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# LSK SCHOOL

## Upcoming Events...

2<sup>nd</sup> - All students return to school for in-class learning

2<sup>nd</sup> - Orange Shirt Day

11<sup>th</sup> - Last day of classes for grades K3 to K4

11<sup>th</sup> - Last day of classes for grades 9 to 12

14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> - Exams for grades 9-12

20<sup>th</sup> - Father's Day

21<sup>st</sup> - Aboriginal Day

**\*\*NO SCHOOL**

24<sup>th</sup> - Last day of classes for grades Primary to 8

25<sup>th</sup> - Grade 12 Graduation

25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> - Marking Days for Teachers

**\*\* NO STUDENTS**

30<sup>th</sup> - Report Card Day and

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!**

## Principal's Message...

*Ms. Kelly Oliver*

It's June, Nipniku's, leave budding time! The weather is sunny and we can spend more time outdoors. We are on the final stretch to completion of another school year. We would like to thank all of the families for supporting us through online learning.

It was very unexpected that we were able to return to in-person learning. We were so excited. It has been a very hard year for families, staff and students, but we did it! We are so excited to be able to reconnect with our children.

In memory of the 215 Kamloops Indian Residential School children whose bodies were discovered, all staff wore orange shirts and/or ribbon skirts when we returned on Wednesday, June 03<sup>rd</sup>.

The last day of classes for grades 9-12 will be Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, followed by a week of exams. The last day of classes for K3 and K4 will also be Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. The last day of classes for grades P-8 will be Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, followed by our High School graduation on Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to all of our LSK graduates; you did it! You will always be one of the most memorable graduates, a Pandemic Grad. More than half of your high school years were during a global pandemic and you prospered through the challenges of online learning and succeeded. You have proved you can do anything you set your mind to even when faced with challenges.

Our cultural trail is well on its way. The bridge is almost completed and next we will be building a cookhouse, outdoor classroom, wigwam and sweat. Next year we plan to add educational signage.

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This month's seven sacred teachings we are focusing on is Tetpqa'q, truth. Truth is to know all of the seven sacred teachings. Truth is represented by the turtle because it was here since the beginning and carries all of its teachings on its back. North America is called Turtle Island, as it is shaped like a turtle. The turtle's shell contains symbols that show the 13 full moons in a year as well as a 28-day cycle. Living the truth is by living with all seven of the sacred teachings, wisdom, courage, honesty, love, truth, humility and respect.

The staff at LSK would like to wish our students and families a safe and happy summer.

## Vice Principal's Message...

*Ms. Amy Maloney*

Pjila'si to our last month of this school year! I am so happy to see all the staff and students in person again! We have been given a few challenges this year and thanks to everyone, staff and parents that had to go above and beyond during Covid. I am hoping to see more outdoor education happening this month. With the new bridge being completed, access will be more of an easy stroll for all who are using this. Out of respect, we are asking those who have been taking dogs for walks, please do not let them use the trail for a place to go on.

Please continue to enjoy the magical and peaceful walks in nature.

What students can tell me how many steps to get to the path from the school?

“DIFFICULT ROADS OFTEN LEAD TO BEAUTIFUL DESTINATIONS” (Author unknown)

Mrs. Amy

## Library...

*Mrs. Sharon Culbertson*

Once again, we are returning to school to finish the 2020-2021 school year. It has been a busy few weeks of online learning, but it will be nice to see our students (and staff) again. Even though I have not been conducting virtual library classes, I have been very busy with my own learning. I have completed a few courses of online learning.

June will be very busy for everyone, but we will still have to make certain that we are continuing to practice our Covid-19 safety protocols... wearing masks, social distancing, hand sanitizing/hand washing and a great deal of common sense. With this in mind, I am hoping to re-establish library sessions in the library. It is so nice when students get an opportunity to choose which books they would like to read.

I hope that everyone does his or her best to end the school year on a positive note. It has been one crazy and extremely busy year. I know that I have learned a great deal this year. I learned that our students are more than capable of following the Covid-19 protocols. Our teachers are wonderful at adapting to the situations that occur. Online learning is much more easier for everyone this time around, especially since the students are more comfortable and knowledgeable about utilizing their Chrome books. I know this first hand because I was offered an opportunity to judge the Heritage Fair projects. They were all wonderful!! Well-done students!!!

Finally, I would like to congratulate all of our graduates. You have worked extremely hard to finish off our education and I will you all the best with your future endeavours. Enjoy your summer!!!!

