

LEGAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter

September 2023

IMPORTANT DATES

September 4th- No School, Labor Day

September 7th- Welcome Back

Ice Cream Social

10:45-11:45 for all families

September 8th- International Literacy Day

Bring you favorite book to school!

September 18th- No Pre-K Classes

September 24th-30th

Truth and Reconciliation Week

September 29th- Orange Shirt Day

WELCOME BACK!

At LPS our focus is on creating confident learners who feel safe, comfortable, and happy at our school. Our teachers are committed to meeting students where they are at and facilitating engaging and meaningful learning experiences



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Reminder: We are a
nut free school!
Thank you!



from the principal

Dear Legal Public School Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your children in the best of health and spirits. It brings me immense joy to welcome you to Legal Public School for the start of a brand new school year!

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for choosing Legal Public School as the place where your child's education will continue to flourish. It is our privilege and responsibility to nurture the young minds entrusted to our care, and we do not take this responsibility lightly.

This year promises to be filled with new students and staff, experiences, opportunities for growth, and the chance to create lasting memories. Our dedicated staff have been working tirelessly to ensure that our school is a safe, inspiring, and enriching environment for your children.

We are very excited to share that Mrs. McKinstry, our Vice Principal last year, is spending this next year with her new baby boy! Mrs. Andrea Ameobi will be Acting Vice Principal for the 2023-2024 school year and I am very excited to have her as my teammate. Mrs. Kristen Nichols will be our new Prek teacher. Miss Longstaff is our KG-2 teacher and Mrs. Ozipko will again be teaching Grade 3/4. Mrs. Huot's happy and smiling face is still in the office ready to greet you and will be spending time in Pre-K as well. We are committed to providing a well-rounded education that not only focuses on academic excellence but also on character development, creativity, and a love for learning.

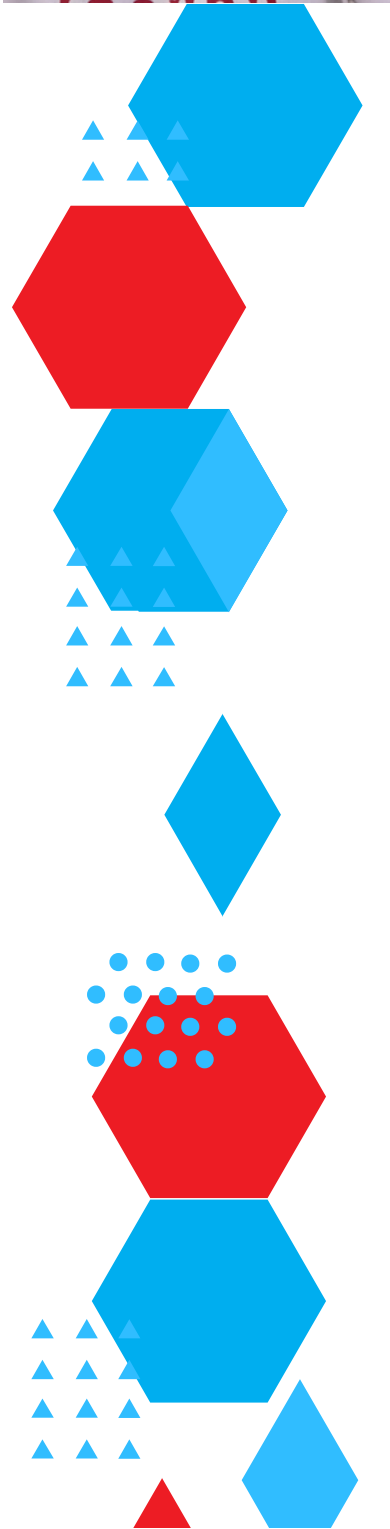
We encourage open communication between home and school. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our dedicated teachers and staff if you have any questions or concerns throughout the year. We are here to support both you and your child on this educational journey.

As we all know, education is a partnership between the school, parents, and students. Your involvement in your child's education is invaluable, and we invite you to actively participate in school activities, School Council meetings, and volunteering opportunities.

