

Friday, January 24 2020

Kindergarten Registration Week



The week of January 27 is Kindergarten Registration Week at Lakehead Public Schools! During this week, parents of school aged children are encouraged to register their children for Kindergarten. Parents may register online at www.lakeheadschoos.ca or when they visit the school.

For parents needing more information about Kindergarten, Lakehead Public Schools is holding its annual Kindergarten Information Night at the Valhalla Inn on Monday,

January 27 at 7:00 p.m. In addition, each elementary school will open their doors to welcome families to their school communities during an Open House on Thursday, January 30 between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

For more information about the Kindergarten program or the registration process, please call Lakehead Public Schools at 625-5100, visit our website at www.lakeheadschoos.ca, and follow us on Twitter and like us on Facebook.

Building Excitement at Ecole Elsie MacGill Public School



The building site of Ecole Elsie MacGill Public School continues to be a beehive of activity as contractors are working to complete Thunder Bay's newest elementary school - Ecole Elsie MacGill Public School.

The JK to Grade 8 dual track school, being constructed on the site of the former Sir Winston Churchill Collegiate and Vocational Institute, is on schedule to open for students from the closing Agnew H. Johnston Public School and Edgewater Park Public School in September 2020.

Members of the local media were invited for a tour of Ecole Elsie MacGill Public School on Friday, January 24.



"We are extremely excited with the on-schedule progress that the general contractor has made in the construction of this beautiful new school," Heather Harris, Principal of Ecole Elsie MacGill Public School. "Ecole Elsie MacGill Public School will be a state-of-the-art school that has been purposely designed to meet the needs of twenty-first century learners. It is a large building that gives us the opportunity to have a number of flexible spaces for exploration and collaboration that will help build a sense of community and family in the school."

Ecole Elsie MacGill Public School Building Details:

- 7,295 m² (78,523 ft²) including second floor, day care, and 1 gymnasium;
- Two story building;
- Built to accommodate 745 students;
- 30 classrooms which includes dedicated music room, art room, and science room;
- Attached day care facility with infant, toddler, and preschool programs;

- Multiple meeting and breakout rooms;
- Large library and learning commons
- Large gym with hardwood floors and stage; and
- Fully accessible.

Site Details:

- Total site area – 5.12 Hectares (15 acres);
- Main school entrance off of Churchill Drive includes bus drop off, student drop off, and visitor parking;
- Day Care access and staff parking from Parkway Drive;
- Multiple natural gardens for storm water filtration;
- Two play structures to accommodate various ages; and
- Hard and soft surface play areas including a large soccer field and baseball diamond.

In addition to the progress being made with the construction of Ecole Elsie MacGill Public School, a significant amount of work has been done to ensure the successful transition of the students from Agnew H. Johnston Public School and Edgewater Park Public School.

A transition committee comprised of parents and staff of both schools, Trustees and Board Administration has been meeting for the past two years with the goal of bringing the two school communities together as they prepare to be under one roof when Ecole Elsie MacGill Public School opens in September 2020.

In keeping with the theme of inclusion, students at both Agnew H. Johnston Public School and Edgewater Park Public School had the opportunity to choose the Ecole Elsie MacGill Public School logo and team name.

A team of student representatives from Agnew and Edgewater carefully considered several possible team names and logos that were associated with either the geographical area or with



Elsie MacGill herself, the namesake of the school. Students voted overwhelmingly for the name "Hurricanes" with a fierce airplane logo.

"The students felt that the team name Hurricanes was a name they could be proud of and that would pay tribute to Elsie MacGill and her many achievements in STEM. And they are excited to wear the logo on the field or court," says Harris.

In 1942 Elsie MacGill was hired as Chief Aeronautical Engineer at Canadian Car and Foundry (CanCar) in Fort William, becoming the first woman in the world to hold such a position and later designed and produced training aircraft Maple Leaf Trainer II. As the "Queen of the Hurricanes", Elsie MacGill was responsible for streamlining production of The Hawker Hurricane fighter aircraft for the Royal Air Force during World War II.

Trustee Awards



Trustees of the Lakehead District School Board have two awards to recognize the excellence of Lakehead Public Schools students, staff and community members.

Please contact Michelle Tavares in the Director's Office at 625-5213 or by e-mail to Michelle_Tavares@lakeheadschoos.ca for nomination forms for Trustee Recognition and Trustee Character Awards.

Trustee Recognition Awards

Nomination forms are available for this year's Trustee Recognition Awards. The awards recognize outstanding achievements, effort, and excellence of students and staff of Lakehead Public Schools. Trustees present the Trustee Recognition Award once a month at the beginning of each Regular Board Meeting and Standing Committee Meeting.

All candidates whose names are submitted to Trustees and who have received a regional, provincial, national or

international award in the area of academics will be automatically recognized.

Trustee Character Award

The Trustee Character Award supports and enhances Lakehead Public Schools Character Development. This award provides an opportunity to raise awareness and promote character attributes that contribute to safe and healthy school environments, promote positive interpersonal relationships, promote higher academic achievement, increase awareness of diversity, show responsible citizenship, model positive behaviour, and enhance employability, and life skills. The awards for character will be presented by Trustees to students, staff and community members of Lakehead Public Schools at Regular Board or Standing Committee Meetings.

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Lakehead District School Board

Upcoming Meetings

Committee	Date/Time	Location
Standing Committee Meeting	Tuesday, February 11 7:30 p.m.	Board Room, Education Centre 2135 Sills Street
Regular Board Meeting	Tuesday, January 28 7:30 p.m.	Board Room, Education Centre 2135 Sills Street
Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee	Thursday, February 13 9:30 a.m.	Board Room, Education Centre 2135 Sills Street
Special Education Advisory Committee	Wednesday, February 19 6:00 p.m.	Board Room, Education Centre 2135 Sills Street
Parent Involvement Committee	Monday, March 2 6:30 p.m.	Board Room, Education Centre 2135 Sills Street