## Elementary Resource...

Ms. Leslie Paul

I would like to thank parents, guardians and students for their hard work and dedication this term working online. I hope everyone enjoys a wonderful summer break; you all deserve it. I look forward to seeing students when school begins again in September. Please stay safe, wash your hands and enjoy some reading this summer.

I would also like to congratulate all the 2021 graduates! It is with lots of respect and admiration that I wish all the grads the best in their future endeavors. Whatever you do, never stop learning, exploring, growing and challenging yourself to be your best 🌟

Ms. Leslie Paul

## Elementary Mi'kmaw Language...

Ms. Tania Gould

Kwe'/hi

Me'tal-wueyin? / How are you?

We have made it to another school year, great job everyone. It was a little different this year, however, it was done. I left many apps application with children to use over the summer to practice their Mi'kmaw language. Such apps such as Kstitajein, very children friendly, and more advance speakers could use the L'nui'suti one. The firstnationhelpdesk.com and Ktapekiaqnn are apps that ages can use, both children and adults. Have a safe and fun summer; see you all in September.

Like to wish a very happy graduation to all our 2021 grads. Great job! Best wishes to your future dreams.

## Grade Ten...

Ms. Carol Howe

Good day everyone! I'm excited to be returning to the school for in-person teaching and learning. It's been a confusing month getting adjusted to online learning. We did it! We survived the pandemic restrictions!

We only have a couple of weeks left to finish our final garments in Textile Technology 12, and I am hoping we can still make mittens out of those hides you all worked so hard to get ready for Mi'kmaq Studies 11 course. Welcome back to our community school building, I have missed seeing everyone every day.

Wela'lin,  
Ms. C. Howe

*"It always seems impossible until it is done."*

*- Nelson Mandela*

## Grade One...

Ms. Leanne Foster

What a year this has been? We thought we were staying home to learn and now we are getting to go back and see each other! Great job grade ones for your patience and staying dedicated to your learning. Let's work together to make our last few weeks a wonderful time of being together and learning lots! Great job to grade one adults for doing their best in this challenging time. We are all learning. Congratulations to our graduates this year- you have survived a senior year like no other!

## High School Learning Centre...

Mr. Robert MacIntosh

Historians have labeled different generations over the years. The Greatest Generation was the kid who grew up during World War Two. The Baby Boomers were the kids who grew up during the Cold War and the Polio Years. I think it is only fitting that this generation of kids should be known as the Bravest Generation. Over the past school year I have seen students come in to LSK during a once in a one hundred year pandemic and function as if nothing was happening around them. That takes bravery and courage. So to them I salute you and your generation. Your generation has the right stuff and I am confident that the beacon of light and hope is being passed on to a brave group of young people.

So congratulations to this graduating year of 2021. The best is yet to come. Cheers! Mr. Mac

## Grade Seven...

Ms. Erika Hilchey

Grade 7-8-9! We made it! It was a long year but you did it. Throughout all the challenges, you came to school (in person and virtual) and worked hard. I'm so proud of you.

Congrats to all the graduates this year and to those moving onto the next grade. In this year of uncertainty, you continued and worked hard and did it! I can't wait to see all of my new grade 7's next year and to teach my current students again.

Have a safe and fun summer everyone. See you in September!

## Grade Eight...

Ms. Meredith Conrad

What a year it has been! I would like to give a huge shout out THANK YOU to all of our 7-9 students and staff at LSK for their patience throughout all the covid-19 rules and online learning lessons! It has been an experience to remember for a lifetime. I also want to wish the LSK graduating class of 2021 all the best in the future, congratulations everyone! Remember, "Every ending is a new beginning"

## Music...

Ms. Bev Cheverie

Music: I hope singing games including skipping rope songs, ball activities, and campfire songs will be enjoyed throughout the summer. You know many and you know where to find even more... Musicplay, YouTube, and yes, parents and grandparents may have some to pass down from their childhood! Enjoy a beautiful Nova Scotia summer with family and friends.

*'See you in September'... yes, that's a song... and as I love to say...*

*"There's a song for everything!" Happy Summer!  
Keep singing! Ms. Bev*

Graduates: LSK 2021

Behind you,  
all your memories  
Before you,  
all your dreams  
Around you,  
all who love you  
Within you,  
All you need.  
(Author Unknown)

"If you have passion for life, you will find your life's passion."  
Ms. Bev, Music Teacher LSK 2021

## Skipping Rope Chants and Songs Rationale:

Give a kid jump rope and they are likely to use it for a few minutes – that's when they start to get tired.