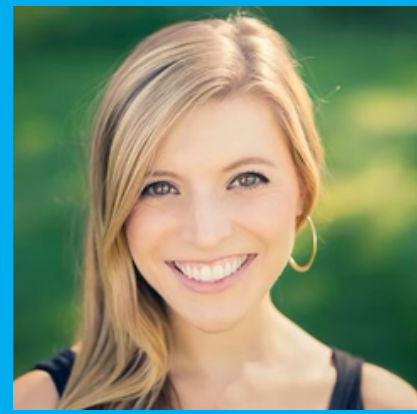
We are thrilled to have your family as part of our school community, and we look forward to a year filled with growth, achievement, and countless smiles.

Here is to a fantastic 2023-2024 year!

Ms. Brenneis



From the Vice Principal



Welcome back new and returning LPS families!

My name is Andrea Ameobi, and I am thrilled to serve this school community as Acting Vice Principal for the 2023-2024 school year. For those who don't know me, I previously taught Pre-K, Kindergarten, and Music at Legal Public and have taught throughout Sturgeon Public Schools over the last ten years. It has been an incredibly humbling experience to be a part of this new school journey and witness the strong community our learners created this past inaugural year. From watching how students across grades interact and support one another to the special celebrations we had last year where parents showed up to celebrate their child's success, it was an immense joy to see our school community begin to form. I am so excited that you are entrusting Legal Public with your child's education and have come to grow with us this year!

Please do not hesitate to reach out at any time. You can contact me by email at andrea.ameobi@sturgeon.ab.ca or by calling the school, 780 961 0133.





Open House

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Welcome Back Legal Public School Community!
You're invited:

Thursday, September 7th

10:45AM-11:45AM

LEGAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

Please come say hello, see your child's
classroom and enjoy some ice cream with us!



Help Us Name Our School

WE NEED YOU! Public Education is here to stay in Legal and we need you to help us build our identity! We are looking for suggestions for our school name, logo and colours. We would like our name and identity to reflect the values that the community of Legal encompasses as well as our Sturgeon Public values! To give us your input, scan the QR code below or head to:

<https://forms.gle/8h8QgUw67CHY3wBAA>



**We are looking for parents to join
LPS School Council! If you are
interested please let us know by
contacting the office.**



WELCOME BACK

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RUTTING MOON



PRONOUNCED :NO-SEE-TOE-WEE-PEE-SIM

We are so excited that under this moon we all able to come together again after a beautiful summer season and begin our learning journey together. As we explore the teachings and cycle of the 13 moon Cree calendar we become more closely connected to the land that we call home. Each moon's name is closely related to what we notice happening around us as the seasons change.

Things we notice happening this moon cycle:

- Moose, Deer, Buffalo all begin mating. Antlers are full size right now!
- Geese begin migrating south.
- Beavers are beginning to build their dams and preparing for winter.



GO OUTSIDE THIS MONTH AND CONNECT WITH THE LAND AROUND YOU. WHAT DO YOU NOTICE? HOW ARE THE PLANTS CHANGING? ARE YOU HARVESTING A GARDEN? DO YOU HAVE ANIMALS AROUND YOU THAT ARE PREPARING FOR WINTER?

STURGEON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

TRUSTEE TALK

Updates from the Board of Trustees for our Sturgeon Public School Community
August 2023



Introducing the 2023/2024 Chair & Vice Chair

Irene Gibbons - Chair
Cindy Briggs - Vice Chair

Summer Project Update

Facility Services is working toward the completion of the department's summer projects planned for summer 2023. To view the Facility Services - Summer Project Update that lists the projects and completion status for the period of July 1 - August 31, 2023, [click here](#).

Public Board Meeting Schedule

The Board of Trustees has approved the schedule of Public Board meetings for the 2023-2024 school year. Meetings will be held at the Frank Robinson Education Centre in Morinville at 9:00 a.m. on the following dates:

- September 27, 2023
- October 25, 2023
- November 29, 2023
- December 20, 2023
- January 24, 2024
- February 28, 2024
- March 27, 2024
- April 24, 2024
- May 22, 2024
- June 19, 2024

Holiday Card Artwork Search

In 2010, the Division initiated a project involving student artwork for its annual Christmas cards. During the most recent school year, Trustees expressed an interest in reviving this project and tasked the Advocacy Committee to set up a process.

