



June 2020



From the Office

I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to all our students, parents, and school staff for all their hard work during the last several months. And now the end of our school year has come! We have learned so much and come so far. From the bottom of our hearts, we say thanks and we can't wait to hopefully see you in the fall.

Our year-end bike parade (on June 10th) was a huge success and it was so nice to see many of you cheering and welcoming us as we passed through your neighbourhoods. You can see some of our favourite pictures below! Our Grade 5 Virtual Farewell was also an enjoyable experience. We wish our grads all the best in middle school next year. If you haven't seen the farewell yet, it's all saved on the school's YouTube channel. [Click here](#) to access the set of videos (<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLQxIvyWD2X2ri7qt5bOHttAZtsnXt3C51>)

As you may know, our Provincial government has outlined three possible scenarios for how school will look come September 1st. We will either be fully back to school with "near-normal" conditions OR we will come back in a blended model where students are grouped in cohorts working at school and at home OR we will be fully online. The Minister of Education has indicated that it is her intention to have students back in school with "near-normal" conditions, but she will make that decision on August 1st. Depending on the state of COVID-19 in the Lethbridge area and around the province, the government will inform us as to which scenario we will be in come September 1st. So, stay tuned. We will do our best to communicate with you in August so that you have the time to plan ahead.

Your school, your teachers, your support staff and your school leaders will all be ready for any of those three scenarios, as we have been planning for each during the month of June. We look forward to hopefully seeing everyone. Safety of students and staff is our #1 concern, as is creating an enriching learning environment where your son or daughter can effectively learn and grow.

Please, reach out any time... call me here at the office (403.328.9965) starting the middle of August and I will make myself available to answer as many questions as I can.

See you in the fall! Please be sure to read about the "Meet the Teacher" event happening *the day before school starts* in the fall on page 3!

- Mr. Mark Blankenstyn, your Principal





Next Year's Teachers

School Leaders—Mr. Blankenstyn & Ms. McMurren

Learning Support Teacher (LST) —Ms. Morris & Ms. McMurren

Early Education Program—Miss Teagan

Kindergarten—Mrs. McCrady

Grade 1—Mrs. Watson & Mrs. Hegland

Grade 1/2—Mrs. Johannsen (aka Miss Thielen)

Grade 2/3—Mr. Williams, Mrs. Reimer, Mrs. Lynch, & Mrs. van der Meer

Grade 4/5—Mr. Entz, Mrs. Braun, Ms. Wagar, Miss Krawchuk & Mr. Ellison

Parker's Place LST—Mrs. Hamilton

Music Teacher—Mrs. Schell

Farewells

Jackie Fletcher—Vice Principal and LST

Deb Wenaas—Kindergarten Teacher

Julie Henderson—Administrative Assistant

Paige Veurink—Learning Commons Facilitator

Cortnie Duda—EEP EA

Andie Hanson—EEP EA

Erin Davis—Kindergarten EA

Shaelynn Kaupp—Kindergarten EA

Tamara La Roy—Team Support EA

Emily Mckay—Team Support EA

Emily Nielson—Team Support EA

Miya Kim—Parker's Place EA

Marlene Slomp—Parker's Place EA

Online Report Cards

Report Cards with teacher comments will be available [online at ps.lethsd.ab.ca/public](http://ps.lethsd.ab.ca/public) on June 25. You can find instructions on using PowerSchool on our [website pm.lethsd.ab.ca/parents/powerschool-for-grades-attendance](http://website.pm.lethsd.ab.ca/parents/powerschool-for-grades-attendance).

Upcoming Events

Thursday, June 25—Report Cards available through [PowerSchool](#)

Wednesday, August 19—School Office Opens to Public

Monday, August 31—Meet the Teacher Afternoon Drop-In

Tuesday, September 1—First Day of 2020-2021 School Year!

School Tour

Don't worry about getting lost on your first day! Contact our Principal, Mr. B, by clicking the 'email' function under his photo on his [staff page here](#) to request a personalized school tour.

SAVE THE DATE—MONDAY, AUGUST 31

“Meet Your Teacher and Staff” Afternoon Drop-In

This fall, we are planning an event *before* the first day of school where students and families will have the opportunity to meet their teacher and the rest of the staff. As you may know, the first day of school in the fall will be Tuesday, September 1, 2020.