### **But guess what?**

If you add a song or rhyme for them to sing as they jump rope, they are likely to jump until you tell them it's time to stop.

There are so many benefits to jumping rope that go way beyond just having fun:

- Improves balance and coordination
- Exercises parts of the brain related to reading, memory and alertness
- Gets kids outside and moving
- Inspires creativity

Jump rope songs also bring kids or groups together and help to encourage **teamwork, collaboration and friendship.**

Adding a jump rope song provides an additional challenge that keeps kids working toward the goal of making it to the end of the rhyme, or beating their previous jump count.



We are growing cauliflower, carrots, squash, corn beans, red & yellow peppers and tobacco to name a few!

### Grade Three...

Ms. Ambrah MacNeil

Hello All,

June already! I can hardly believe it. It has definitely been quite a year, full of ups and downs but with that we have all shown adaptability and resilience. I would first of all like to thank the parents of our kids for being so supportive whenever we had to transition to online learning. Your dedication to your kids is phenomenal and I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I would also like to say how excited I am to be resuming in person learning within our classrooms at LSK. I have made it my goal to do regular testing in order to put parents' minds at ease, as I am a teacher who travels from Halifax where there are still many cases. I have also had my first round of vaccinations thanks to our beautiful community and health centre. I would also like to congratulate the 2021 grads on their upcoming graduation. You have made us all so proud and have powered through a difficult and unpredictable year. You deserve all the best and I wish it for you. Many of you are students I taught when I first started here back in 2012. With that being said, I would also like to let you all know that this has been my final year teaching at LSK. Damien and I are both originally from Cape Breton and the island has been calling us back home; we will be moving back there this summer. This has not been an easy decision for me as I love my job and my students and work family. But, we have so much of our family in Cape Breton and with the last year being the way it has, we wish to be closer to them. I will miss you all dearly and I am honoured to have worked with such an amazing group of people here at LSK. I have learned so much and gained great friends in staff, community members and parents. Wela'liooq aqq Kesalul

Over and Out  
Ms. Ambrah

*“Keep your face to the sunshine and  
you cannot see a shadow.”*

*- Helen Keller*

### Physical Education...

Mr. Gordon Pictou

Welcome back to school everyone. I would like to thank everyone for participating in virtual gym and keeping a great attitude in trying their best to adjust to all the changes. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again and being able to do some great stuff outdoors to close out the year. Grades 3 and up will be playing some softball when it isn't raining for the first few classes. Students can bring their own gloves if they would like to and anyone who wants to borrow a glove, I'll be sanitizing gloves between classes. Grades K-2 will be playing soccer outdoors so please wear shoes and pants that can get dirty as the ground will still be damp some days. High School we will be adjusting the projects that were meant to take us through the virtual learning and make some time Wednesday to Friday to work on projects so bring your laptops! :)

### Grade Four...

Ms. Tabettha Stephens

Kwe,

Welcome back to in school learning for the last month of school. We missed you!

In ELA we finished reading, *The One and Only Bob* and now started the novel, *Shiloh*. For writing we will focus on Personal Narratives. In Health, we will finish the Puberty unit. In Science our topic is Light and Sound and for Math is Fractions.

We are hoping/planning to have a naming ceremony very soon.

We would like to congratulate the LSK's Graduates of 2021, you have made Sipekne'katik proud. Best of luck in your future endeavors!

We would like to wish an early Birthday wish to Tomas on July 27th and Kennedy on August 28th.

We hope everyone has a great summer!

# Traditional Knowledge Education...



## Grade Primary...

Mrs. Sheri Brooks

Kwe' everyone,

We would like to thank all of our families for helping the primary students over the past few weeks during our time with online learning. We know that it was a very different way of learning for many; however, we are now able to return to the classroom for the remainder of the year! We are looking forward to teaching in person, and seeing everyone! I hope everyone is as excited as we are! We are also looking forward to the beautiful weather! We would like to congratulate all of the graduates who have worked very hard to complete their last year of high school, it definitely was a different year, great job on your success! We would like to wish Frankie, Taleigha & Mrs. Levi a happy birthday in June, and Kovey a happy birthday in July! Stay safe and have an enjoyable summer vacation!

