

Welcome to Kindergarten at Lakeside Public School

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Welcome to Lakeside Public School Full Day Kindergarten Program!

We are the proud administrators of
Lakeside Public School.

Mrs. Mary Cousens (Principal on right) and
Ms. Cindy Wilson (Vice Principal on left)



We wish we were meeting you in person but due to the COVID-19 Pandemic this is the format that we believe will help give both parents/guardians and students an introduction to us and our awesome school! There are slides for parents and slides for students... please enjoy this presentation together with your child!

Family Partnerships

You are your child's first and most important teacher and we want to learn from you as we get to know your child.

We promise we will work with you to support your child!



Kindergarten is for ALL students

Children entering Kindergarten are competent, curious and full of potential. They come with diverse backgrounds, lived experiences and special education needs, and are at different stages of development.

Our classrooms are inclusive environments rich with incredible learning experiences for ALL.



Kindergarten Teams

Kindergarten classrooms have an educator team consisting of:

- an **designated early childhood educator** (DECE),
- a **classroom teacher**, and
- a **prep-coverage teacher**.

LPS Staff

Currently we have two FDK classes and one SK/1 class to make up our Kindergarten team. Here are members of that current team.



Mrs. Broughton

Mrs. Broughton is one of our prep coverage teachers which means she comes into the class almost every day and takes over for our main teacher. Mrs. Broughton has a passion for Music and the Arts. You always see the students and staff highly energized in class with Mrs. Broughton!



Mrs. Brown

Mrs. Brown has a passion for early literacy and working with Kindergarten learners. She has such an enthusiasm for her teaching and to work with her students. She recognizes the importance of teaching the foundational practices of Literacy and Math in a fun and engaging learning environment.



Mrs. Burton

An experienced Kindergarten Teacher who has a love for working with young children. She has worked with students in Northern Ontario and now lives in Keswick. She has a creative approach to her teaching and ensures that students use inquiry as an approach to learning.



Ms. Crawford

Ms. Crawford is a passionate, high energy and compassionate Designated Early Childhood Educator (DECE) who is typically in the middle of the students engaging them in language and excitement about their learning. She is always smiling and is adored by her students.



Mrs. Cunningham

Mrs. Cunningham is a passionate teacher who loves to set up provocations for her students to explore. She is typically right in the middle of the experience asking students why they make the decisions they make and guiding them to continue to develop more literacy and math skills. She loves working with all of her students.



Mrs. Leslie

Ms. Leslie is our Special Education Resource Teacher who supports our learners in Kindergarten. She will support our students who require referrals to our Speech and Language Pathologist, School Psychologist and will support all the students in the class environment on a regular basis. She is specially trained to support students with special learning needs.



Mrs. Manning

Mrs. Manning is a very experienced Child and Youth Worker. She works in all the kindergarten rooms as well as our Primary classes when necessary. She supports students with engaging activities, has a passion for working with children but also loves animals which have been seen in our classrooms in the past.



Mrs. Marshall

Mrs. Marshall is a very experienced Designated Early Childhood Educator. She has recently worked with the SK/1 Class and previously was in the FDK classroom. She understands student development, works to find exciting and engaging activities to support her students in gaining valuable fun learning.



Mrs. Platt

Mrs. Platt is a patient and thoughtful Designated Early Childhood Educator (DECE) who engages with her students with enthusiasm and compassion. She always is soft spoken in how she engages the students with thoughtful provocations and sound pedagogy.



Mrs. Tait

Mrs. Tait is one of our prep coverage teachers and is a very experienced teacher who has a passion for literacy and Mathematics. She also loves the environment and often takes the students outside to engage them in developing compassion for the environment through her engaging learning experiences.



Elizabeth Sydie ~ Speech and Language Pathologist

Elizabeth supports our students with language rich programs, assessments and referrals if there are concerns or delays in articulation and supports our staff as a resource in guiding our language rich environments. Elizabeth supports our students through the referral process.



Tour of our School

One of our most favourite things about our Welcome to Kindergarten night is that we typically do a scavenger hunt of the school where students travel around the school to see the classrooms, the gym, meet all the teachers.

Here is a tour of the school so that you can see the school and meet the staff. Always nice to put a face to a name!

