

LEN WOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear LWMS students and families,

I would like to welcome our students to Len Wood for the 2024-25 school year! I am Mrs. Patti Lemaire and it is my honour to be the Principal of Len Wood Middle School. Armstrong is my community and I started my teaching career here at LWMS when it first became a middle school. I would like to welcome Ms. Sharon Mitchell to the role of Vice Principal as she is joining our LWMS community this school year. Our entire staff is excited to be back working with and helping our students grow.

The First Week

We start our year on Wednesday, September 4th. Our bell goes at 8:00 and we dismiss early at 11:10. Buses will be running their usual routes starting on this day. Students who attended LWMS last year in grades 6 & 7 (now in grades 7 & 8) will be returning to their last year's classroom for the Wednesday only. All new grade 6s and any other new students will meet in the gym when the morning bell goes at 8:00. There will be signs directing students to where they need to go for that first day,. Thursday is the start of full days: morning bell at 8:00 and dismissal at 2:10.

Students will be placed in temporary classes for Thursday and Friday as we need to see who has left the school and who else is new and coming that week before we finalize the classroom placements for Monday, September 9th.

What to bring

Students should only bring a snack, a water bottle, pencil and one binder with paper for the first day. On Thursday they should start bringing their lunch as well as a snack and their teacher will let them know when to bring the rest of their supplies. Please DO NOT send all the school supplies to school on the first day.

Our breakfast program will start on Monday, September 9th. Please send students to school with a refillable water bottle on the first day with their name clearly marked on it.

Digital Devices

Digital devices (including smart watches, cell phones, tablets, etc) are no longer allowed to be at school unless locked up in the student's locker for the entire day (bell to bell). We encourage students to leave their digital devices at home but if they must use them after school, the digital devices will be locked up from the morning bell to the end of day bell. Students who are not able to follow these expectations will initially have a warning and then if it continues, parents will be informed and involved in what comes next.



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More Information

Students will receive information about Explorations, Grade 8 Band and Extracurricular Activities during the Thursday and Friday of our first week.

Students are expected to have PE strip for their Physical Health Education classes. This includes clean runners for the gym and separate shorts/t-shirts/sweatpants/sweatshirts to wear depending on whether they are inside or outside for their PHE class.

School photos will be on Wednesday, Sept. 11.

We hope you had a chance to relax and recharge over these past two summer months! We are looking forward to getting to know our students and their families throughout this school year. Enjoy these last few days of summer and the IPE! See you Wednesday, September 4th!

Sincerely,

Patti Lemaire `Principal, LWMS

Sharon Mitchell

Vice Principal, LWMS