Mrs. Brooks & Mrs. Levi

P.S.: I like to say to all kids. I really enjoyed working with you this year. Have a wonderful summer. And to the graduates you did it yay! I wish you nothing but the best for the future. <3 Mrs. Levi

## Guidance...

Mr. Bryan Brooks

Hey Parents and Guardians,

The last month of school!! I am very excited to see your kids and I will continue to do my daily check-ins with them.

What will daily check-ins look like with Bryan and/or Tara?

- Mask to be worn the entire time (until we hear that it is OK without them)
- Most sessions will be scheduled visits. This will allow us time to disinfect the areas effectively.
- Students can either see Tara or I OR both. Since the shutdown, students have been seeing both of us and we can continue this if students wish.
- No group sessions inside the school, they will be outdoors. This is to allow appropriate distancing.

Just a reminder, Tara is with us until the end of the school year. She is on the final stretch of her placement.

I would like to say, WELCOME BACK, to the students and teachers! :)

Thank you,  
Bryan Brooks  
LSK School Counsellor

## Grade Nine...

Mr. Steve DeLisle

Well, this school year has been quite a rollercoaster. I'm happy that we'll be able to end it with in school learning at LSK. This will be great for all of junior high, especially the grade nine class who will be writing exams soon. They will have the opportunity to write a practice exam the week before their official examinations so I'm hopeful attendance will be high so all the grade nine students can take advantage of this opportunity. The grade seven and eight classes will continue learning about algebra and graphing, laying the foundations for next year.

There has been a lot of positive progress from the junior high students this year. I want to thank all of them for adapting so well to the ever-changing conditions that have been placed on them as the year moved along. I hope you all have a fun, relaxing and rewarding summer!

## Grade Two...

Mr. Tyler Schussler

I want to start off by saying thank you to all the parents and guardians for their support during this round of online learning. The transition from in-school learning to online learning was for the most part an easy transition and the parents played a huge part of that. The student's resiliency really shown through as students used their reading, writing and mathematical skills and adapted them to working online. I'm proud of all the grade 2 students and what they were able to accomplish this time around during online learning. Having said all that, I'm happy that we will be able to finish the school year off in the classroom. There are things that happen in the classroom that can't be replaced online, so it was a nice surprise to hear that we will be able to move back into the classroom. I look forward to seeing all the grade 2's during the month of June.

To the 2021 graduates of LSK, I want to say congratulations. You all have worked extremely hard to get here and this accomplishment will be with you for the rest of your lives. Hopefully you can take all the experiences and lessons you've learned over the years at LSK and use them on your life's journey. Awesome job!

## Elementary Learning Centre...

Ms. Joanne Julian

To all Staff and Students of LSK.

We are returning back to school this week and I could not be happier; I miss the students and my fellow coworkers. I am excited to see everyone and I am glad we get to end our year with each other.

I would like to send out our Congratulations to the Graduates this year, I am not sure what this is going to look like this year, I wish all success to our Graduates with their future endeavours.

## Grade Eleven...

Mr. Robert Watson

Hello everyone! Well it seems like we are going to be able to finish our school year on a good note. It will be great to finally see you all face to face again. I know online learning has been tough on most of us, but at least we can return to class and finish the semester in a more "normal" fashion. Thanks to everyone who has spent time online completing assignment and struggling through daily classes with me. I have appreciated your efforts! Here's hoping the remainder of the year goes smoothly and we can all have a much-needed summer holiday!

## Grade Twelve...

Mrs. Nikki Maloney

Hello and final farewell greetings to our High School students. I hope everyone is safe, healthy, and feeling re-energized with the ending of the school year and the beginning of your summer vacations so close to us. I hope that restrictions will begin to be lifted very soon, and we will all get to have some level of a summer vacation close to home. This summer we are all at the mercy of the government, so fingers crossed for normalcy

The semester is winding down and now is the time to get in any outstanding work you wish to complete to see an increase in your final marks. The final deadline for work is June 13<sup>th</sup>. Exam week is June 14-18<sup>th</sup>.

For our Grade 12 graduating class, from our end we are planning and prepping to be able to give you the best graduation ceremony we can, while abiding by the provincial safety regulations that are in place. We are doing our best to be able to acknowledge and celebrate your big day, and we will share our plan with you as it is approved and finalized. We are awaiting a response from the EMO and waiting upon provincial updates on Graduation expectations for 2021.