Please note, we are a...



Fragrance Free Zone

Entrance

We welcome all our students, parents, guardians, guests and staff at Lakeside PS! You will see these three Welcome messages upon your arrival on property. We ask that you please come to the main office to access the school if necessary and sign in with us.



Main Office

Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Chung run the office at Lakeside PS. They are a kind pair who are always there to support and help! If you need to reach your child, don't hesitate to call the school and one of them will be happy to help!



Kindergarten Play Yard

Our fenced in Kindergarten play yard is adjacent to our Kiss 'n Ride loop. We ask that students are dropped off at the designated gate, parents/guardians or others doing the drop off to please not enter the Play Yard for safety reasons.



Gym



Library AKA Learning Commons

Currently we do not have our Learning Commons open due to COVID protocols but we expect things will be different for the FALL 2021. We just had it all painted and so the furniture and book shelves are a mess... you will all have to wait til September to see the new look! Rest assured, there are MANY books and fun things to do in our Learning Commons.

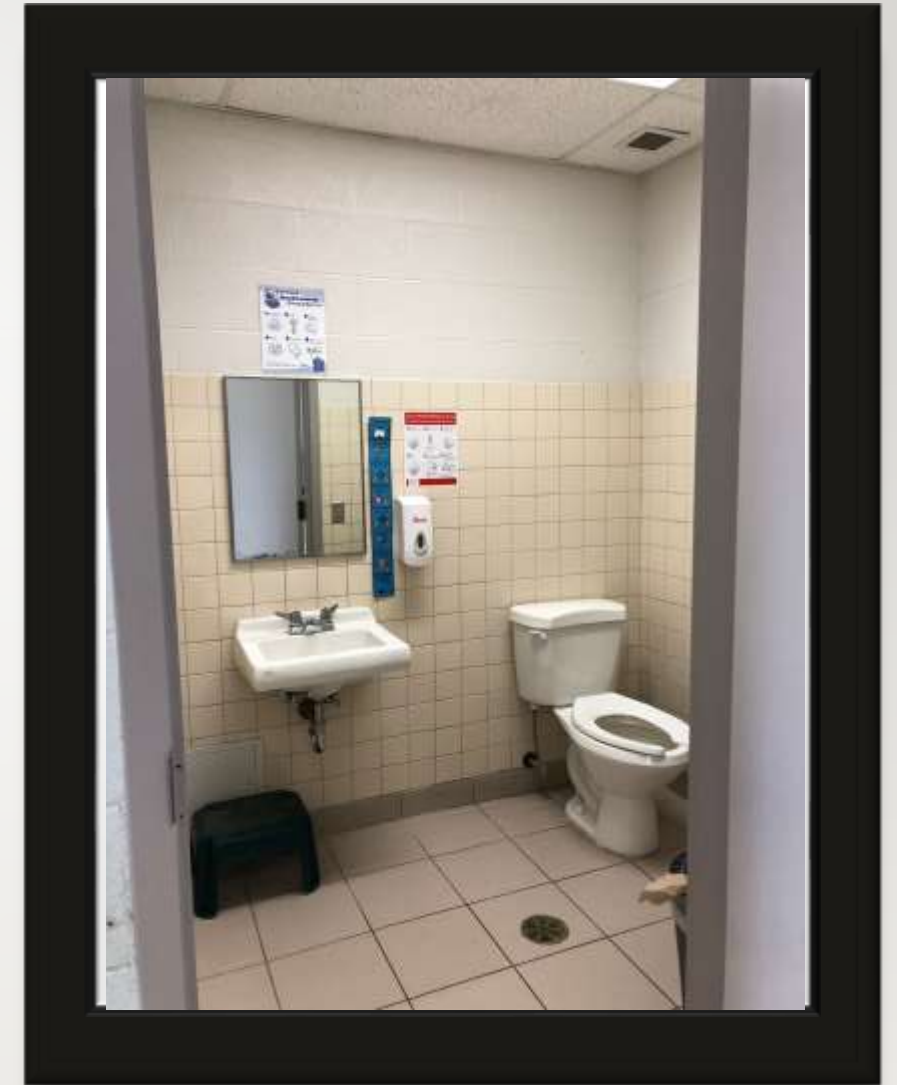


Outdoor Classroom



Washroom

Kindergarten students at Lakeside are fortunate in that they have a washroom in the classroom. Our DECEs will help those who need (if necessary) but our students are able to show independence in the washroom.



