



## LGMS - Back to School Information 2020-21

Classes for the 2020-2021 school year will begin on **Monday August 31, 2020** or on **Tuesday September 1st, 2020** depending on the homeroom assignment for each child as outlined in the *Re-entry Plan for Parents* sent home on Monday August 24th and available on our website. All students will attend full time from **Wednesday September 2nd**.

**A message from the new principal, Ms Natasha Miles:** *"I am looking forward to our year together and am so excited to be meeting LGMS students at long last. Thank you to staff and parents for the warm welcome. Over the last month we have been planning our start up for school under the umbrella of a global pandemic and therefore the first few weeks of school will look and feel difficult to the normal routines established at LGMS. We appreciate that we are a community more than ever and we all need to be working together to create as safe an environment as possible for everyone in the school. Here's to a great year ahead of learning!"*

Welcome to all our new Grade 4 students, new students joining us from other schools and to our new staff members: Ms Kelsie Moore (Grade 4 French Immersion), Ms Natalie Major (Grade 5 English Program), Mr Brent Bittner (Grade 8 English Program), Ms Anita White (Education Assistant). We also have two teachers returning to LGMS: Mr Stéphane Vallée (Grade 8 French Immersion) and Ms Laurie Hood (Grade 6 English Program).

On **Opening Day** students will line up in their home rooms outside at 8:40am in these areas:

Grade	Entrance/Exit	Morning Meeting Place
Grade 8	Main entrance	Front of school closer to the garden
Grade 7	NW entrance end of Grade 7-8 hallway	Front of school closer to flag pole
Grade 6 + 5B (Major) + 5/6E (Swinton)	North entrance end of Grade 5-6 hallway	Back of school inside the elk fence at the track closer to 5th ave
Grade 4	Gym entrance (doors heading to bus loop)	Bus loop area between basketball court and the elk fence
Grade 5 + 4/5D(Krohe),	NE entrance end of Grade 4-5 hallway	Back of school inside the elk fence at the track closer to 5th street

PLEASE NOTE: Parents may not enter the building with their child on Opening Day

**\*PLEASE NOTE: Students Homeroom teacher's name are now available on PowerSchool/Parent portal**

## **School Instructional Hours – Grades 4 - 8**

Supervision will start outside at 8:15 a.m. but there will be no access to the building until 8:40am due to COVID-19 precautions.

**Warning bell at 8:40 a.m.**

**School instructional hours are:**

**8:45 a.m. – 3:21 p.m. Monday-Friday**

**Grade 4-6 Recess is from 10:05 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. and Grade 7-8 Recess is from 10:45-11:00**

**Grade 4-6 Lunch is from 11:40 – 12:40 p.m. and Grade 7-8 Lunch is from 12:20-1:20**

**Early dismissal days:**

**Classes begin - 8:45 a.m.**

**Dismissal - 12:01 p.m.**

## **Attendance Information**

If your child is going to be absent or late, please leave a message on our Attendance

Line at 403-678-6006 - press 1 to leave your message.

## **Noon Hour Supervision Program**

**ALL** students will remain on school property during the lunch hour. They will eat lunch in their classroom. Parents have been asked to complete the annual Demographic Form to indicate if their child will go home for lunch daily and that their child will self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms before they return

## **Our expectations of conduct are:**

- Respect yourself
- Respect others
- Respect property
- Respect environment

Activities or behavior which endangers the safety of students and/or staff, which infringes on the rights of others, or which shows disrespect to students, teachers, staff members or school or personal property will not be tolerated.

## **School Bus Services**

Canadian Rockies Public Schools provide school bus service to Lawrence Grassi Middle School. Children are allowed just one bus stop after school – while you do not have to use the bus every day, when you do, it has to be at the same location.

There will be no fee for bus service during the 2020-21 school year.

Routes and schedules will be published on the CRPS website at [www.crps.ca](http://www.crps.ca)

Please call the Transportation Department at 403-678-5545 to register or for more information.

## **Food for Learning**

"Food for Learning" is a voluntary program available to students at Lawrence Grassi Middle School. The purpose of the program is to provide a nutritious snack and lunch to children who could benefit from a daily supplement of a nutritious, balanced meal. This program is supported by community and corporate donations and dedicated volunteers. It is a no-fee initiative. The program will begin the second or third week of school.

## **Important Dates**

**Monday, August 31 and Tuesday September Opening Days**

**Wednesday September 2**

**All students in attendance**

**Friday, September 4**

**School Closure- no classes**

**Monday, September 7**

**Friday, Sept. 18**

**Friday, Oct. 02**

**Monday, Oct. 12**

**Friday, Oct. 16**

**Wednesday, November 4**

**Thursday, November 5**

**Friday, November 6**

**Wednesday, November 11**

**Friday, November 13**

**Friday, Nov. 20**

**Labour Day – Holiday**

**PLN Afternoon – Students dismissed at 12:01 pm**

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**Thanksgiving – No school for students**

**PLN Afternoon – Students dismissed at 12:01 pm**

**5 – 8 p.m. Progress Meeting-Student-Teacher Conference**

**4 – 7 p.m. Progress Meeting-Student-Teacher Conference**

**8:30 – 1:00 pm – Progress Meeting-Student-Teacher Conference**

**PLN Afternoon – No classes for students ALL DAY**

**End of Quarter 1**

**School closure – Remembrance Day**

**School Closure**

**PLN Afternoon – Students dismissed at 12:01 pm**