For my graduates, I am so incredibly proud of each and every one of you. You have persevered through challenges, and pandemics to find success and reach your goal of graduation. This marks the beginning of the next chapter of your lives, and I am so excited to see what your path will be. I wish you all the best in your future endeavours, and endless happiness in all of your life experiences. You will be the second graduating class for the history books and one that will always be remembered. Although we cannot gather as we have in previous years, this does not take away from or diminish the great accomplishment of our graduating class. I am sending to each of you my deepest congratulations on the achievement of earning the title of

The Graduating Class of 2021! Reach for the Stars!!

Love, Nikki



# Outdoor Wellness Activity Day...



# CLASS OF 2021...

Congratulations to...

*Kaleah Sack*

*Kassidy Augustine*

*Kispesan Julian*

*Zoe Paul*

... And our best wishes for your future!!



*KALEAH*



*KASSIDY*



*KISPESAN*



*ZOE*

IN MEMORY OF THE KAMLOOPS INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL



Ms. Carol Howe honouring the 215 children who never returned home from school.

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS...**

- 02 - Brighton Levangie (One)
- 03 - Liana-Lynn Marr (One)
- 04 - Roman Augustine (One)
- 06 - Tanner MacDonald (K4)
- 07 - Mavrick Maloney (One)
- 07 - Justin Michael (2)
- 08 - Mrs. Theresa Levi
- 12 - Raleigh Maxwell (7)
- 13 - Kallan Sack (3)
- 14 - Nellie Sack (One)
- 15 - Frankie Nevin (Primary)
- 17 - Taleigha Peter-Paul (Primary)
- 17 - Mr. Greg Marr
- 20 - Ms. Terra McKenzie
- 21 - Treasure McDonald (5)
- 21 - Zahara Paul (5)
- 22 - Joseph Jackson (11)
- 22 - Mr. Robert Watson
- 23 - Mrs. Nikki Maloney
- 24 - Reignn Stephens (K4)
- 26 - Braven Levangie (3)
- 26 - Brayden Michael (10)
- 27 - Adrianna Grant (6)
- 28 - Grayston Ward-Crowe (K4)
- 28 - Baylen Brooks (3)
- 29 - Ms. Ambrah MacNeil
- 30 - Rachael Julian (12)
- 30 - Ms. Charmaine Gehue
- 30 - Ms. Leslie Paul

**JULY BIRTHDAYS...**

- 01 - Kirah Julian
- 02 - Ms. Linda Paul
- 04 - Darren Peter-Paul III (K4)
- 04 - Kovey Marshall (Primary)
- 04 - Maddallas Julian (One)
- 04 - Nalayah Stephens (One)
- 10 - Ms. Leslie Googoo
- 13 - Peyton Levi (5)
- 15 - Jocelyn Augustine (6)
- 15 - Aleah Francis (6)
- 16 - Jada Julian (10)
- 17 - Zedrick McDonald (8)
- 17 - Ms. Beverly Cheverie
- 19 - Edward Sack (8)
- 20 - Fiercen White (6)
- 23 - Cruise Syliboy (12)
- 24 - London Nevin (7)
- 25 - Miley Maloney (3)
- 27 - Akira Paul-Francis (2)
- 27 - Tomas Brooks (4)
- 27 - Prezley Paul (11)
- 30 - Mr. Robert MacIntosh
- 31 - Ms. Doreen Knockwood

**Happy Birthday  
from staff and  
students!!**

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS...**

- 05 - Samara Googoo-Thompson (Three)
- 05 - Robert Sack (Nine)
- 08 - Kingston Augustine (Seven)
- 09 - Gemma Giorgi (Three)
- 09 - Kaleriah Sack (Five)
- 09 - Kaleah Sack (Twelve)
- 11 - Carly Brooks (Ten)
- 13 - Juliun Augustine (One)
- 19 - Damien Julian (Ten)
- 21 - Gabby Paul (Eleven)
- 26 - Paul Brooks (Two)
- 28 - Kennedy Syliboy (Four)
- 30 - Gabrielle Nevin-Toney (Eight)

**Grade Five...**

Mrs. Rae Williams  
No Submission Available

**Grade Six...**

Ms. Helena Sack  
No Submission Available

**High School Math/Science...**

Mr. Morgan MacDonald  
No Submission Available

**Grades 5-9 Mi'kmaq...**

Mr. Greg Marr  
No Submission Available

**LLI...**

Ms. Angela Maloney  
No Submission Available