The Holiday Card Artwork Search Permission Form will be distributed to all Principals during the August 25, 2023, Administrative Council meeting to share with students, parents, staff and communities. Student artwork submissions will be accepted at Central Office until October 6th. Trustees will review the submitted artwork at the October Committee of the Whole Meeting and the selected winners will be announced at the October Public Board meeting.

Find the permission form [here](#).

Camilla School Drainage Improvements

The efforts to tackle the drainage issue at Camilla School have made substantial strides recently, primarily revolving around negotiations with Sturgeon County concerning adjustments to the Northern drainage pond.

The progress made in addressing the Camilla School drainage issue is encouraging, with successful negotiations, proposal acceptance, and change order approval. The dedication of all stakeholders involved underscores the commitment to resolving this issue effectively and ensuring the long-term functionality of the drainage system.



Pre-Kindergarten Noon Transportation - Application Deadline Extended to September 28, 2023 for Morinville, Redwater and Gibbons

In response to feedback, Transportation Services has evaluated noon transportation options for pre-kindergarten children. The Division wants to provide additional time for parents who may be interested in noon transportation services to submit their transportation applications. The application deadline has been extended to September 28, 4:00 p.m. for Morinville, Redwater, and Gibbons. If viable, a noon transportation route will be added for 2023-2024. If you would like noon transportation for Pre-Kindergarten programming in one of these three communities, [apply here](#) and spread the word.

Summer School Enrolment Summary

Summer School education is important programming to provide students the opportunity to lighten their course load during the year, retake and improve on academic results, or expand their skills and understanding. In Summer 2023, the Division saw the highest number of students enrolled for summer school with the highest number of completions seen in three years. Teachers and staff continue to work diligently to provide excellent and accessible education for students during the summer months.

Summer or Term 4 Student Enrolment

Year	Enrolled	Completed
2022-2023	335	322
2021-2022	244	240
2020-2021	319	281

Policy 500 - Transportation

At the August 23, 2023, Public Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the revised Board Policy 500

- *Student Transportation Services* as recommended by the Policy Committee. Key Changes to Board Policy 500 include:

- Updates to language to better reflect Alberta Legislation under the Education Act;
- Updates to better reflect the changes to the Rural Transportation Grant in the 2023-2024 Funding Manual.
- Fee information is captured in a new Administrative Procedure 464 - Fees.
- Contract Bus Service Procedures are captured in Administrative Procedure 550 - Contract Bus Service.

To view the updated Policy 500, [click here](#).

2023-2024 Fee Schedule

The Board's role in approving fees is captured in *Policy 225 - Board Responsibility and Conduct* and is clearly defined in provincial legislation through the Education Act and corresponding regulations.

The Board shall annually approve the type and amount of fees that may be charged by the Division as part of the budget process to ensure effective stewardship of the Board's resources [Education Act s. 33(1)(i)].

AP464 - Fees is a new Administrative Procedure that includes Exhibit 1 - 2023-2024 Fee Schedule. The new Fee Schedule is a step to ensure transparency and clarity across the Division on standardized fees.

To view the 2023-2024 Fee Schedule, [click here](#).

A Message from the Board of Trustees

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! To all students, parents/guardians and staff, we send our best wishes. We trust you've had a fantastic summer break and enjoyed quality time with loved ones.

This year holds the promise of fresh educational opportunities. We're dedicated to collaborating with parents/guardians, teachers and students to create an enriching learning environment. Whether you're returning or new, your presence is valued and we're excited to embark on this journey together.



Stay Informed!

There's always something happening in Sturgeon Public School Division!

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SPS GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Excellence in Teaching

Shared Responsibility

Mutual Respect

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In Our Legal Community

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Did you know that Sturgeon Public School Division also has access to Social Workers? They can help connect families to various community supports, mental health supports, navigating new systems, and many other areas. Contact the school for more information!

**MEET YOUR
COMMUNITY
BIG BLOCK PARTY**

**NEW
NEW
NEW**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH
12 - 3 PM
CITADEL PARK**

HOUSE OF WHEELS Presents
"Skate Jam" Scooter trick demos, skate park games
and free give-a-ways!

KIDS Fun Zone with inflatables, face painting & games
FREE BBQ (hamburgers, chips & pop)

Organization Trade Fair
Cornhole

STAY AWHILE...DON'T FORGET YOUR LAWN CHAIR!
ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK

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