Play structure

Be sure to come and check out our playground when the school yards are open to the public at the end of COVID-19



LPS Playground Space



Playful Learning in Kindergarten

Each family will receive a paper copy of the Playful Learning in Kindergarten booklet. Here are some of the pages for you to review now!



We can **make friends** when we play.



DID YOU KNOW?

Children can develop positive relationships through play. During play, children learn how to recognize and manage their emotions, share and take turns while developing trust and empathy.



DID YOU KNOW?

During creative play, children have opportunities for risk-taking, self-expression and critical thinking. When children explore the arts (e.g., drawing, signing and dancing) through play, they investigate colour, rhythm and sound. This helps them develop new ways of expressing themselves.

We can **create**
when we play.



We can **explore**
when we play.



DID YOU KNOW?

Children explore, investigate and interact with their environment as they play. As children observe, discuss and share their discoveries, they deepen their understanding of the world around them.



DID YOU KNOW?

During play, children can write in different ways to share an idea or a message, such as using a variety of words, pictures and/or symbols.

We can **draw** **and write** when we play.



Typical day in Kindergarten at LPS

8:00 – 8:10 AM ~ Free entry for our FDK students to be dropped off in the Kindergarten Play Space at the Main Entrance Door and will be greeted by our friendly support staff and our DECEs. Caregivers do not enter the gated area or the school as staff are there to support transitions in to school. Bussed students are escorted from the bus loop as are Lakeside daycare students from their daycare space to classrooms.

8:10 AM: School Day officially begins!

8:10 – 9:50 AM: Morning Learning Block (100 min)

9:50 – 10:20 AM: Recess

10:20 – 12:00 PM: Middle Learning Block (100 min)

12:00 – 1:00 PM: Lunch (30 min eating time & 30 min of Recess)

1:00 – 2:40 PM: Afternoon Learning Block (100 min)

2:40 PM: Dismissal (walkers are “handed off” to designated caregiver, bus students escorted and put on the bus and Lakeside daycare students are escorted to their designated spaces)



Snacks & Lunches ~ Awareness of Food Allergies

Every parent/guardian has the right to believe that their child is going to be safe when attending school. For parents with children who have severe allergies, it can be more worrisome. There are significant issues for some of our students regarding food allergies. We need everyone's help; an anaphylactic reaction is something we are trying to prevent. It is easier to say what not to send in:

- Peanuts, tree nuts, or items that MAY contain nuts.

If your child has an epi-pen, please contact the teacher before September. We require our students who have epi-pens to wear their epi-pens in a pouch at all times. Field trips require a 2nd epi-pen to be sent with the child.

All students need to bring daily snacks that are nutritious & stored in easy to open independently. Our staff does not feed students; every kindergarten child must be able to eat independently. Snacks and Lunch sent to school must not require heating or refrigeration and be litter-less lunches where possible. Please identify snacks (please put snacks in a different container than lunch) and lunch for your child. Most parents find it easier to prepare lunches and snacks the night before. Many students enjoy being a part of the process of preparing snacks and lunches too!

Water bottles are always encouraged and we hope that you can send in a container that can be kept for easy access for your child to remain hydrated throughout the school day. Always be sure that everything that is sent to school is well labeled and that your child can identify their things.



Change of Clothes



We recognize that it is sometimes hard to be perfect with toilet issues, especially when some of our learners are still 3 years old when they come to Kindergarten. That being said, we encourage you to send in an extra change of clothes in a labelled ziplock bag that we can keep at school in case of an emergency. It means we don't have to call you if there is an accident. We do have some donated clean clothes but not enough for all of the emergencies. Also, if you could please label ALL clothes that come to school. We have a massive pile of Lost and Found items that are donated at the end of each season.

