

LAKWOOD ELEMENTARY

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Principals Message

It was great to see so many families out for Welcome Back event last week. We had a full house and everyone enjoyed checking out their children's new classrooms. After a visit with staff and a walk about, everyone was entertained by the magician, Jason Verner. Thanks to our PAC for coordinating another great kick off to a new year. We held our first monthly assembly with students,



introducing all of our new and returning staff. As well we welcomed our new Kindergarten students. We continue to grow with a student population of 462 students and 45 staff. Last Friday we raised close to \$700 at our Terry Fox Run! Thanks to everyone for their contributions. We will end of our week with **Orange Shirt Day tomorrow**. We will end of our week with Orange Shirt Day tomorrow.



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TURKEY TROT FOOD DRIVE

Next week on Friday afternoon DJ Sansom will host our third Turkey Trot! Students will enjoy an opportunity to

dance to the tunes. We ask that all students bring in a non-perishable food item for the food bank. Let's help make everyone's Thanksgiving a good one by supporting those less fortunate in our community☺



A gentle reminder...we haven't had safe arrival for two years...

1. Teachers will accept students up until 8:45AM, or 1:15PM. After those times you are asked to report to the office with your child and sign them in.
2. Parents are welcome to advise the teacher if their child is going to be absent but it is not required. Please do not contact the office.

Student Drop Off in the Morning

- When dropping off your child, parents need to stay in the car.

- Pull as far forward as possible to the area outside Mr. Sansom's classroom in the lane closest to the school.
- Keep good byes short.
- Don't stop and drop by the adventure playground area when there are no cars in front of you.
- Pull up as close as you can to the car in front of you and unload your child.
- If you have to drop your child off and they aren't right outside their classroom, good news, they can walk the extra distance.
- The outside lane is for through traffic only and busses that need to get to the bus zone area.



Student Pick Up after school

- The bus zone (in front of the cross walk) is full with buses.
- There is no parking in the pick-up zone before the bell goes.
- Pull up as close as you can to the bus before the cross walk if you are the lead car
- Pull up as close to the car in front of you and load your child quickly.
- Once the bus area is clear use the area in front of the crosswalk for pick up also
- Parents, remain in your vehicle.
- The outside lane is for through traffic only and busses that need to get to the bus zone area.

Parking Lot for Parents...

There is only one, directly in front of the school and it's not very big. If there isn't a marked space, don't double park. We have already had one fender bender and we don't need any more.



Parking Lots for Staff...

The parking lot in front of the Kindergarten classrooms and the rear parking lot is staff parking. This is not for student pick up and drop off and is clearly marked with signage.

Fostering Independence, say goodbyes at the outside door...

We start to sound like a broken record but we do have some new families to our school that may not know the expectations, while others seem to need ongoing reminders. Teachers from Kindergarten to Grade Five have established entrance and exit routines that foster independence for each child.



- Parents and guardians: say your good byes outside the school in the morning, and wait for your child to exit from the building at the end of the day. **Students can:**

- 1) Hang up their own coat
- 2) Hang up their own backpack
- 3) Get themselves to their desk, ready for the day.



- When arriving early for pick up in the afternoon, feel free to socialize outside, not inside the building. Learning spaces are at a premium at Lakewood. Waiting outside the building enables teachers to access all hallway spaces for student work areas, free from distraction until the end of the day. Thanks to all those waiting outside of the building until your child comes out at the end of the day.

Parking Congestion on the Streets...

A few reminders and updates for everyone:

- Directly in front of the drop off area on **both sides of the street is a no parking area**
- **Neighbours have contacted the school advising that some parents are blocking and/or parking in their driveways.** When these homeowners have asked these individuals to move, they have been met with resistance from parents. Please respect private property by not blocking or parking in their driveways.
- There is parking near the lake on Treanor Ave, or further up and down the road on Setchfield. If there is no room in front of the school, park further away and arrange a meeting area with your children.
- The parking lot on Treanor Road is not for pick up and drop off, it is staff parking only. The small parking lot in front of the new wing on Setchfield is staff parking, this is not a pick up and drop off area. This is marked with a sign.
- Bus transportation is available for students and is an option for families outside the "walking area". Please consider this as an alternative for your child. Supervision begins at 7:45 in the



front of the school prior to the first bus arriving. We also have bus supervision after school until the final bus departs for home.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation 😊 I have been advised by the RCMP that enforcement will occur this year in the way of ticketing, the gentle reminders don't seem to work for some.

