



LOCKVIEW PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Welcome Back Leopards!

Lockview staff extends a warm welcome back to our school community. We hope that everyone enjoyed a healthy and relaxing summer! We would like to acknowledge and thank Mrs. Langille and the caretaking team for making our school spic and span for our first day back! Another thank you goes to our secretarial staff, Ms. Allison and Ms. Stone, for all of their efforts in getting the school up and running. Finally, a big shout out goes to our educational staff who have been working hard getting their classrooms ready for a new year!

Safety – Well-being – Learning

We know that school is beginning differently this year, but our goal for the first few weeks will be to make our students feel comfortable coming back to school after such a long time. Our priorities are **safety, well-being and learning**, and we will be establishing routines to meet those priorities. On the first day of school, teachers will review various routines including mask protocol, handwashing, physical distancing, hallway flow and directional arrows, washroom use and cough and sneeze protocol, etc.

Informational Videos

Check out our informational videos, starring Lockview’s principal, Miss Findlay! These videos will show you first hand the great work we have done to maximize safety in our school. They have been sent to Lockview families via School Messenger and will be posted on our website. If you did not receive an email via School Messenger, please contact Lockview school at 905-934-3331, and leave a message detailing the parent/guardian’s first name, last name and up-to-date email address.

New Return to School Protocols

This year, the return to school will look very different for our students and staff. Our school is set up to maximize safety based on advice and protocols that have been set in place by Niagara Regional Public Health as well as the Ministry of Education. Please take some time to read through this newsletter so you and your child(ren) will know what to expect when you return to school.

Staggered Start to School

As announced on the DSBN website, we will be having a staggered start to our school year. Our goal is to return to school with safety, well-being and learning in mind. We appreciate your support and understanding as we work to achieve this goal.

Students attending in School learning					
	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	September 7	September 8	September 9	September 10	September 11
When does my child attend school?	Labour Day - No School	Kindergarten Grade 1	Kindergarten Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3	Kindergarten Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 5 Grade 6	Kindergarten Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 5 Grade 6 Grade 7 Grade 8
Designated Special Education classes will all return on Tuesday September 8					

Bell Times

A **new** school schedule has been created in compliance with COVID-19 protocols. As a result, **our bell times have changed** slightly. Please see updated bell times below. Niagara Student Transportation Services (bussing), crossing guards and YMCA Day Care are aware of our changes.

There will be staff supervising before school for 20 minutes and after school for 20 minutes until Friday, October 2. Beginning Monday, October 5, there will be staff supervising before school for only **15 minutes** and after school for 20 minutes.

8:30 a.m.	Entry Bell
8:30 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.	Period 1 - Entry with class community
8:50 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Period 2
9:30 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.	Period 3
10:10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.	Period 4
10:50 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Period 5
11:30 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.	Period 6
12:10 p.m. – 12:50 p.m.	Period 7
12:50 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Period 8
1:30 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.	Period 9
2:10 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.	Period 10
2:50 p.m.	Dismissal with class community

Staggered Fitness and Nutrition Breaks

Nutrition and fitness breaks will be staggered throughout the day for each classroom community. For example:

- periods 3 and 6
- periods 4 and 7
- periods 5 and 8

Masks

Students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 are not required to wear a mask but it is recommended. All students in Grades 4-8 will be expected to wear a mask:

- while they are in their outdoor designated classroom communities upon entry to the school yard (past the gate) each morning and during dismissal each afternoon.
- inside the school.

Students may take off their masks:

- to eat during nutrition breaks as instructed by their teacher
- when they are outdoors for learning.
- when they are outdoors for fitness/nutritional breaks.

Please ensure your child has their mask when they arrive at school each day.

Morning Entry and Afternoon Dismissal Procedures

- **Kindergarten:** Upon entry, students will be greeted by staff at the gate and staff will accompany students directly into their classrooms. Parents/Guardians will say goodbye at the Kindergarten Courtyard gate. At dismissal, there will be a designated location for pick up.

