

Bring your Courage and be Kind!



Return to School Plan 2020_21:

We welcome students on a staggered start basis on Tuesday, September 8th and Wednesday, September 9th 2020

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Principal's Message

Dear Laidlaw families and students,
Here is Laidlaw's return to school plan for 2020_21. We are the Laidlaw Lions who are courageous and kind, we are all going to step into school with our whole heart. I do not know the outcome of this school year and we are navigating unprecedented times, but what I do know is as your servant Principal I am with you. I will do whatever I can in my power to keep your children safe. The staff and I have been working hard to create a safe and healthy environment for all staff and students. We are fully committed to ensuring Laidlaw is a safe and equitable place to learn and work. While creating this return plan, we prioritized the well-being of students and staff. Our framework for September was guided by local public health practices and protocols. This document will provide a framework for our return to school. **Please read carefully and adhere to all elements of the framework.** We will need everyone to work together as a community. We are in this together and we need to trust the framework which is adaptable. Changes will be communicated in a timely manner as we learn more. Let's move forward with trust and vulnerability together as the Laidlaw community.

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 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 4 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 Tuesday, September 8th all students with the **last name A-K** will come for their first day of school. Other students remain at home.

On Wednesday, September 9th all students with the **last name L-Z** will come for their first day of school. Other students remain at home.

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. **Thursday, 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.

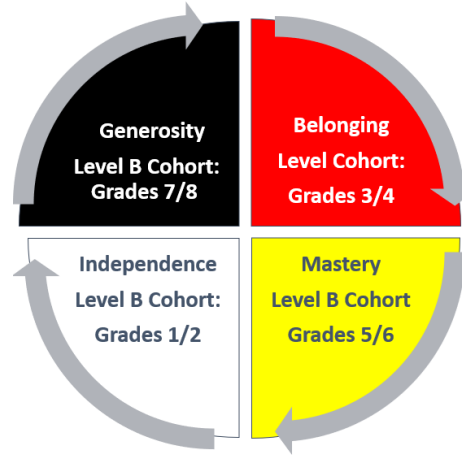
Cohorts

Students will be grouped into cohorts to a maximum of 75 students. There will be 2 levels of cohorts.

Level A = classrooms. Each classroom will be their own cohort that will learn together all day. Cohort level B = grades. Cohorts will follow the Circle of Courage as this is familiar and comforting for Laidlaw students.

All students will be provided with a coloured armband that is representative of the Circle of Courage illustrated above so staff can organise and manage level B cohorts

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



Zones

Cohorts will rotate through the following 5 zones during recess for grades 1-6 and during lunchtime cohorts for grades 1-8. With exception of zone 5, this will 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 cohort and will be sanitized between use. No equipment from home can be brought to school. 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.** Teachers will be encouraging outdoor learning as weather permits.

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

A more detailed overview of the lunch program will be provided by the Lunch Director as school begins. 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 where necessary and practice good hand washing practices. For now, there will be no fun lunches or pizza Wednesday's until conditions allow.



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 grades 4-8 at Laidlaw, teachers, staff, visitors and volunteers are mandated to wear non-medical masks in areas where physical distancing of two meters is not possible. Students in grade 3 and under can also wear non-medical masks if they would prefer. As we have two grade 3/4 multiage classes, we are asking, not mandating that the grade 3 students please wear masks where physical distancing of two meters is not possible. Non-medical masks should not be worn by anyone who: is unable to remove the mask without assistance, due to age, ability or developmental status. (Pembina Trails School Division, 2020)

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

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.

Supplies

Please visit our website for the latest supply lists. These are updated as the school year evolves.

[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 2 touchless water fountains; however, we want to avoid students in the hallways. 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 call the school (204-888-1678) when you arrive at the main school doors and we will come out to meet you. This phone number will be posted on the main school doors. Family members must wait outside the school building when dropping off or picking up their child. Volunteering at Laidlaw will not be possible until further notice. **All visitors must wear a mask when entering the school.**

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 3:35-4:00pm **to maintain cohort adherence.** If you arrive after 8:50am you will need to call the office 204 888 1678 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!

