



Lively District Elementary School

**INTERMEDIATE STUDENT HANDBOOK**

**2023 - 2024**

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It is with great pleasure that we take this opportunity to welcome our new and returning students to Lively District Secondary School (Elementary Program). I extend a special welcome to students attending Lively for the first time. To those returning, we wish you continued success with your academic and personal goals. We encourage each and every one of you to become involved and participate in all aspects of student life at LDSS, the “Home of the Hawks”.

Becoming the kind of person you want to be is a life-long journey, but it is made up of small steps. Every choice you make defines your character. With the help and guidance of your parents, teachers and friends, we hope these choices make your journey an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

In addition to an excellent academic foundation, LDSS offers many activities, clubs, and sports to help students in grades 7 -12 become well-rounded, mature, young people. The choices are yours to make and ours to support. The guidelines contained in this handbook are suggestions about how we can best contribute to an environment that is safe, friendly and productive. It is about having an atmosphere in our school that fosters good work, good feelings, and good memories.

We are very proud of our students’ accomplishments and as the school year progresses, we would love to showcase these accomplishments. For this reason, we have set up a school Facebook account. [facebook.com/LDSSOfficial/](https://www.facebook.com/LDSSOfficial/) We ask that you sign and return the Rainbow District School Board ‘Consent Form’ for publicity and promotional opportunities so that we can showcase your son/daughter’s accomplishments.

We look forward to the school year with great excitement. Have a wonderful year and remember that your number one priority is your own learning. As a staff, we will do everything we can to empower you with the, knowledge and skills necessary to achieve success.

Once again, welcome to the Home of the Hawks!

Vision: We are leaders in learning, inspiring success for all students by reaching minds and touching hearts.

Mission: Together, we prepare students to become lifelong learners, achieving their full potential as confident, caring members of society.

Values: Humility, Bravery, Honesty, Wisdom, Truth, Respect, Love, Resilience, Equity, Community

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## Rainbow District School Board Useful Links

Guide for Students and Parents/Guardians

[https://www.rainbowschools.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/BTS\\_Guide\\_2020-2021.pdf](https://www.rainbowschools.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/BTS_Guide_2020-2021.pdf)

### Overview of Gr 7- 8 School Year - 2023-2024

#### ACTIVITIES SEMESTER 1 SEMESTER 2

Labour Day	Sept 4
Professional Activity Days	Sept 1&5 Sept 29, Nov 10 Feb 2, Apr 19, Jun 10
First Day of School	Sept 6
School Pictures	Sept 22
PA Day	Sept 29
School Council Dates	Sept 27, Other dates to be set at first meeting
Thanksgiving	Oct 9
Progress Report	Nov 1
Parent Night Interviews	Nov 2
Christmas Holidays	Dec 25 – Jan 5
PA Day	Feb 2
Family Day	Feb 20
Report Cards	Feb 21
Mid-Winter Break	Mar 11 – 15
Easter Holidays	Mar 29 – Apr 1
PA Day	Apr 19
Victoria Day	May 20
Commencement	Jun 26
Last day of School Students (reg day)	Jun 28
Report Cards	Jun 28

**Dates appearing here are subject to change.**

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### **Lively Intermediate School**

The Intermediate wing is located in the south wing of the second floor. It is a separate and distinct school from the Secondary area.

Intermediate students will have staff supervised access to the gyms and the music room. Intermediate students should not be accessing the Secondary area without teacher supervision.

### **Intermediate Program Safe Arrival Policy**

Lively District Elementary School is committed to the safety of our pupils.

- Our Safe Arrival program is a system of procedures that are performed together with daily attendance to account for any student's unexplained failure to arrive at school.
- Parents and guardians are responsible for calling the school (705-692-3671) to report student absences or lateness by 8:15 a.m. before the beginning of class. An answering machine is available to take your calls 24 hours a day. The safe arrival program will follow-up on any unexplained absences.
- Email attendance: an email address has been set up if you would prefer to email any attendance reporting.  
[lively\\_attend@rainbowschools.ca](mailto:lively_attend@rainbowschools.ca)
- Parents and guardians are responsible for providing the school with complete and current emergency information to enable the school to make any necessary follow-up contacts with the above information.
- If you are late dropping your elementary aged child at school, the student is asked to sign in at the office with a note.
- If you are picking up your child during the school day, please call the office and we will have your child meet you.

### **Visitors to the School**

At Lively District Elementary School, we are striving to preserve instructional time and keep our school safe and orderly.

