



2017-2018 Year End NICKERSON NEWS

A NEWSLETTER FROM ÉCOLE LEO NICKERSON SCHOOL

Go. Explore.



It's hard to believe we've reached the end of the school year. It went by so quickly! On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank all of the parents for their support during the past year as we strive to provide the best education possible for your children. We continue to have many parent volunteers who do so much to make École Leo Nickerson School such a wonderful place for all children. Many thanks to the Friends of Leo Nickerson, Parent Council, Breakfast Club team, and Art Walk Committee and all our classroom volunteers for their many contributions. Our students benefit from all the outstanding work that you do!



As with any year end, it is time to say goodbye to some. To our Grade 6's and other departing students, we wish you well in your new school. We also say a fond farewell to some incredible staff: Mr. Penner, Mme Côté, Mme Jané, Mrs. Hauptman, Mrs. Verbeek and Mr. Cheung. We hope that the values and beliefs gained from being a member of the Leo Nickerson community will always remain with you, even in your new adventures!



To our returning students, we are already excited to have you back in the fall. Also joining us this fall are 85 new kindergarten students. Mrs. Gelderman will return from her maternity leave and we welcome new teachers and support staff to the school: Mrs. Schmidt, Mlle Fortin, Mrs. McCartney, Mrs. MacDougall, Mr. Arnold and Mme Kerbes.



I feel extremely grateful to work in such a strong school community with such incredible support and care for one another. I hope that everyone has an opportunity to rest and relax over the summer. We will see you soon!



Helen

Planning for Next Year

At this time of year, the staff at Leo Nickerson School are making preparations for the next school year. Registration, staffing, budget, class organization and ordering material for the next year are but a few of the tasks that happen at the end of a school year. When creating the new classes for the following year, the school administration and the teaching staff, working in collaboration, take many factors into consideration. The composition of the learning groups are balanced to the best of our ability to accommodate student learning needs, class size, inclusion of special needs, behaviour, group dynamics, student ability and gender. All learning groups include students with a range of abilities. Current classroom teachers share as much information as possible with future classroom teachers about each student so that all classes are as productive as possible.

Accommodating many parent requests can complicate the task of balancing classes. Students might also put pressure on their parents to request a certain teacher or be with a certain friend. Parents then feel that they have to place a request for their child and the spiral continues— undoing, in some cases, the optimum learning groups that the teaching staff have worked so hard to create. We ask that you support our educational decisions by not requesting specific teachers or classrooms. If parents have information concerning medical or educational needs, they are invited to provide the school with the information in writing so the most appropriate placement can be determined.

At Leo Nickerson, we have a dedicated, professional teaching staff that collectively work to provide excellent programs for our students. We continually strive to do our best in providing the optimum learning environments for our students to achieve success.



- Aug 30-31 School Office re-opens
Pre-ordered school supplies available for pick up
- 3 No School - Labour Day
- 4 First Day of School - Welcome Back!
- 4-6 Staggered Entry for Kindergarten; please refer to your Welcome Package
- 5 There is **NO** Early Dismissal in September
- 5-7 Grade 6 Camp
- 19 English Family Adventure Night (EFAN)
- 28 Arts Day

WEEK OF WELCOME:

- 10 Assembly @ 9:15am
- 11 Meet the Teacher BBQ @ 5:00-7:00pm
- 12 Terry Fox Run & Corn Roast
- 13 Photo Day for French Immersion Students
- 14 Photo Day for English & Logos Students

Leo Nickerson Staff 2018-2019

Principal: Helen Nowell
Assistant Principal: Tammy Schepens
Assistant Principal: Brian Samuel

English Program Coordinator: Brenda Vandermeer
Logos Program Coordinator: Thom Sherwin
French Program Coordinator: Stephenie Kirk

ENGLISH PROGRAM

Kindergarten	Jenelle Sanelli	Room 131
Grade 1	Nancy Rennie	Room 102
Grade 2/3	Brenda Vandermeer	Room 106
Grade 3/4	Charmaine Julé	Room 207
Grade 4	Christine de Wit	Room 153
Grade 5	Andrea Daly	Room 157
Grade 6	Joel Wood	Room 158

SUBJECT SPECIALISTS

Art: Andrea Daly, Kesley Beier, Kerry McPhail
Drama: Kerry McPhail, Janet McKinley, Meridith Gagnon
Music: Deirdre Brown, Lisa Gruber
Physical Education: Glenn Wilson, Dillon Knoll
French Learning Support: Meridith Gagnon
Literacy Support: Charmaine Julé

FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM

Kindergarten	Stephenie Kirk	Room 128
Kindergarten	Lesley Spiller	Room 129
Kindergarten	Angelene Gaulin	Room 132
Grade 1	Melanie Fortin	Room 103
Grade 1	Sydney Taylor	Room 104
Grade 1	Alex Amyotte	Room 119
Grade 2	Angelene Gaulin & Heather Kerbes	Room 127
Grade 2	Karalie Kinnersley	Room 105
Grade 3	Kelsey Beier	Room 206
Grade 3/4	Lindsey Hornung	Room 205
Grade 4	Teresa Schmidt	Room 155
Grade 5	Janvier Rousseau	Room 154
Grade 6	Meridith Gagnon	Room 160
Grade 6	Roxanne Walter	Room 156

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS

Thuy Arbour	Cheryl Murphy
Stephanie Baxter	Amy Rhodey
Debbie Bocian	Jennifer Rowland
Rose-Marie Cadzow	Carrie Santiago
Cathy Carew	Ben Schepens
Monica Ellison	Becky Spanakis
Karen Keels	Nacima Strader
Ellen MacDougall	Laurie Williams
Elza McCartney	

OFFICE

Stephanie Bland
Pamyla Christensen
Sherry Perkins

LIBRARY

Darcy Taylor

LOGOS PROGRAM

Kindergarten	Courtney Shepherd	Room 133
Grade 1	Anna Gelderman	Room 101
Grade 1/2	Laura Banu	Room 203
Grade 2/3	Brandi Hoy & Shevaun Weichel	Room 118
Grade 3	Chris Akins	Room 208
Grade 4	Thom Sherwin	Room 151
Grade 5	Lisa Gruber	Room 159
Grade 6	Dillon Knoll	Room 161

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Craig Arnold

CUSTODIAL

Vernon Lapina
Neal Barnes
Deneb Leda
William Monterde

Grades 1-9, School Year Calendar

AUGUST, 2018

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-  Instructional Days
-  Operational Days – No students
-  Non-Operational Day
-  Staff Development – No students
-  Early Dismissal – Staff Meeting

First Day of Operation – August 30	Teachers' Convention – February 7 & 8
Labour Day – September 3	Family Day – February 18
First Day of Classes – September 4	Parent Teacher Int. Lieu Day – March 22
Staff PD Day – October 5	Spring Recess - March 25 – March 29
Thanksgiving – October 8	Good Friday – April 19
Remembrance Day – November 11 Lieu day for Remembrance Day – Nov 12	Easter Monday – April 22
Parent Teacher Interview Lieu Day – November 13	Staff PD Day – April 23
Early dismissal – Dec. 21 Christmas Recess – Dec. 24 - Jan. 4, 2019	Victoria Day - May 20
Classes Resume January 7, 2019	Last Day of classes – June 26
	Last Day of Operation - June 28



Approved in Full

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I fed my little 'trip' to Paris - thank you & Pamylo.

That was amazing!
- Dilba Knoll

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I feel so appreciated!
Thank you so much for the amazing lunch!

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COMMUNITY NEWS

NEWS & EVENTS IN ST. ALBERT AND SURROUNDING AREAS



PRESENTED BY TRUE NORTH HEATING AND COOLING



CELEBRATE CANADA DAY WITH US!

Join us on July 1 for a full day of fun and excitement in celebration of Canada Day!

- 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.** Concert, inflatables, games, activities and more fun at Riel Recreation Park
- 7 to 10:30 p.m.** Concert in front of St. Albert Place Presented by Servus Credit Union
- 11 p.m.** Fireworks at Mission Park Presented by Kinsmen Club of St. Albert

Canada Day Volunteers Needed!

Looking to help out in the community? Lend a helping hand and join the excitement on July 1!

Volunteers over the age of 10 are needed as:

- Public ambassadors
- Information booth attendants
- Program assistants (inflatables, crafts, cookies, face painting, and games)
- Stage hands
- Evening concert ambassadors

For more information about the event and to sign up online, visit stalbert.ca/canada-day

stalbert.ca



St. Albert Public Schools

Kindergarten students, join the
First Rider's Night fun!

If your child is one of the many students who will be riding a yellow school bus for the first time this year, your family is invited to join us for First Rider's Night to learn everything you need to know about bus safety and rules for riding on the bus. Finish the evening off by going on a bus ride with your child.

There is no admission charge, but parents are asked to pre-register their children. All first-time yellow bus riders, regardless of which school district they're enrolled in, are welcome.

Please note, there will be no parking on site. Parking is available at Sir Alexander Mackenzie School, Outreach School, or the Fowler Track parking lot.

**Wed, August 29
4:30-6:00 p.m.**

**St. Albert Public Schools
District Office
60 Sir Winston
Churchill Avenue**

Register at
[www.spschools.org/
first-riders-night-2018](http://www.spschools.org/first-riders-night-2018)

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