

LAKWOOD ELEMENTARY

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Welcome Back!

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and Happy New Year to all! Thanks so much to all of our families for making the PAC Bottle Drive such a great success. We are awaiting the grand total raised but we are anticipating that this was a worthwhile venture! Students have settled into the school routines quickly and are actively engaged in learning activities in their classrooms. A great deal of learning occurs during the second term and once again our dedicated staff have begun implementing second term curriculum units. Keep on reading to find out about some of the great activities that will be happening around Lakewood in the next few weeks. There are also a few reminders with regards to our Stage 2 Health and Safety Guidelines. We appreciate your support with these guidelines in order that we ensure the safety of our students, families and staff.

Bryan Johnson

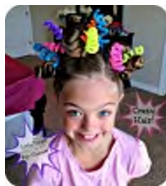
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Spirit Days

We had so much fun in the Fall with our Lakewood Spirit Days that we are planning a whole-school spirit day each month.

Read on for what's coming up:

1. Friday, January 22 -Lakewood Spirit Wear Day - this is the chance for all the students and staff to show their Lakewood Pride! Those students and staff that have Lakewood hoodies or t-shirts are encouraged to wear them next Friday. If you don't, then we encourage everyone to wear our school colours of purple and gold.
2. Friday, February 5th - Crazy Hair Day - All students are invited to show-up to school with their wildest and most creative hairdos.
3. Wednesday, February 24th - Pink Shirt Day- All students are encouraged to wear pink to symbolize that we do not tolerate bullying and that we are committed to practicing kindness and treating others with respect. This day also highlights two



parts of our Code of Conduct:
Caring and Respect.

Special Guest Performance

We are excited to have Trent Arterberry, visit our school on Tuesday, January 26th and Thursday, January 28th to provide live performances for our students. Trent incorporates mime, story-telling and interactivity into his performances. Safety precautions have been put in place including: having 10 shorter cohort presentations instead of one large presentation, and ensuring physical distancing. A big thank-you to the PAC and ArtStarts for covering the costs for Trent's performances.



Lakewood Virtual Book Fair Coming Soon

The Book Fair is coming soon. This year, due to COVID 19, the Book Fair will be virtual. Although Lakewood's "cut" of the proceeds is significantly less when the fair is virtual (20% instead of 60%) we still want to provide this opportunity to our students and families. The advantage of the virtual fair is that books will be shipped directly to your homes! Stay tuned for more information.



Lost or Damaged Library Books

If your child has lost or damaged a library book the following procedures have been put in place for parents/guardians to reimburse the school library in order that we recover the basic cost of the book:

1. If your child has a lost book, Ms. Bouvier will have a conversation with your child reminding them to return the book.
2. If they do not, Ms. Bouvier provides a written reminder to your child which they are supposed to bring home requesting that you look for the book with your child. Hopefully this notice makes it home!
3. If the book is not returned, or if a book is returned but the book is damaged, you will receive a request from Ms. Bouvier to cover the cost of the book.
4. In order to pay for the lost or damaged book, you will be asked to pay

using **Cash On Line**. The cost for soft cover books is \$10, the cost for hardcover books is \$15. Once you have paid the school office receives a notification.

5. **Don't be alarmed if you are looking at your child's Cash On Line Account next week and see "a lost or damaged book charge"; you only need to pay this if you receive a notice from Ms. Bouvier the librarian.**

Next PAC Meeting February 2nd

The next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday February 2nd, our regular PAC meeting is virtual and is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. We have an extremely dedicated PAC who work very hard to support school activities, resources and organize special events for our school. Thanks to all of our parents that helped out at the Bottle Drive. I know all parents are made to feel very welcome when attending PAC meetings. Being involved with our school builds a really strong community. See everybody on February 2nd.

Before School Student Arrival

Procedures- We need your support ensuring your children's health and safety. It is expected that all students, regardless of assigned cohort, **remain two meters apart when arriving at school** in the morning prior to the 8:25AM bell. You can support this by ensuring that your children do not arrive at school or get dropped off (excluding bus students) any earlier than ten minutes before the 8:25AM bell. **If students adhere to the two meter rule, we will be able to maintain an "open playground" before school.** **If this does not work, I will have no alternative but to assign cohorts to a specific area (similar to recess and lunch).** Working together, I am hopeful that before school we can maintain arrival procedures where students are free to roam. Time will tell, let's work together on this to ensure some regularity for students as it pertains to before school procedures.



End of Day Departure Procedures

In a normal year, parents and students often hang out on the playground after school, students play, parents visit and it develops a true sense of community. Unfortunately, this year that doesn't make sense, we need to be far more vigilant, the following departure

procedures will ensure the health and safety of your children:

- ✓ We ask that all students, with the exception of bus students, **leave school property immediately** when the bell goes.
- ✓ At the end of the day, the priority on the playground is for our bus students, supervision of these students/ensuring social distancing is much easier for Ms. Elise when there are no other students on the playground.
- ✓ If students/families want to **return to play, we ask that you return after 3:30PM when the final school bus has departed.**
- ✓ Students that walk home are expected to leave the school grounds once dismissed by their teacher.
- ✓ Parents that meet their children outside the classroom and/or pick their children up are asked to leave the property, you are welcome to return to the school grounds after 3:30PM when the final bus leaves.
- ✓ **We encourage families to have on off-site meeting location whenever possible.**

DATES TO REMEMBER

➤	Tues. Jan. 21 st	Hold & Secure Drill 10:40AM
➤	Fri. Jan. 22 nd	Spirit Wear Day
➤	Mon. Jan. 25 th	Kindergarten Registration Begins
➤	Jan. 26 th -28 th	Cultural Performance
➤	Tues. Feb. 2 nd	PAC Meeting 7:00PM
➤	Fri. Feb. 5 th	Fire Drill 11:30AM
➤	Fri. Feb. 5 th	Crazy Hair Day
➤	Fri. Feb. 12 th	Pro D Day - No School
➤	Mon. Feb. 15 th	Family Day - No School
➤	Wed. Feb. 24 th	Pink Shirt Day
➤	Mar. 8 th -12 th	Literacy Week (Tentative)
➤	Tues. Mar. 9 th	PAC Meeting 7:00PM
➤	Fri. Mar. 12 th	Beginning Spring Break, 2:38PM
➤	Mon.. Mar. 29 th	School Reopens, 8:30AM
➤	Fri. April 2 nd	Good Friday
➤	Mon April 5 th	Easter Monday
➤	Tues. April 6 th	PAC Meeting 7:00PM
➤	Thurs. April 15 th	Early Dismissal 11:38AM
➤	Fri. April 16 th	Earthquake Drill 1:10PM
➤	Mon. April 19 th	Pro D Day - No School
➤	Tues. May 4 th	PAC Meeting (AGM) 7:00PM
➤	Tues. May 11 th	Fire Drill 8:45AM
➤	Fri. May 14 th	Pro D Day - No School