Although we don't know the specifics yet as to what school will look like in terms of COVID-19 protocols and methods of delivery (blended model-at school and at home; or near-normal school with health protocols; or fully online), we want to introduce your teacher to you before September 1st. In previous years, students would find out who their teacher is on the first day of school and begin classes that same day. For this coming fall, we would like to introduce your teacher to you the day before school starts on Monday, August 31st. This will be an afternoon drop-in event and the specific details will be shared in mid August.

Please mark Monday, August 31st on your calendars and join us in the afternoon to meet your teacher and the rest of our staff *before* school starts on Tuesday, September 1st.

If you are unable to attend the “Meet Your Teacher & Staff Afternoon Drop-in” on Monday, August 31st then, please come to school on Tuesday, September 1st and we will let you know who your teacher is then. School will begin at 8:15am on this day.

There will be a second opportunity to meet your teacher early in the year when we host our Parent-Teacher Interviews in early October. This fall, we want the opportunity to meet with you earlier in the new school year well before the first report cards come out in early December so that we can work collaboratively to target your son or daughter's learning as best as possible. Our hope is that these October Interviews will afford you the opportunity to, reconnect with your son or daughter's teacher and discuss the learning that has happened within the first 30 days of school. It is also an opportunity to talk about the concerns or gaps in learning that may have been a result of COVID-19 pandemic between March and June of this year. As Teachers, we understand the huge role you took on as parents-as-teachers during the months of March – June 2020 as we want to express our thanks to you. October interview time slots will be offered both during the day and in the evening as we want to be respectful of parents' varying availabilities.

So, save the date of Monday, August 31st in the afternoon for the “Meet the Teacher and Staff Afternoon Drop-in” event. We can't wait to meet you!

SCHOOL HOURS

| GRADE 1-5 | Monday—Thursday | Friday |
|--|------------------------|------------------|
| Outside Supervision Begins <i>(please do not drop off children)</i> | 8:00 a.m. | 8:00 a.m. |
| School Starts | 8:15 a.m. | 8:15 a.m. |
| AM Recess | 10:00—10:15 a.m. | 10:00—10:15 a.m. |
| Lunch & Recess | 11:45 a.m.—12:30 p.m. | - |
| PM Recess | 2:00-2:15 p.m. | - |
| Dismissal | 3:15 p.m. | 11:45 a.m. |

| KINDERGARTEN | Monday—Thursday | Friday |
|---------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| School Starts | 8:15 a.m. | 8:15 a.m. |
| AM Recess | 10:00—10:15 a.m. | 10:00—10:15 a.m. |
| Lunch & Recess | 11:46 a.m.—12:30 p.m. | - |
| PM Recess | 2:00-2:15 p.m. | - |
| Dismissal | 3:15 p.m. | 11:45 a.m. |

| EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAM—AM CLASS | Monday— Thursday | EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAM—PM CLASS | Monday— Thursday |
|---|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| ESL/MM Target Group Start Time | 8:10 a.m. | ESL/MM Target Group Start Time | 12:00 p.m. |
| Full Class Start Time | 8:25 a.m. | Full Class Start Time | 12:15 p.m. |
| Dismissal | 11:25 a.m. | Dismissal | 3:15 p.m. |

PARK MEADOWS SUPPLY LIST 2020-2021

The following is a list of materials required for the coming school year. Please have them on the first day of school.

School supplies will not be shared between students. Please label all student materials before sending them to school.

Park Meadows School will provide a plastic storage bin for each student to organize, separate, and allow for easy cleaning of supplies.

There may be a few extra items needed, depending on the homeroom teacher.