- **Grades 1-8:** Parents will say goodbye at Lockview’s Kiss and Ride or by either gate to the school yard. Students will be greeted by staff and proceed to walk along the designated walking area (demarcated by a yellow line) to their outdoor designated class communities (demarcated by red lines). Upon dismissal, students will be escorted by their teacher to their outdoor designated class communities for dismissal to parent(s)/guardian(s) who are waiting at the Kiss & Ride or gate. Students in Grades 4-8 are to wear masks upon entry to the school yard (past the gate) each morning and during dismissal each afternoon.
- **All Students:** Unfortunately, parents/guardians will not be permitted beyond any gates into any of Lockview’s yards before or after school. Additional details can be found on the Lockview website at <https://lockview.dsbm.org/> including:
 - A letter to Lockview families sent via School Messenger and Remind on September 3.
 - A map of Lockview’s outdoor designated class communities.

Parents/Visitors to the Building

At this time, Niagara Regional Public Health has mandated that parents and visitors not enter the school. Please contact the office to set up an appointment.

Late Arrival Process

We know that there are some mornings that despite best efforts being made, students occasionally arrive late. In the past, parents would walk students into the office to get an admit class slip. To comply with safety protocols, students who arrive late will buzz the office and wait for a staff member to let the student into the building. Unfortunately, parents/guardians will not be permitted to enter the building with the student(s). Please be aware that entry may take some time depending on the number of students who require entry. We appreciate your patience as we work through this new process.

Lunch Drop Off

We know that some parents like to drop student lunches off at the office before our nutritional breaks. We request that students arrive at school with their lunch and snacks in order to limit contact.

Collection of Funds and Forms (IMPORTANT)

School Cash Online enables you to:

- use your debit or credit card to make quick and easy payments.
- complete important forms.
- provide permission for school events.

To access the system, click on the “School Cash” button on our school website. Parents who do not bank online are always welcome to contact the office for an alternate method of payment. **PLEASE NOTE: The usual Welcome Back to School package will be posted on school cash online. It contains important forms that must be completed by parents/guardian. You will receive an email notice when they are available.**

Cell Phones

Students will not be using lockers this year. Therefore, cell phones will need to be turned OFF and will be kept in student backpacks during instructional and break times. Students may bring a cell phone to school knowing it cannot be locked in a locker. The school will not be responsible for damaged, misplaced or stolen cell phones.

School Supplies

We would like to ask that your child(ren) bring the following each day:

- nut free snack
- nut free lunch
- refillable water bottle
- indoor shoes
- headphones

Back to school shopping is always a fun activity that students and parents alike enjoy. Students will not be sharing personal materials in their classrooms. Below is a list of suggested supplies should you wish to purchase items. Rest assured that we will supply students with all necessary materials. Here are some suggested items:

- pencil
- eraser
- crayons (K-Gr 3)
- pencil crayons and/or markers (Gr 4-8)
- glue stick
- scissors
- ruler (Gr 1-8)
- calculator (Gr 3-8)

Communication/Agendas

Due to COVID-19, we strive to minimize sharing of items so student agendas will not be used this year. Each classroom teacher will be communicating during the first few weeks of school indicating how they will prefer to communicate with parents.

Technology and Library Returns

Please return all technology that was borrowed from the school in the spring as soon as possible so we can begin disinfecting and deploying to student classrooms again. All library books should be returned to your child's teacher upon return as well.

Water Fountain

Water fountains are available to fill reusable water bottles only. All drinking spouts have been covered at this time.

Website and Social Media

Stay Connected! Check out the following social media:

- School Website: lockview.dsbm.org
- Twitter: @LockviewDSBN
- The Remind App

DSBN Dress Code

Everyone has their own unique style and aesthetic. We celebrate students' individuality and respect their ability to express themselves. Our only expectation is that all students come to school dressed appropriately for a learning environment. When deciding on what clothes your child will wear, we ask that all members of our school community are mindful of:

- Health and safety considerations
- The dignity and well-being of all students and staff (i.e. clothing that is free of inappropriate or discriminatory imagery or wording)

Prevalent Medical Conditions

If you have a child with a prevalent medical condition (Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes, and/or Epilepsy or others) we want to make sure we have a current Plan of Care to support your child. All parents of children with prevalent medical conditions are asked to fill out the new Plan of Care and submit to the school. These were sent to students in June to those with existing prevalent medical conditions. You can download the forms at <https://www.dsbm.org/prevalent-medical-conditions>. For more information, please contact the school.