Backpacks

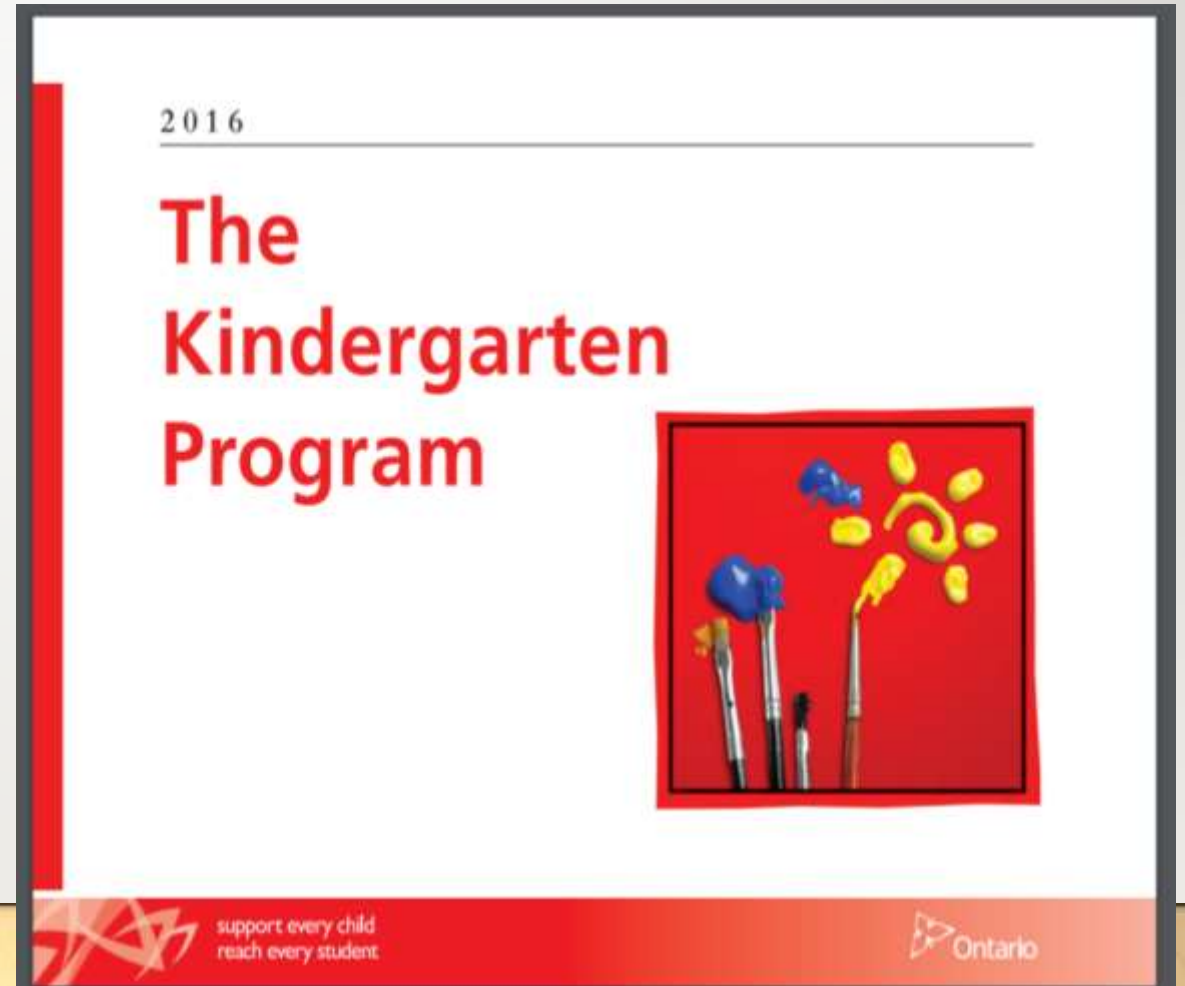


Each student must have a backpack that will be large enough to hold their lunch, their agenda, their library book (often quite wide and large for our early readers) and potentially other items like change of clothes, winter gear or splash pants. Typically we see awesome looking backpacks that don't hold enough for students and parents have to purchase another. When you are purchasing for Back to School please ensure that it is going to fit all the items.

FDK Program AKA Curriculum

The Ministry of Education for Ontario (MOE) dictates the curriculum for our learners from Kindergarten to Grade 12. As a parent/guardian you have access to these documents through the MOE Website. Check out...

