

Dear Trailblazing Parents and Families,

It was so wonderful to welcome your children back to LGMS today. I enjoyed talking to your kiddos about their summers and things to get excited about over the coming school year.

This week at LGMS is welcome week. Students will get to participate in some activities in their classroom, their hallway and as a whole school as an opportunity to build community and make connections. Students will then come together for a whole school welcome assembly on Friday September 2, 2022, where we will introduce school staff, house membership groupings and look ahead to extra curricular activities and clubs that will be offered throughout the school year.

A Few Things

Grade 7 & 8 Options

Grade 7 & 8 students will begin options next week on September 6th. All grade 7 & 8 students will be enrolled in two streams of options, CTF Core & CTF Options. Grade 7 & 8 students will rotate through four options during CTF core throughout the school year, Construction, Outdoor Education, Foods and Maker Space. All grade 7 & 8 students will have an opportunity to select two additional options that they will take on Friday afternoons. If your child has not yet made a selection for the Friday CTF options, I will be touching base with those students this week to ensure consideration to choice has been made.

Parent Council

Our first Parent Council meeting of the year will be held next week on Tuesday, September 6th from 7pm until 8:30pm in person at LGMS. All parents are welcome to attend.

Food for Learning

Food for Learning is a 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 may not always have access to a nutritious, balanced meal. This program is supported by community and corporate donations and dedicated volunteers. It is a no-fee initiative and it is available to families who self identify a need. If your child needs to access this program, please contact our school counsellor via email michelle.skingle@crps.ca. The program will begin September 12th.

Volunteer Coaches

This school year we are able to provide an opportunity for our grade 7 and 8 students to participate in extracurricular athletics and to experience the social and physical growth that comes along with those opportunities. We are currently organizing our fall volleyball season and would greatly appreciate the participation of volunteer parent coaches. The coach would be responsible for running practices as well as coaching games throughout the season. Each team will have a teacher representative assigned to assist the team and coach where needed. If you would be interested in volunteer coaching please contact Mr.Philbin at michael.philbin@crps.ca

Lunch Supervisor

LGMS is currently looking for two additional lunch supervisors to work Monday through Friday from 11:30am until 1:30pm. There will be additional communication directly after this newsletter with our advertisement for this position.

Rainbows Programming

The Rainbows program is a support group for children and youth experiencing separation and divorce. It runs in all schools in Canmore (K-8) and is facilitated by a trained facilitator. The group is an open group and students can register throughout the school year. However, the initial deadline of Friday September 23rd is the Rainbows Program to create the grouping and organize space and time. The programming is delivered in schools, during school hours. To access this program please complete the attached letter which allows parents to self-identify if the program is a fit for their child(ren). Participation in this program is confidential and private. The letter can either be submitted directly to the Rainbows Program or dropped off here at the office.

[Rainbows Program](#)

Important Dates in September

Friday, September 2 - Half Day School Closure - Students dismissed at 12:00 pm

Monday, September 5 - Labour Day – Holiday

Tuesday, September 6 - Parent Council Meeting 7pm until 8:30pm @ LGMS

Thursday, September 15 - Open House/Meet the Staff - drop-in between 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Friday, September 16 - PLN Afternoon – Students dismissed at 12:00 pm

Thursday, September 22 - Lifetouch Photo Day

Friday, September 23 - Terry Fox Run

Friday, Sept. 30 - National Truth and Reconciliation Day - No school

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at the school either by phone (403) 678-6006 or email.

Kelly Proudfoot
Acting Principal
Lawrence Grassi Middle School

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