

## LAKWOOD ELEMENTARY

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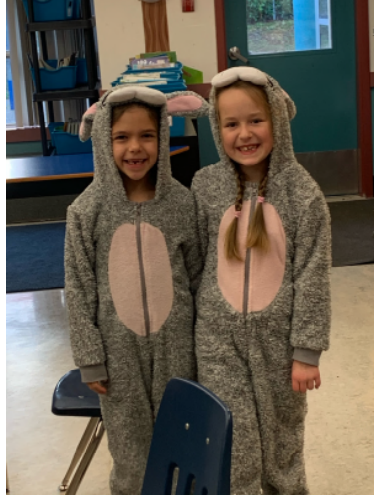
### Message from the Principal

It's hard to believe that next week it is December! With the current pandemic, things will look

significantly different for the next three weeks leading up to our winter vacation. We will be holding our Jingle Bell Run December 18<sup>th</sup> weather permitting.

Unfortunately, we are unable to conduct our Winter Food Drive this year. In order to

support those in need in our community and build on the values of generosity, kindness and compassion, we recommend that families support the 10,000 Tonight event being hosted by Royal Bay and Belmont. Families will be able to drop off food items at Royal Bay or Belmont from 4 -7 PM: on Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, there will be no Santa's Breakfast and no Holiday Concert this year. The good news is that there are lots of great things happening in classes and cohorts for the next three weeks. Twin Day



was a great success yesterday and we are looking forward to PJ Day next Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Teachers are

busy planning fun events for the students in the next three weeks as we move towards our holiday season. Pizza lunch is happening every Thursday, thanks to our parent team that is overseeing this special weekly event. We are also looking at the opportunity to have class photos with Santa. Of course we will follow our Stage Two Health and Safety Protocols ensuring student and staff safety, not to mention the big guy! As we move into the new year we are looking at some type of musical showcase focusing on the class songs that children have been writing and singing with Mr. Wilson. We will have to wait and

see what this might look like after the holidays. This will be dependent on where things are at with the pandemic.

As we see a rise in COVID cases across British Columbia, I wanted to take this opportunity to provide a few safety reminders for before school drop off and after school pick up:

- ✚ Please do not arrive early with your child, the later the drop off the better as this reduces congestion on the playground in the morning.
- ✚ Maintain a 2 metre distance between adults when on school property for drop off and/or pick up.
- ✚ Students that are not in the same cohort must also maintain a 2 metre distance between each other before and after school. When students are in the same cohort they are not required to maintain this distance.
- ✚ As parents arrive for after school pick up teachers will be releasing students to you as they see you outside, this further reduces congestion at the end of day.
- ✚ A reminder that we ask families and students to leave the playground immediately so that we can provide access for our bus students that are waiting for their buses. You are welcome to return to enjoy the playground after 3:30PM when students have been picked up.
- ✚ Although masks aren't a requirement for parents/guardians, thanks to those of you that mask up when on school property.

As mentioned earlier in the year, following the aforementioned guidelines allows us to maintain some normalcy with before and after school procedures. I am hopeful that we can continue these routines rather than requiring students to report to their exterior classroom doors once arriving at school in the morning. Thank you for your continued cooperation during these challenging times. Please remind your child to respect other children's personal space, safe hands, safe feet and no physical contact. Additionally, children are not to share food and are expected to pack in and pack out personal garbage each day. This allows our custodial staff to focus on enhanced cleaning procedures on desks and surfaces rather than tending to full garbage cans throughout the day.



In order to reduce congestion during recess and lunch we have added two new bells at recess and lunch. This allows Cohorts 1 to 5 to get off the playground before Cohorts 6 to 10 head outside for their breaks. Students have adjusted to this change quickly and it allows for a smoother, less congested transition.

### Lost and Found

The extended forecast is for dry weather next week. As a result of this we will be placing lost and found outside of the main entrance on tables next week on any days that don't have rain in the forecast. Feel free to peruse the collection. Items that are not collected will be donated to a charitable organization the following week.☺



### 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. 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 cargo.
- If you have to drop your child off and they aren't right outside their classroom 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 for buses only.
- Pull up as close as you can to the cross walk if you are the lead car in the pick-up lane.
- 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. 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.



### 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.



### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Fri. Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> Spirit Day...PJ Day
- Fri. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> Jingle Bell Run/Winter Vacation Begins
- Mon. Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> First Day Back
- Thurs. Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> Hold and Secure Drill 10:40AM
- Mon. Jan 25<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten Registration Begins
- January 26-28<sup>th</sup> Trent Arterberry Presentations
- Fri. Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> Fire Drill 11:30AM
- Fri. Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> Pro D Day - No School
- Mon. Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> Family Day
- Wed. Feb 24<sup>th</sup> Pink Shirt Day
- Tues. March 3<sup>rd</sup> Fire Drill 1:10PM
- March 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Literacy Week
- Fri. Mar. 15<sup>th</sup> Beginning Spring Break
- Mon. Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> Back to School
- Fri. April 2<sup>nd</sup> Good Friday
- Mon. April 5<sup>th</sup> Easter Monday
- Thurs. April 15<sup>th</sup> PTI - Three hour early dismissal
- Fri. April 16<sup>th</sup> Earthquake Drill 1:10PM
- Mon. April 19<sup>th</sup> Pro D Day - No School
- Tues. May 11<sup>th</sup> Fire Drill 8:45AM
- Fri. May 14<sup>th</sup> Pro D Day - No School
- Mon., May 24<sup>st</sup> Victoria Day - No School
- Tues, June 29<sup>th</sup> Last Day of School for Students