To ensure the safety of our students, everyone, including parents who visit the school, must sign in at the office. Visitor tags are also required. If you are a parent guardian who is picking up a child for any reason, bringing required materials for your child, attending a meeting or volunteering in a classroom, you **MUST** check in at the office.

Office personnel will contact the appropriate people for you. Your co-operation in this area will assist us

in providing uninterrupted classroom routines and will help us to secure our school and ensure everyone's safety. Parents or guardians who would like to visit classrooms for any reason are asked to make arrangements with the classroom teacher prior to the visit.

In keeping with our Safe Schools policy, we ask that you adhere to the following procedure for picking up your children at dismissal time:

- Send a note in the home book/agenda in the morning notifying us that you or a designate will be picking up your child at dismissal time. Calling late in the day or leaving a message does not guarantee that your child or the teacher will be notified in time.
- Dismissal is at 2:30 p.m.
- After the 2:30 p.m. bell, your child will be waiting at the student pick up area located outside at the front of the school or in the intermediate wing in the case of inclement weather.

Please do not take your child from the classroom, the bus line or the hallways.

### **Gr 7 & 8 - Balanced Day at Lively**

Lively operates under a Balanced Day schedule for grade 7 and 8 students. The Balanced Day has three blocks of instruction broken up with two nutritional & activity breaks. The goal of a Balanced Day is to maximize classroom learning time and allow students more time to focus on learning tasks.

### **Gr. 7 & 8 School Day**

Entry	8:15
Instructional Block 1	8:15 – 10:15
1 <sup>st</sup> Nutritional Break	10:15 – 10:50
Instructional Block 2	10:50 – 12:20
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nutritional Break	12:20 – 1:00
Instructional Block 3	1:00 – 2:30
Dismissal	2:30

### **Going Home For Lunch**

In order to promote consistency, students who live within walking distance of the school may arrange to go home for lunch during the 2nd nutritional break (12:20 – 1:00). Students who wish to go home for lunch are required to complete a permission form and have it signed by their parent/guardian. Forms are available at the office or from your classroom teacher.

### School Yard Supervision

Supervision begins at 8:00 each morning. There is no supervision provided for students prior to that time. As a result, parents and guardians are asked not to drop students off or allow them to arrive at school before 8:00 am.

### Staying In At Recess

Students who are too ill to go out at recess should not be at school. Please do not send notes for your child to stay in at recess, as students cannot stay in the classroom without supervision. Exceptions will be made upon the presentation of a doctor's note stating the reason for exclusion from outdoor recess.

### Transportation Policy

Parents/Guardians are advised to contact the Sudbury Student Services Consortium (705-521-1234) to arrange transportation for first time students and for any subsequent permanent changes.

Should bussing be cancelled due to inclement weather, schools will remain open, but parents are responsible for providing transportation to and from the school. Parents will be notified through the media after 6:30 a.m. if the busses are cancelled or if the schools are open. **If your child walks to school, please remember to call the school to advise of your child's absence if busses are cancelled and they choose to stay home.** You may also check [www.sssc.ca](http://www.sssc.ca) for up-to-the minute information.

### When Riding the Bus, Remember To...

Follow the instructions of the driver  
Keep hands, arms, head, etc., inside the bus at all times  
Refrain from creating a disturbance  
Use appropriate language  
Hold books, packsacks, etc., on your lap  
Ensure that you do not disturb the driver  
Leave the windows alone unless authorized by the driver to open/close them

### KEEP SAFETY IN MIND AT ALL TIMES

Riding the bus is a privilege not a right, so please respect the bus rules.

### Philosophy

Lively District Elementary School, as part of the Rainbow District School Board, enables students to work toward attaining knowledge, skills and attitudes that will assist them in becoming productive and valued members of our community.

### Student Dress Policy

Students are expected to present themselves appropriately for a place of learning. They are also expected to learn appearance and dress standards suitable at institutes of higher learning as well as in the workplace. The following are examples of

acceptable attire in school:

- any headwear that does not cover your face (excluding hoods)
- tops must be opaque (not see through) with straps. Shoulders and arms may be exposed.
- underwear and swimwear may not be worn as outerwear
- bottoms must be opaque and cover the buttocks

Dress cannot promote or symbolize:

- hate or discrimination
- violence
- nudity or pornographic images or sentiments
- profanity
- drugs & alcohol
- illegal activity

Please remember to wear shoes to protect your feet. N.B. Additional health and safety exceptions may apply.

