

## LAKEWOOD ELEMENTARY

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### Principal's Message

We are in full swing as we move into October. The big focus in September was launching a new year and working with students and families to ensure we are successful implementing our health and safety protocols. Thank you to all of our families for supporting our new guidelines, particularly exiting the school grounds at the end of the day. This has really supported the organization and loading of after school bus students. At this point our donations for Terry Fox are lackluster at \$60 when compared to previous years when we have raised over \$1000. I recognize this is a challenging year for some families but there is still time to donate, every donation counts! Unfortunately, this year we will not be holding our usual interschool and intramural sports as we have in the past. I know that this is disappointing news for our Cross Country Team as well as our Grade 4&5 students that look forward to our intramural sports leagues. Having said that, there are lots of great things happening at Lakewood in the month of October, read on to find out what to expect over the next few weeks. Thanks for your ongoing support as we continue to maintain a safe learning environment for all our children and families.

Bryan Johnson

### TURKEY TROT NEXT FRIDAY

This year students will be participating in the traditional Lakewood Turkey Trot!

The annual Turkey Trot will take place next Friday.

Cohorts will stagger start during the day. Students will complete a short walk around our community or on the top field. Up Shaw Avenue, through the fire gate from Shaw Avenue down to Florence Lake Road returning to the school up Setchfield Avenue. **We will be collecting non-perishable food items for those less fortunate so that they can have a wonderful**

**Thanksgiving just like us!**

We are asking all students



to bring in one non-perishable food item that will be delivered to the Goldstream Food Bank. We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

### Fall Fire Drills...

Today we had our first fire drill as we prepare for **Fire Prevention Week** which runs from October 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>. Students did an excellent job:

- ✚ Exiting the building quietly,
- ✚ Proceeding to the Safe Gathering Area promptly, and,
- ✚ Quietly standing while we took attendance to ensure that all students and staff

were safely evacuated and accounted for.

Please review these expectations with your children, it is

also a great week to create or review your home evacuation plan and check your smoke detector batteries!



### SHAKE OUT

On October 15<sup>th</sup> we will be participating in the Great British Columbia Shake Out. British Columbia is located in a seismically active region

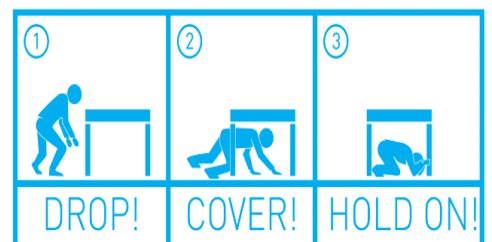
where a few thousand earthquakes occur each year.

Although

only a small number of these earthquakes are large enough to cause damage, the threat of a major earthquake in the province is real. On the third

Thursday in October - a locally-driven, province wide "Drop, Cover and Hold On" drill will take place called "the Great British Columbia Shake Out".

All residents across the province are encouraged to take part in this largest earthquake drill in Canadian History! Our school will participate along with many other schools in the district. Our drill will be held after recess at 10:45AM.



## Virtual PAC Meeting Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 6:30

Next Tuesday Oct 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM is the Lakewood PAC Annual General Meeting. Our PAC along with your support provides wonderful learning opportunities for our children. The latest greatest initiative is our Nature Playground and Learning Circle which is extremely popular with staff, students and families.



Thank you to all of you for your financial contributions which made this a reality for Lakewood! All parents are welcome to attend the PAC meetings and it is easier than ever with the Zoom Meeting format. Several Executive positions are available and we encourage everyone to join the meeting next Tuesday. In order to join the Zoom Meeting go to:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73638657652?pwd=UTVNVG5od1NUbHRNcckk2Q0cwcWRVZz09>

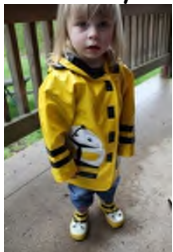
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## Individual Student Photo Day Tuesday October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### Kids need motion breaks...dress for the weather!!

It is important for all students to get outside, have a motion break and get some fresh air at recess and lunch. This year there will be no in days. Students will be outside at designated recess and lunch breaks. While the students are outside our custodians are able to complete enhanced cleaning procedures in classrooms. There are many undercover areas around our school



where students can congregate rather than getting out in the direct rain. Boots, coats and hats help keep your kids dry while they are outside enjoying time with their friends, burning

off some energy and enjoying the games and activities that they enjoy. Please dress your children accordingly for the weather. Our school ground does not drain well so even when things appear to be drying out, boots are a good idea. Please ensure your child has a spare change of clothes in the event they have a fall during the break times so they can stay dry during learning time.

## My Child isn't taking the bus today

A reminder to parents of bus riders, you need to advise the classroom teacher or Ms. Fuzi via email if your child(ren) is not taking the bus home on any given day. This information assists us in ensuring that all students are accounted for before the bus departs. It creates challenges for Ms. Elise if children are not present and we don't know their whereabouts. In most cases, when we follow up with a phone call to parents, we discover that they have been picked up, yet no communication to the teacher or office was made. If you arrive after dismissal and are picking up your child, please report directly to the bus supervisor (outside by the nature playground) to advise her that your child will not be on the bus. Thanks in advance for your cooperation. This enables us to know that all children are accounted for and have a safe ride home.



### Nurse's Corner

Please remember that we have many life threatening and non-life threatening allergies. Please be cognizant of the allergies and health needs within your child's classroom when sending lunches. As always and as part of our SD#62 Stage 2 Health and Safety Guidelines, we ask that students do not share food which further alleviates the chance of reactions to identified students.



### Important Dates:

- Tues. Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> Virtual PAC Meeting - 6:30PM
- Fri. Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> Turkey Trot/Food Drive
- Mon. Oct 12<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving-No School
- Thurs. Oct 15<sup>th</sup> Earthquake Drill: Shake Down
- Tues. Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> Individual Student Photo Day
- Thurs Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> Fire Drill 1:15PM
- Fri. Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> Provincial Pro D Day-No School