Concussions

The DSBM has a concussion policy and procedure to support proper prevention, identification, management, and return to learn strategies. The DSBM engages in concussion education in a variety of ways, including recognizing Rowan's Law Day commemorated on the last Wednesday in September to raise awareness about concussions. If your child has sustained a suspected or actual concussion while not at school, please contact the school.

Mental Health and Well-Being

Mental health and well-being is an important factor in student success. Learning to form healthy relationships, maintain physical health, academic engagement, and educational achievement are all impacted by mental health and well-being. Students mental health and well-being is supported in a variety of ways:

- Helping students feel safe and included
- Instilling a sense of belonging and connectedness
- Working with them to feel confident in their identity

To learn more visit: <https://www.dsbm.org/programs-services/well-being/home>

Special Education

Special education supports and programs are responsive to the strengths and needs of each student ensuring a successful learning environment for all. Working together and collaborating with parents as a team to support our students is essential to achieving success. For more information, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

Use of Technology for Learning

To enhance the learning and empowerment of our students and maintain an effective and safe electronic learning environment, the DSBM requires that all students follow the rules and responsible use of technology as stated in the Digital Citizenship Agreement signed by both parents and students at the beginning of the school year. Students who choose to bring a device do so at their own risk and must accept responsibility for its care. We will not be held responsible for damage, loss or theft. ****Devices are to be placed in backpacks upon arrival on school property and kept in backpacks during the day. If parents need to contact their child throughout the day, please contact the office.***

Transportation

We strongly encourage all students to get into their routine right from the first day of school.

In August, Niagara Student Transportation Services (NSTS) posted specific back to school transportation arrangements for each student enrolled at the school.

Please visit www.nsts.ca and sign-in to the secure parent portal to get your child's student transportation information. To sign-in to the portal you will need your child's Ontario Education Number (OEN) which can be found on their report card.

Changes to home, pick-up and/or drop-off addresses must be made through your child's school. During the summer you may notify NSTS of address changes so a bus stop is available for your child to start the school year; however, NSTS is not authorized to change student address information. Please contact your school or NSTS if you have questions regarding your child's transportation.

Recording Your Child's Absence

REPORTING YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE

Whether it's an illness, a medical appointment or other important event, there are times when students may need to be away from school. The District School Board of Niagara is introducing a new method for parents to report their child(ren)'s absences. Using the Safe Arrival system, parents will be able to report daily absences, and even schedule absences in one of three ways:

- Call toll-free before bell time:**
1-866-606-5567
- Logging on to the web portal by clicking here.** Using this website, you can set up your account to report and schedule absences.
[LOGIN](#)
- Using your smart phone or tablet.** Simply download the SchoolMessenger app. The app is compatible with both Apple and Android devices.
[IPHONE](#) [ANDROID](#)

Inclement Weather

We will be spending more time outdoors this year with the new Covid-19 protocols so we ask you're your child dresses appropriately for the weather (e.g., rain boots and a rain jacket). There may be times during the school year where inclement weather or other situations could cause transportation cancellations or school closures. Information about transportation cancellations and school closures will be available through the following channels:

- REMIND! The fastest way to find out!
- www.dsbn.org or www.nsts.ca
- DSBN Facebook or Twitter
- NSTS Message
- Local radio and television stations.

We look forward to working with students, families and the community to ensure the success of all of our students. Together, we can accomplish great things. Looking forward to a great 2020-21 school year!

Miss Rosemary Findlay, Principal
Ms. Stacy Turner, Vice-Principal