<https://www.ontario.ca/document/kindergarten-program-2016>



Assessment & Evaluation

- We have our own Assessment Guide for the Kindergarten Program and this is also found on the MOE website.
- The educators work together, teacher and designated early childhood educator (DECE) to support the learning of all students and will report to you on a regular basis.



Formal Communication of Learning

Initial Observations (Nov/Dec)

| Year 1 | Year 2 |
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| <p>Kindergarten Communication of Learning: Initial Observations reports will be sent home</p> <p>You will be invited to an <u>In-Class Observation Visit</u></p> | <p>Kindergarten Communication of Learning: Initial Observations reports will be sent home</p> <p>You will be invited to participate in a <u>Meeting</u> with your child's educator(s)</p> |



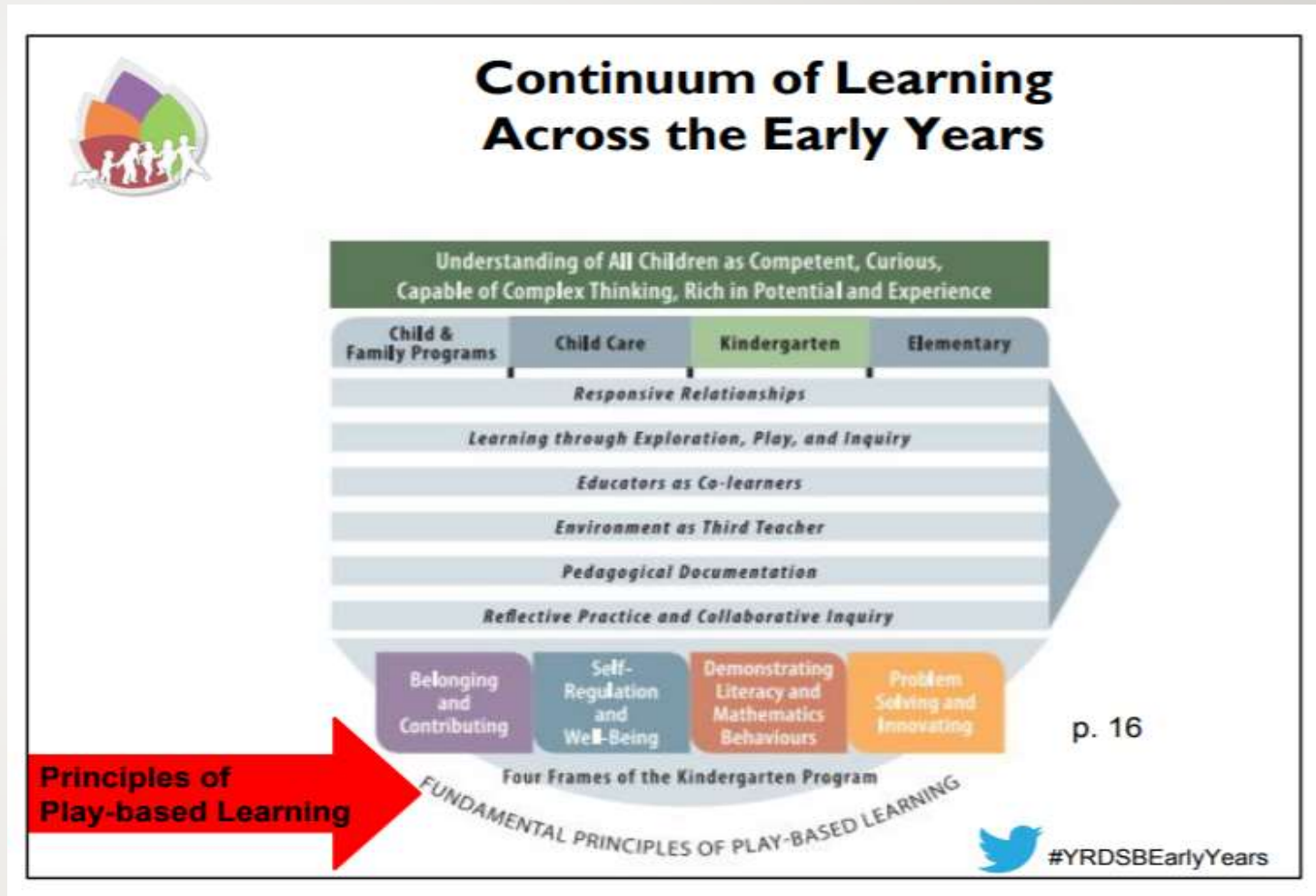
Formal Communication of Learning

Term 1 & Term 2

- Written comments shared in February (Term 1) and June (Term 2)
- Learning will be summarized using the four frames for learning
- Key learning, growth in learning will be described within each frame
- Next steps to support your child's learning at school and home will be included



