learning, so teachers will be in touch to enable visits to nearby parks, the Assiniboine Forest and Park. Please check your emails regularly for this correspondence. If we do not have your permission, your child cannot attend outdoor learning off premises.

Communication

Any changes to this framework will be communicated in a timely manner via email and school messenger (via voice or text). We will alert you to new information via our social media feeds. We will follow the directions from Pembina Trails School Division.



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Curriculum & Student Support

Laidlaw is committed to providing all students with the best possible educational experience. This year will look different but with this brings opportunities. We will have our incredible student support team working to support all students as usual. Mrs. Allard, Mrs. Kasten and Mrs. Tomczyk will be working in class along with our EA team and the divisional support team. The amazing Library Learning Commons Team: Mrs. McGregor and Ms. McNicholl are working hard on preparing the use of the library and makerspace. The STEM lab will also be used and Mrs. Hiraoka and Mrs. McGregor will be leading in this area of teaching and learning.

Music (K-4)

The music teacher Ms. Dangerfield will be teaching out of the music/band room and utilizing outdoor spaces.

Band (5-8)

Mr. Thomas will be teaching out of the music/band room on alternate days to the K-4 music program. The program will also use the stage **outside** if weather permits. We will follow all the protocols set out by Pembina Trails and Manitoba Education, for example physical distancing, bell covers and other guidelines to ensure the safety of all students and staff.

Art (5-8)

Mrs. Tomczyk will be teaching out of the art room. We purchased new art tables a year ago and we are excited to use them. They allow for appropriate physical distancing. Students will be provided with individual art materials.

Physical Education & Health (K-8)

All physical education classes will be held outside as much as possible, however we do have our gym back. The sharing of equipment is permitted with good hand hygiene and physical distancing to the greatest extent possible.

We will keep you informed as to the changes to the Physical Education and Athletics return to school plans.

Extracurricular Clubs & Activities

All clubs and activities outside of the regular classroom will be held honouring the cohort system.

Practical Arts

Students in grades 7/8 will travel by bus provided by Pembina Trails to Charleswood School. They rotate between Woods, Graphic Arts and Foods. They will be picked up outside Laidlaw at 12:30pm on their appropriate PA day. Grade 7's attend PA on day 4 afternoon and grade 8's on day 5 in the afternoon.

We are a Pembina Trails STEM school which is a very exciting opportunity for all students at Laidlaw. We have purchased additional laptops, green screens, engineering equipment and as the year proceeds we will expand the equipment available to students.



RINK Grade 8 R1 Program

The grade 8 R1 program will continue as planned. They will be bussed via a private bus service from the RINK to Laidlaw for 9:30am and will join the two grade 8 homerooms for the remainder of the day. We are excited to be welcoming the R1 students to Laidlaw. Both the RINK and Laidlaw will be following all guidelines directed by Public Health and Manitoba Education.

Finally, we are more courageous together. We are the Laidlaw Lions after all. We are excited for the year ahead working together. My hope is that students remain in school physically learning as we all know it is the best place for them to experience learning in a safe and engaging environment.



We are committed to the safety of all students, staff and families. Please help us in this endeavour by keeping to this back to school framework. Please provide any feedback respectfully to

jakroeker@pembinatrails.ca I value your teaming and voice.

I wish you all a joyful and fulfilling school year.

Jacqui Kroeker, Principal