

LAKWOOD ELEMENTARY

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Principals Message

It was great to see so many families out for our Meet The Teacher night last evening. We had a full house and everyone enjoyed checking out their children's new classrooms. After a bite to eat, a visit with staff and a walk about, everyone was entertained by Ed Peekekoot, musician and story teller. Thanks to our PAC for coordinating another kick off to a new year. We held our first monthly assembly with students, introducing all of our new and returning staff. We continue to grow with a student population of 462 students and 45 staff members. We are gearing up for our Terry Fox Run next Friday, and Orange Shirt Day the following Monday.

Bryan Johnson
Principal

Terry Fox Challenge

On Friday, September 27th, Lakewood Elementary will host its Terry Fox Run from 1:15-200pm. This year our school has a goal of raising **\$2,250.00 or \$5 a student**. Staff and students will walk, jog or run around our top field. Parents and siblings are invited to watch the event at the fence. We will be accepting donations in:

- ✚ Cash (loonies and up please!)
- ✚ Cheques made out to:
The Terry Fox Foundation
- ✚ Online pledge link:
<http://www.terryfox.ca/LakewoodElementary>

where you can donate in the name of Lakewood Elementary. We will receive notice of the online donations as well and be able to add them to our grand total. Teachers will be spending some class time discussing this event and Terry's contribution to Canada. We encourage you to engage in discussions at home and hope to see you on the 27th. It promises to be a very special afternoon! For every \$500 the students raise, they will get an extra afternoon recess the following week!

A gentle reminder...we have no more Safe Arrival...

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. There is no need to contact the office.

3. For more information regarding the decommissioning of this system please refer to the website and review past newsletters.

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 children.
- 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. We also have buses that park just in front of the crosswalk.
- There is no parking in the pick-up zone until all of the buses have entered and parked.
- 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 cargo quickly.
- 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.



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.

Orange Shirt Day
Monday, September 30th

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

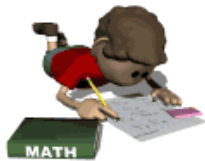
We start to sound like a broken record but we do have some new families to our school that may not know the expectations, while others seem to need ongoing reminders.



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



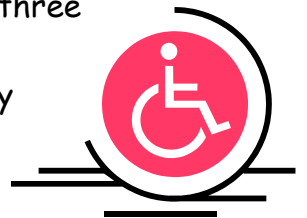
of the school, park further away and arrange a meeting area with your child(ren).

- The parking lot on Treanor Avenue 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 😊

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.



Runners Still Needed...Thrifty's Food Fun Run

Come join the Lakewood Elementary School team in the 1.25km Thrifty Foods Kids Run on Sunday October 13 at 10:30am! To join, please register by MIDNIGHT on SEPTEMBER 29th at <https://raceroster.com/events/2019/19927/goodlife-fitness-victoria-marathon-2019>

When registering choose the "Thrifty Foods Kids Run" and don't forget to choose "Lakewood Elementary" from the team list. Race packages will be delivered to the school if we have 10 or more students signed up by the September 29th deadline. The school with the most participants will win a \$1000 prize and all schools will be considered for a \$500 school spirit award. The run is open to all kids 12 years and under. There will be medals and snacks for the runners. Parents can run alongside their children and are not required to register. The kids run takes place in tandem with the Victoria Marathon.



NOTE: Parents and guardians will be solely responsible for transporting and supervising their children as it is a weekend event and this

will not be supervised by our Team Captain or school staff. If you have any questions please contact the team captain, Monica Granbois at mgranbois@gmail.com

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 was sent home electronically to you today. If children are allergic to foods other than nuts, it was indicated in the letter that you have received via email. On special occasions, you can help to keep these students safe by celebrating with stickers, games and/or prizes and keeping products that contain nuts 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 To Remember

- Mon., Sept. 23rd School Planning Day: No School
- Wed., Sept. 25th Cross Country -3:15- Juan de Fuca
- Fri., Sept. 27th Terry Fox/Cops for Cancer Run
- Mon., Sept. 30th Orange Shirt Day
- Wed., Oct. 2nd Cross Country - 3:15 -Juan de Fuca
- Tues., Oct. 8th PAC Meeting Library 7:00PM