Certain accessories may not be approved at the discretion of the school staff. Students will be advised of any attire deemed by the administration of the school to be inappropriate and given the opportunity to contact home for a change of clothes.

### Lively Intermediate Discipline Policy

From time to time, a student's behaviour will need to be addressed in order to preserve the learning environment of the other students in the class or to protect the safety of all students while at school. Like all schools in the Rainbow District School Board, we must follow the Board's Code of Conduct, which is available at [www.rainbowschools.ca](http://www.rainbowschools.ca). Most behaviours are dealt with by classroom teachers as they arise in the classroom or while out at recess. However, if the behaviour is extreme or repeated despite teacher intervention, it may be necessary for the administration to intervene.

Depending on the severity of the case, disciplinary action can include:

- Verbal warnings
- Loss of recess
- Placement in an Alternative Study Area within the school
- Therapeutic Withdrawals (sent home but not formally suspended)
- Suspensions

Depending on the severity of the behaviour a phone call will be made to the parent/guardian to explain the incident and the consequence.

Maintaining frequent and open communication with your child's teacher will allow you to support your child's academic growth and address any behaviour concerns that you and your child's teacher may share.

### **Anaphylaxis Allergies**

We have students at Lively who have life-threatening allergies to: **peanuts and nut products** of all types. We ask that you keep our students safe by not sending food with peanuts/nuts or “may have come in contact with nuts” warning on the labels. Students who come to school with any of these products may be asked to eat in a separate room. We ask for your help and cooperation.

Thank you for helping to keep our students safe.

### **Administering Medication**

Students who are required to take medication at school will need parents/guardians to fill out forms (available at the office). These forms need to be signed by parents/guardians and the doctor. Staff designated by the principal will administer medication.

### **Home Communication -**

Email communication is encouraged between home and school regarding homework, upcoming events, tests, etc. Please call the office if there has been a change to current contact information.

### **Homework Responsibilities**

#### **Students:**

- Record homework in their planner/agenda
- Ask for clarification if necessary
- Remember to take necessary materials home
- Share planner notes with parents
- Complete assigned homework
- Return materials to school the following day

#### **Teachers**

- Assign purposeful homework
- Post homework daily
- Provide time for students to record in their planner/agenda
- Review that students understand the nature of the assigned work
- Check homework completion daily
- Provide student with adequate time at the end of the day to gather required materials
- Inform parents of incomplete homework
- Monitor the homework assigned

#### **Parents**

- Provide a quiet place and necessary materials for their child to complete their homework
- Read and initial student planners daily
- Provide assistance and encouragement when required
- Monitor the amount of homework, discuss homework and reading assignments with their child

### **Electronic Devices**

The Internet and electronic devices have changed our world. As the technology has expanded, so have the implications related to student learning, safety and privacy. We remind students and parents/guardians that cell phones, digital cameras, personal digital and other electronic devices can be disruptive and must not be activated in class without permission of school staff. They must not be used in a manner that violates the privacy or dignity of others. This includes the use of cell phones with cameras, and similar devices, in washrooms, change-rooms and any other areas where privacy prevails, taking photographs of a person being photographed, and posting photographs on the Internet and/or electronically transmitting photographs of a person or persons without permission. Using the Internet and electronic devices with care will protect the safety and privacy of students.

Classroom phones are available at any time for emergencies. Cell phones are not to be on within the school during class time unless permission has been granted by the classroom teacher. Students are asked to have their parents reach them during class time through the main office 705-692-3671, as it is difficult for staff to differentiate between parent calls/text messages and those of friends and peers as they strive to make effective use of instructional time for their students.

It is a parent’s responsibility to monitor what music or entertainment their children listen to or view on these devices. If a staff member has a concern about the nature of the music or entertainment, they have the authority to confiscate the electronic device.

Staff members are also authorized to confiscate electronic devices from students who repeatedly disregard the policy.

The confiscated item(s) will be stored in the main office until a parent is able to pick up the device.

### **Smoking / Vaping**

Students are:

- Not permitted to engage in smoking or vaping
- Not to be in possession of products or vaping devices
- The Province of Ontario has deemed it unlawful to smoke/vape anywhere at any time on school or public property. Violations result in a fine in excess of \$300 by a tobacco law enforcement officer.

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### **E-mail Address**

Please notify the office with a contact e-mail address to receive notices electronically