

Lakewood Elementary PAC

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Dear Lakewood Parents,

Happy New Year!

The PAC is looking forward to another great year at Lakewood and we already have a couple of events planned. Watch for information coming home soon.

The PAC works very hard each year on many fundraising programs. At the beginning of each school year the PAC establishes a budget, based on the needs of the school and requests from the staff. The budget at Lakewood typically varies between \$20,000 and \$25,000 per year. Some of these funds come from the revenue generated by pizza and hot lunch days.

The funds raised pay for the following things at Lakewood School:

- Classroom resources such as books, games, special art supplies & other class resources;
- Library books & additional learning resources needed;
- Music & fine arts resources – instruments, art supplies and resource materials;
- Support for parent and student resource books, peer helper training & other resources as needed;
- Student activity resources – cross-country snacks, Gr. 5 recognition, grade 5 leadership, partial cost coverage for intermediate agendas, school clubs (Lego club, chess club, etc.);
- Special Events – school-wide events, performances, presenters, Santa's breakfast beach day, fun day, literacy week, clubs etc;
- Learning Resources – books, games, equipment, computer software;
- Sports Council Membership – allows our kids to take part in Handball, Basketball, Soccer, Volleyball & Track district-wide;
- PAC Resources – Membership Fees to district & provincial PACs, Administrative Costs, Gifts, Parent & PAC education and Bursary for Lakewood Alumni; and
- Many other things benefiting the 460+ students, teachers and support staff of Lakewood.

This year, based on the consensus of the PAC members, we have decided to request that families make a one-time monetary contribution to the PAC in lieu of the various fundraising events that have previously occurred throughout the year. This means that this year, as you may have already noticed, we will not be asking you to help your child sell coupon books, cookie dough, coffee, art cards, wrapping paper, poinsettias or Purdy's. These fundraisers are a lot of time and pressure for families, and also require a lot of volunteer hours from PAC and parents volunteers. Plus, we only get a percentage of the funds from fundraising.

The PAC is still planning family events such as school dances and a year-end event. These events will have a separate admission fee that will cover the cost of the event.

As we mentioned in the December newsletter, the delay for this is that our school is currently setting itself up with an online system called "School Cash Online". If you have any children beyond elementary school then you will know this system, as this is what all the middle schools and high school students use. The benefit to this system is that you receive a charitable donation receipt. Attached is instructions on how to set up your account.

If you would like to make a contribution to the PAC please follow the instructions for your School Cash Online account and donate there. Suggested donation is \$30 - \$50 per child. Any amount is welcome.

We thank you in advance for your consideration/contribution and for continuing to help with the various ways PAC provides support for the school.

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Lakewood 2018-2019 Co-Presidents
On behalf of the Lakewood PAC