The Kindergarten Program falls between Early Years Family and Child Care and Elementary school... Focus is Play Based learning with Literacy, Math and Self Regulation Skills embedded... (see chart)



Four Frames of FDK

- Belonging and Contributing
- Self-Regulation and Well-Being
- Demonstration Literacy and Mathematics Behaviours
- Problem Solving and Innovating

These are the areas of focus for the FDK program and the assessment tools (eg. report cards) are broken down into these 4 frames. In the Kindergarten play-based learning program, children explore, play and inquire, both indoors and outdoors, four frames for learning. More information and specifics are in the MOE documents and will come to you in the Fall from the teachers.





Exciting
learning!



Play Based Learning

“Play-based learning supports growth in the language and culture of children and their families.”

(The Kindergarten Program, p. 18)

As children and educators engage in play-based learning together, the foundations of early literacy and mathematics are built.



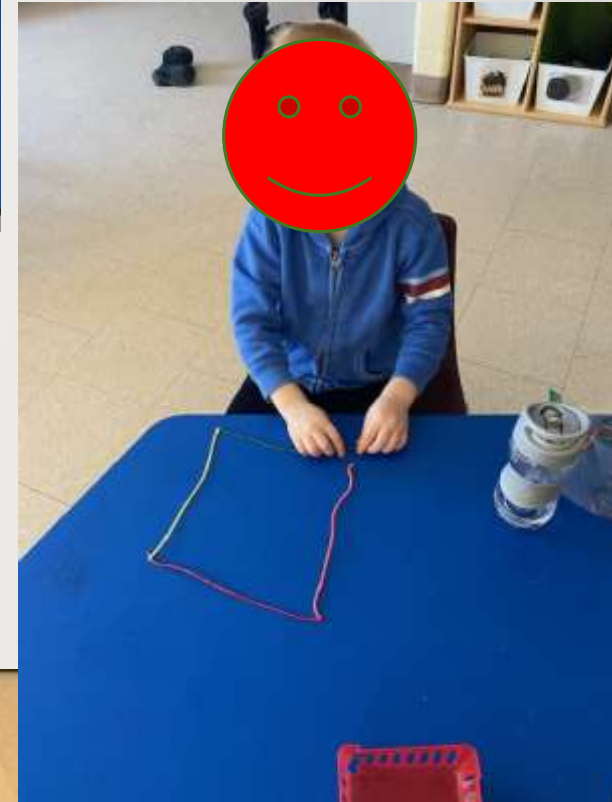
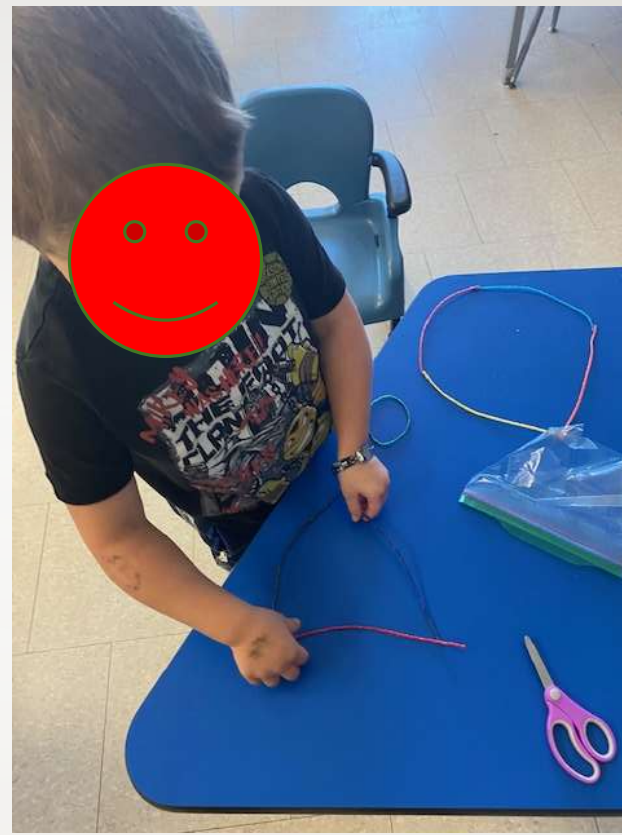
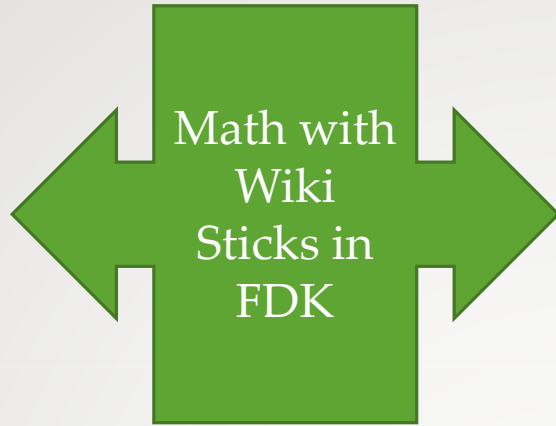
Focus on Outdoor Education