Handicapped Parking

Thanks to all of our parents and visitors for respecting the handicapped parking spaces at our school. We have three students attending our school that have mobility issues.



Thanks for your continued cooperation from these families and others that require this access.

HOW'S MY KID DOING?

A reminder to all parents that 2:30 is a really busy time in the classroom. Students are getting ready to leave, parents are picking up their children, and teachers are busy ensuring end of day routines are successful. This is not an appropriate setting to engage in a discussion regarding "how your child's day was". We will be holding our first Parent Teacher Interviews in three weeks on Wednesday October 17th from 2:40PM until 7:00PM. Alternately, we encourage parents to request a meeting time that is mutually agreeable for both yourselves and the teacher. The teachers will be more than happy to give you their undivided attention and provide you with more comprehensive answers to your questions. Thank you in advance from our entire staff.



PLAYGROUND PROBLEMS, WHAT DO I DO?

A reminder to all parents regarding:

- ✚ procedures when your child reports that they are having problems with other students on the playground; or,
- ✚ procedures when you witness behaviours on the playground that concern you.

We always encourage students to report incidents to a staff member or playground supervisor at the time of the incident. If your child has done this, and is still concerned or feels that the situation was not dealt with, please contact the



principal or vice principal. We will be happy to collect information, review the situation and set plans in place to rectify the problem. If younger students report concerns to older siblings, we request older siblings to bring the concern forward to a staff member or playground supervisor. What we don't want to see is parents and older siblings taking matters into their own hands. It is important that we have procedures in place to ensure that any allegations are investigated and a fair process is followed for all involved. In the event you have concerns with regards to behaviours that you witness on the playground that may or may not involve your child, please report these to the principal or vice principal. We will be happy to investigate, problem solve and communicate back to you. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

FOOD ALLERGIES

You may have noticed signs in our school or in your child's classroom indicating that there is a "medical alert" in that classroom. *We have several students in our school with life-threatening food allergies. We ask that all families at Lakewood do their best to make every effort to send your child with a nut free lunch every day and remind your child to wash their hands if they eat nut products for breakfast. This is the most common allergy in our school. If your child is in a classroom where a student has a life threatening allergy, a letter will be sent home. If children are allergic to foods other than nuts, it was indicated in the letter that will come home with your child. On special occasions, you can help to keep these students safe by celebrating with stickers, games and/or prizes and keeping nut containing products at home during and after celebrations such as birthdays, Halloween, Christmas and class parties. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.*

Visitors Report to Office

It is very important that parents and guardians check in at the office when coming into the school during instructional hours. *Parents that are volunteering in their child's classroom or trying to find their child at recess or lunch are required to wear a Visitor Badge so that our staff can easily identify them.*



Some things to remember to assist us with your child's safety:

- ✚ Stay outside in the morning and after school when dropping off or picking up your children.
- ✚ If you are picking up your child for an appointment, or dropping them off during the day, please sign them in at the office.
- ✚ If you are dropping off a lunch please check in at the office but signing in is not required.
- ✚ If you are picking up your child for lunch please sign them out, and in upon returning, at the office.

Please abide by these procedures as they help us keep our students safe during their school day.

Important Dates:

- Fri., Sept.28th Orange Shirt Day
- Mon., Oct. 1st Earth Rangers Presentation
- Wed., Oct. 3rd Cross Country at Juan de Fuca
- Fri., Oct. 5th Turkey Trot & Food Drive/Hot Lunch
- Mon., Oct. 8th Thanksgiving (no school)
- Tues., Oct. 9th PAC Meeting 7PM Library
- Thurs., Oct. 11th Fire Drill 11:15AM
- Tues., Oct. 16th Picture Day
- Wed., Oct. 17th Parent Teacher Interviews
- Fri. Oct 19th Pro D Day - No School
- Wed. Oct. 24th Earthquake Drill 10AM
- Thurs. Oct 25th Halloween Dance 6-7:30pm
- Fri. Oct 26th Halloween Safety Talks
- Tues. Oct. 30th Fire Drill 1PM