Dropping off and picking up students may become more complicated with limited bus transportation. 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 patience and ensure 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

Supervisors will confirm that students are healthy prior to entering the school for the day. Students will be led 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 3:35pm. 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 in some cases Seesaw (k-4), Edsby (5-8) and Teams.



Cleaning

All excess furniture/equipment has been removed from the classrooms to enable for the maximum physical distance for students. This will also allow for more efficient cleaning. 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. Ongoing daily cleaning will also occur in the classrooms by staff where necessary. Cubbies and lockers are not to be used until further notice to adhere to cleaning protocols.

Field Trips

At this time field trips will not occur and this has been reflected in your student fees. Should this change, the cost of field trips will be communicated to families via Permission Click emails. 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. Pelser, Ms. Hanna and Ms. Tomczyk will be working in class along with our EA team and the divisional support team. We are working with the amazing Library Learning Commons Team: Ms. Munro and Ms. McNicholl on how the library and makerspace will be used. All books will sit between students taking them out to follow health guidelines.

Music (K-5)

The music teacher Ms. Dangerfield will be travelling to classrooms for the immediate future, until we are given a different direction. Ms. Dangerfield will be taking students outside as much as possible to enhance their musical experiences. There will be no choral singing inside the building.

Band (6-8)

Students will move to the band classroom or will use the stage **outside** if weather permits. We will allow for physical distancing of 1m in cohorts in the band room and will follow all the protocols set out by Pembina Trails and Manitoba Education. No instrument playing will be done in spaces that do not allow for appropriate physical distancing. The room will be appropriately sanitized between cohorts.

Art (5-8)

Ms. Tomczyk will be travelling to the grade 5/6 classrooms. Grade 7/8 students taking art will move to the art room. We have purchased new art tables to allow for

appropriate physical distancing of 1m in cohorts. Students will be provided with individual art materials.

Physical Education & Health (K-8)

All physical education classes will be held outside, unless the weather does not permit outside learning. No contact activities will be taught and there will no sharing of equipment that cannot be easily sanitized between use.

We will keep you informed as to the changes to the Physical Education and Athletics return to school plans. The information across the organizations changes daily. All sports teams and individual sport meets are on hold until further notice. The health teacher Mrs. Hiraoka will be travelling as usual to each classroom to teach health where appropriate.

Extracurricular Clubs & Activities

All clubs and activities outside of the regular classroom are on hold until further notice. To maintain cohorts and to keep students in zones for activities. We know that these important parts of your child's educational experience will be missed. We recognize these activities enhance relationships. As soon as the situation evolves and we can start to open up these opportunities we will be in touch.

Practical Arts

Students in grades 7/8 usually travel by a bus provided by Pembina Trails to Charleswood School. They typically rotate between Woods, Graphic Arts and Foods. However, we are not able to mix school cohorts. Therefore, Practical Arts will be provided on site at Laidlaw. All grade 7/8 students will rotate between STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), Graphic Communications and Human Ecology.

We have been nominated to be a Pembina Trails STEM school which is a very exciting opportunity for all students at Laidlaw. The grade 7/8's will be able to trial all the new equipment that has been purchased as part of the new STEM school designation. We have purchased additional laptops, green screens, engineering equipment and as the year proceeds we will expand the equipment available to students. Human Ecology will allow for food **theory**, sewing, beading, healthy life style choices and much more. Graphic Communications will explore many opportunities for students to provide school video communications, photography, Laidlaw TV amongst other exciting opportunities. The teachers from Charleswood School will travel to Laidlaw on day 4 to teach the grade 7's and day 5 to teach the grade 8's.

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. Please email

Laidlaw@pembinatrails.ca or call 204 888 1678 with any questions or concerns.

