

**Welcome to Lewisville Middle School 2024-2025**

**Be Kind, Be Respectful, Be Successful**

Hello LMS families,

This year we are implementing a new initiative focused on providing flexible options to
support students’ individual interests and needs. WIN block (which stands for "what I need") is a 30-minute daily time block in which students will receive extra academic support, opportunities for social-emotional learning, involvement in activities to build student engagement and connection to school, etc.

Students will be placed in an assigned group for a 6-week block. These groups are not grade specific. Every 6 weeks they will begin a new group or experience!

Our first official WIN block will start Wednesday, October 2nd - students will be given their placement from their homeroom teacher!

We look forward to leveraging this initiative to further support academic growth in students and strive to ensure students build strong connections at school.

**Important Dates in October**

Wednesday, October 2**-**WIN Block begins

Thursday, October 3-Fire Drill practice and Evacuation to the Kay/Crossman Centre

Monday, October 14th-Thanksgiving, School Closed

Tuesday, October 22nd-Picture Day

Wednesday, October 30th-Parent Teacher Interviews. (evening, appointments only)

Friday, November 1st-Parent Teacher Interviews (am). Interview appointments are scheduled through an online booking system. More information to come. Professional Learning in the afternoon for staff. No school for students all day.

**Student Profile Sheets**

The yellow-colored profile sheet is being sent home for families to update phone numbers, emails, and addresses. Please provide a phone number that would always be accessible in case of emergency. Correct emails are also necessary to received school and district communications.

**Microwave Use**

Students can heat their food in the microwave at lunch, however, be mindful of the amount of time that it takes to heat the product to allow time for others to heat their lunch and have time to eat.

**Extreme Allergy Medical Forms**

If your child has an allergy or medical condition that requires a school emergency medical plan, you may have received a copy to update. This needs to be returned to the school. If your child requires a medical plan and we may not be aware, please contact us.

**Dungeons and Dragons**

Greetings fellow adventurers!

Dungeons and Dragons is back here at LMS, and it is bigger and better than ever! Dungeons and Dragons is a role-playing game where players create their own characters, customize their abilities, items, and goals, and explore a world created entirely through the imagination of a Dungeon Master (DM). If you (student) or your child (interested parent) is interested in fantasy worlds where they can express themselves using a character they create, D&D is the place for them!

D&D is a low-cost game, and players and DMs can gather after school between 3:00 and 5:00 to play. We will be doing an orientation session October 16th after school until 5pm.  Parents are asked to be prompt when picking up their child!

*Students will need access to their school username and password for their email account.*

Let's roll for initiative, LMS!

**School Information Reminders**

**Start Time**

Students are required to be ready for learning at 8:30 am as this is when the instructional day begins. At 8:20 am, students will enter the school to prepare for their classes, wait in homeroom until the bell rings and go to their first class at 8:30 am. This is a new start time this year. Students arriving late, must sign in at the office. A Safe Arrival communication will be sent to inform parents of absences in the morning and an automated call will go home at 6:00 pm to inform parents of missed periods throughout the day. See registration information below.

**Drop off Area**

Please use the designated drop off area beside the bus pad if you are choosing to drive your child to school. Using the other side of the street blocks traffic and causes students to cross in busy traffic. Furthermore, the staff parking lot and bus lane are not drop off areas. The neighbors also have requested that their private driveways not be used or blocked.

**No Cellphone Policy**

Our no cellphone/electronic device policy continues this year. Please see the attached policy that was approved by the PSSC. In short, the phones are not necessary at school for learning, and they will be kept in the secured locker until the end of the school day.

**Bookbags/small bags**

Bags are kept in lockers and not worn throughout the day.

**Dismissal**

Classes end at 2:45 pm. At this time, walkers and those being picked up by a parent proceed outside and leave the property to clear the area for bus students. At 2:50 pm, the bus students proceed outside when their bus is called.

**Bus Information**

Please register for Bus Planner on the Anglophone East District website. Click the bus picture in the top right corner of the website. By registering you will access bus information and be notified of cancellations or delays. Please note that the student number from the report card is required to access this portal, as well as a correct email in our data system.

**Lockers**

Our students use lockers which are shared with a classmate. We provide school locks to students. School issued locks are mandatory to help keep personal items safe and secure. Locks were distributed at the beginning of the year. It is their responsibility to make sure the lock is always locked on the locker and not share the combination.

**Lunch**

Students will be eating lunch in the cafeteria space, but there is no cafeteria service at this time to purchase lunches. Packed lunches and snacks will be required from home. Students have access to microwaves in the cafeteria.

**Allergies**

We are a low **scent** environment which means strong perfumes, body sprays, hair products at school and on buses are not permitted. We are also a **nut free** school. Please check snack contents before sending them to school

**Payments**

Please sign up on School Cash Online via the Anglophone East website to avoid sending cash to school for health and safety reasons. Email and payment method will be required, although other information is on this site that does not require payment. The student fee is $30 paid via School Cash online. The protocol and policy forms are required to be read and signed by parents and students.

**Reporting your Child’s Absence**

Absences are reported using the Anglophone East School Messenger service. There are 3 ways to report an absence.

* + 1. Call Toll-Free 1-833-202-4304
		2. Sign in: <http://go.schoolmessenger.ca>
		3. Download the SchoolMessenger app

Have a restful weekend.

Sincerely,

Mr. Robert Bourque, Principal

Mrs. Susan Carson, Vice Principal

Ms. Jillian Smith, Vice Principal