#### LAKEWOOD ELEMENTARY

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# December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Message from the Principal...

As we prepare for our winter vacation I just

wanted to inform parents and guardians of some changes to annual traditions that are in



effect as we enter the final week of school. These directives have come from the SD#62 Executive Team in consultation with the Occupational Health and Safety Manager...please don't shoot the messenger! Class gift exchange amongst students is a no. Unfortunately, this activity cannot happen this year; bringing items into the school from home and then re-distributing to different families runs the risks of bringing the virus into the school on an object and then further increases the risk of transmission via the school. To that end, arrangements for gift exchange between students need be made by parents and students off school property and outside of our operational hours.

Can parents give their children's class a pre-wrapped snack or goody? No, please see above regarding Class Gift Exchange. Staff Gifts: Family Gifts to Lakewood Staff: Yes This can go ahead provided families and staff follow protocols and that gift exchanges do not involve social gatherings. Safe gifts such as gift cards or non-porous items that can be cleaned or disinfected are best. If gifts do not fit in the aforementioned grouping, please ensure all items are quarantined for 72 hours before providing and quarantined for 72 hours after received.

## Virtual Santa Visits...

For those classes that have indicated that they would like a virtual visit from Santa, this will happen next Thursday. Your child's teacher will fill you in on the details if this is happening. Thanks to our PAC for organizing this fun event!



## Weather permitting, Jingle Bell Run

next Friday...

We are looking forward to our annual Jingle Bell Run & Walk. This will occur next Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>



throughout the day. Students attach their bells and take a jingly stroll around our

neighbourhood. Classroom teachers will provide you with the details of their walk as each cohort will be conducting their runs at different times to ensure social distancing.



#### Home for the Holidays...Locker Clean Out next week...

Next week gym teachers will be having all students bring home items from their lockers for a cleaning and or resizing over the holidays.



Please ensure that

your children return indoor shoes, change of clothes etc. when regular instruction starts up in January. Thank you!

## DATES TO REMEMBER

	Fri. Dec. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Jingle Bell Run/Winter Vacation Begins
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- > 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

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- > Mon. April 5<sup>th</sup> Easter Monday
- > Thurs. April 15th PTI Three hour early dismissal
  - Fri. April 16<sup>th</sup> Earthquake Drill 1:10PM