~ At LPS we are fortunate to have teachers who have a passion for outdoor learning and here are some exciting moments





Math exploration
in the Outdoor
classroom with
Mrs. Tait



THE ZONES OF REGULATION®

EXPLORING EMOTIONS



We use the language found in the Zones of Regulation to help students understand that there are many emotions, all of them legitimate, but that we are always trying to function at school in the Green Zone when we are learning. Teachers use the resources and strategies that are best suited for the students in their classrooms and provide regular check ins with their students. Strategies to move out of the Blue, Yellow and Red zones are discussed, practiced and celebrated.

For more information check out:
<http://www.zonesofregulation.com/>

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| <p>Ready to learn</p> <p>Green Zone</p> <p>Happy Calm</p> <p></p> | <p>Tired Sick</p> <p>Blue Zone</p> <p> Sad</p> |
| <p>Excited</p> <p>Yellow Zone</p> <p>Silly Anxious</p> <p></p> | <p> Terrified</p> <p>Red Zone</p> <p>Angry</p> |

Learning through purposeful play

Educators intentionally plan and create purposeful, play-based learning experiences. Children have opportunities to:

Make Friends

Explore

Draw

Read

Build

Imagine

Share ideas

Create

Write

Move

Problem Solve

Discover





LPS School Council

Please don't hesitate to come out and join our wonderful group of parents who sit on our School Council. The Council will have the first meeting at the end of September and they typically meet 6 times a year.

Council serves as an advisory team of parents and guardians to the LPS Administration. We often have great talks about the wonderful ideas that the Council can do to support the learning and social experience for all students. Please look out for more information that will come in your opening school package.

