

LAKEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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December 2021

Principal's Message

It is hard to believe our calendars are turning over to December and the countdown of 2021 has begun!

Our building is busy! Our daily announcements highlight acts of kindness, and students provide laughter by sharing weekly jokes. Our hallways feature Remembrance Day reflections, fall learning, writing and art projects. Grade 5 students have shown a lot of leadership this fall, in helping our young students with outdoor routines, handing out equipment at recess for outdoor play and organizing a sock drive. It has a great fall!

Staff are busy planning events for students over the next three weeks as we move towards our holiday season. We will be hosting a virtual visit with Santa, our annual Jingle Bell Run and a sing along. Pizza lunch is happening every Thursday, thanks to our parent team for overseeing this weekly event.

A reminder that our outdoor supervision starts at 8:15am; prior to that time, there is <u>not</u> supervision for students. It has recently come to our attention that some of our older students are in a friendly contest to see who arrives first at school. It is concerning when we have students outside without any adult supervision. Thank-you for ensuring your child does not arrive at school prior to 8:15am.

Book Fair

On Thursday, Dec. 3 students will have the opportunity to 'window shop' in our Scholastic Book Fair. They will create a wish list and bring it home. On Friday, Dec. 4th or Monday, Dec. 6th, classroom teachers will have a class shopping trip to the Book Fair. The final day for students to purchase books will be <u>Tuesday, Dec.</u> <u>7th prior to 10:15 am</u>.

Parents Shopping at Book Fair

Parents can shop at the book fair after 2:30pm on Thursday, Friday and Monday. The book fair will be set up in the gym and we ask parents to park down by Lake Ida and walk up the back driveway. We do not have parking in our staff lot. Please help us keep the book fair safe for everyone by following our Book Fair procedures. Thanks for your support!

Book Fair Procedures:

-Students and parents will hand sanitize as they are entering the space and as they leave.



-When buying, as much as possible, only touch books that are going to be purchased.

-Parents entering the space will be required to complete the district health check in. A QR code is available to scan to help make this process quicker.

-Parent numbers will be limited to 10-15 people at a time.

Lost and Found

During the last week of the month we will <u>be</u> <u>placing lost and found</u> <u>outside of the main</u> <u>entrance.</u> Feel free to peruse the collection. Items that are not



collected will be donated to a charitable after December $17^{\text{th}}. \odot$

<u>Outside in the fresh air</u>

We are sending our students out rain or shine for a nature break at recess and lunch. Please dress your child in layers to help facilitate this.







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

In the week or two before the break, 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 child returns indoor shoes, change of clothes etc. when regular instruction starts up in January. Thank you!

Jingle Bell Run on Dec. 16th

We are looking forward to our annual Jingle Bell Run & Walk. This will occur on Friday, December 16th 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 class will be conducting their runs at different times.

Caring Soles Sock Drive

Six of our Grade 5 students recently organized a sock drive; they were collected socks donations for the 1-Up Victoria Single Parent Resource Centre. At today's count, they had 500 pairs ... with three more bags to count!!



Food Drive

Our Lakewood PAC has organized a Food Drive. Staff and students are collecting non-perishable items. The Staff at Lakewood Elementary would like to wish you the very best of holidays. We are looking forward to seeing you in the new year.

<u>Dates to Remember</u>

<u>December 3 -7th</u> Book Fair <u>December 4</u> - Wear your Lakewood Spirit Wear or purple/gold <u>December 15th</u> Santa Visits Virtually <u>December 16th</u> Jingle Bell Run <u>December 17th</u> Whole school sing along