School supplies can be purchased online from any retailer, including Staples at www.staplesschooltools.ca.

| KINDERGARTEN | GRADE 1 | GRADE 2/3 | GRADE 4/5 | PARKER'S PLACE |
|---|--|---|--|--|
| 1 pair of gym runners to stay at school 1 backpack 1 lunch kit 1 water bottle 4 large glue sticks (not repositionable glue) 2 large white erasers 1 1-inch binder 1 large box of Kleenex 5 Staedtler HB pencils 1 package of Crayola felt markers 1 package of 2 dry erase markers 1 pair of Fiskar or Westcott metal scissors 1 bottle white liquid glue 1 package of 20 clear page Protectors 1 Ultra fine Tip Black Sharpie 1 Fine Tip Black Sharpie 2 Papermate Flair Pens (any colour) 2 Duotangs (3 prong, not plastic) 1 Highlighter 1 Small box of band-aids 1 bottle hand sanitizer 1 box of 24 Crayola wax crayons Monday/Wednesday Class Only 1 box of Freezer-size Ziploc bags Tuesday/Thursday Class Only 1 box of sandwich-size Ziploc bags | 1 pair of gym runners to stay at School 1 backpack 1 soft sided pencil case 1 hard sided pencil case 1 water bottle 1 personal headset for desktop computer (NO EARBUDS) 24 HB pencils sharpened 6 white erasers 1 box of pencil crayons (24 pack, sharpened) 1 box of wax crayons (pack of 24) 1 box of markers 1 pair of metal scissors 10 large glue sticks (not repositionable glue) 1 bottle of white glue 1 clipboard 8 black dry erase markers (Expo preferred) 1 ultra-fine tip permanent marker (Sharpie preferred) 1 fine tip permanent markers (Sharpie preferred) 2 pocket folders (no prongs) 6 duo tangs - 3 prong, no pocket, no plastic (1 red, 1 orange, 1 yellow, 1 green, 1 blue, 1 purple) 1 Hilroy Studio Scrap Book 14"x 11" 2 large boxes of Kleenex 2 boxes of Ziploc bags (1 freezer size and 1 sandwich size) 1 package of 10 clear plastic page protectors | 1 pair of gym runners to stay at school 1 backpack 36 HB pencils (Venus or Dixon Sharpened) 1 package of pencil crayons (sharpened) 1 package of felt markers 1 hand pencil sharpener 1 personal headset for desktop computer (NO EARBUDS) 3 white erasers 1 30 cm ruler (cm and mm) 2 large glue sticks 6 fine tip dry erase markers (Black) 2 zippered pencil cases 2 large boxes of Kleenex 1 pair of scissors 4 duo tangs with prongs, no plastic (1 yellow, 1 red, 1 orange, 1 blue) 1 1.5" binder 1 highlighter pen 1 bottle hand sanitizer Last Names A-K 1 box of sandwich Ziploc bags Last Names L-Z 1 box of large freezer Ziploc bags | 1 pair of gym runners to stay at school 1 backpack 1 water bottle 1 personal headset for desktop computer (NO EARBUDS) 48 HB pencils (Venus or Dixon) (sharpened) 5 white erasers 1 30 cm ruler (cm and mm/clear/unbendable) 1 package of pencil crayons (sharpened) 1 package of felt markers 5 large glue sticks (UHU preferred) 1 hand pencil sharpener (encased) 12 fine-tip dry erase markers 5 fine tip permanent markers (Sharpie preferred) 1 zippered pencil case 2 large boxes of Kleenex 1 pair of scissors (adult size) 15 duo tangs with prongs (not plastic) (assorted colours) 2 highlighter pens 2 spiral bound notebooks 1 small package of lined loose leaf 5 Papermate flair pens 2 two-pocket duotang folders 1 bottle hand sanitizer | 1 pair of gym runners to stay at school 1 backpack 1 water bottle 1 personal headset for desktop computer (NO EARBUDS) 6 large glue sticks 1 yellow skinny highlighter 6 large boxes of Kleenex 12 duo tangs-3 prong, no pocket, no plastic (2 red, 2 orange, 2 yellow, 2 green, 2 blue, 2 purple) 1 package of Mr. Sketch scented markers 1 box pencil crayons (24 pack, sharpened) 1 box of wax crayon (24 pack) 1 pencil box 1 box of large sized Ziploc bags 1 box of band-aids 1 bottle hand sanitizer |



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How do you do start?*

1. Go to **Staples.ca/SchoolTools**
2. Find / select your **child’s school, teacher** and/or **classroom**.
3. Order your child’s **supply list** when it appears.
4. Select **free delivery** with your paid order, arriving direct to your home within 2-3 days – or directly to their school, if they offer this service.

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Questions?: [Staples.ca/SchoolTools](https://www.staples.ca/SchoolTools)

*program begins online as of June 12, 2020.

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