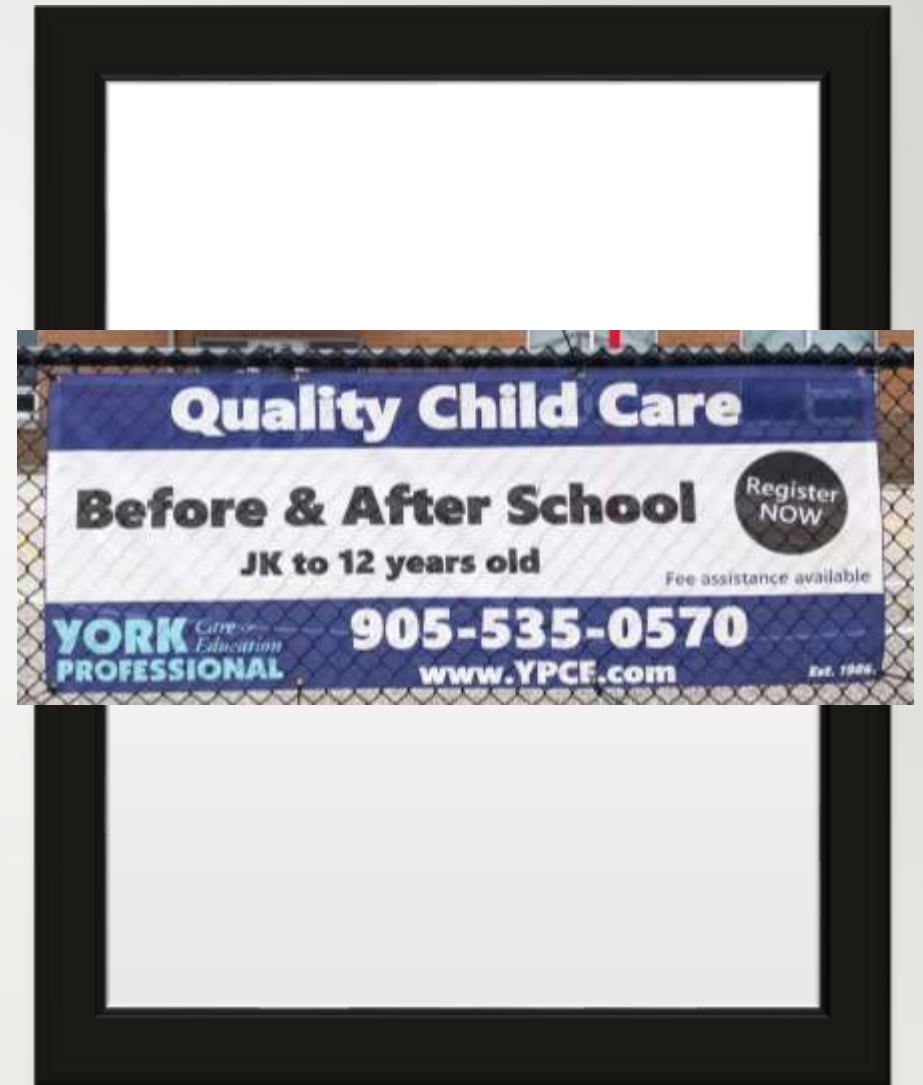
Lakeside Public School Breakfast Club

Every day our dedicated team of Mrs. Chisholm, Mrs. Kocot & Mrs. Hunt creates a safe and welcoming morning experience where ALL students are welcome for breakfast fare... After lunch, students get another snack opportunity brought to their classroom. Due to COVID we had to have our SNACK program a-la-carte! Which has been a great success. We still ask parents to send appropriate snacks, these are considered extras.



Before and After Care

Our wonderful before and afterschool team are not Lakeside staff but work alongside with us to support transitions, social and emotional growth and keeping our children safe and engaged. We currently have a designated room beside our Kindergarten classes for our B&A program. Please contact them directly if you are interested in having your child registered in this program.



First Day of School

In the past, the YRDSB supports a staggered start of our Junior or First Year Kindergarten students. We expect that this will be the same plan but if there are any changes we will let you know asap. If we go on past practice, that would mean that we have all Senior or Second Year kindergarten students attend for a full day. TENTATIVE DATE IS SEPTEMBER 9, 2021.

The 1st year students come for about 90 minutes and are divided between the middle and last block of the day. The 2nd day of school is a full day.

We will contact you at the end of June to let you know which block your child is to attend and who your child's teacher will be.



Bussing



For students who qualify for the bus (this can be found on the links located on the YRDSB) bussing will begin on the 2nd day of school for JK or First Year students.

We assist students on to the bus and parents/guardians have to meet their children at the bus stop. If no parent/guardian is present, the bus driver will not leave the student and will return the child to the school. The school will supervise your child until you come pick them up.

Please note that the school office closes by 3:30 PM.

Bussing



Student Transportation Services of York Region

[\(http://net.schoolbuscity.com/\)](http://net.schoolbuscity.com/)

Families can access this website to:

- Check if you are eligible for the school bus
- Find your bus stop



Lakeside Public School Pride

SCHOOL COLOURS

Blue & Yellow



SCHOOL MASCOT

Lightening

Please note: This logo was designed by one of our students in December 2020 as a submission for our School Wide Art Contest!

See you soon! Can't wait to meet you!



Lakeside Public School ~ Proud of our
Students and Staff

~ We welcome you to our school! ~