



LAKWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

It's time to get out those warm coats, scarves, gloves and boots to prepare for colder weather! November weather is upon us and that reminds us to anticipate the many amazing things that happen in November and December such as the Remembrance Day assembly and Holidays around the world. Creating a vibrant, active school is one goal that we strive to achieve in many ways.

At Lakewood Elementary we are committed to helping every child build a foundation for future success in our ever changing world. The teachers strive to ensure that all the children have the essential skills of reading, writing, mathematics and co-operation while developing a positive self-esteem and love of learning.

We believe that learning is a partnership between home and school. At school, the teachers work with the children on many skills. At home, there are many ways that you as parents or guardian can help your child:

- You can read with your child at home.
- You can read and talk with your child about what he/she has read.
- You can ask your child what was their favourite part of the day

It is helpful to talk to your child about school every day and to talk to your child's teacher regularly, not only at report time.

Working together supports all of us at the school and you at home to help our children become life-long learners. Thank you again for your on-going support of your child(ren)'s learning throughout the year.

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English Language Learners

Lakewood has a growing ELL population and some families might know of other families that need support. Please see the

attachments with this newsletter and pass them on.

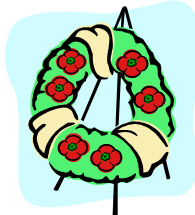
Student Cell Phones & Digital Pictures

Student cell phones are becoming more and more common at our school as they provide another safety device for parents and guardians. **We remind students and parents that these must be kept in student backpacks throughout the day and are not to be brought out to show friends or make calls throughout the day.**



Some cell phones also have the capability to take digital pictures. **School District Policy prohibits** anyone from taking digital pictures of other students without the written permission of that child's parents; therefore, we ask that students, whose phones have this capability, refrain from taking pictures while at school.

Remembrance Day



Our annual Remembrance Service will begin at 10:40am on Wednesday November 10th and will be streamed to our classrooms.

Unfortunately, we do not have the ability to share outside the school. Scouts, Guides and Cadets are welcome to wear their uniforms on this day.

Halloween Candy

Special days like Halloween are a time of celebration with friends, family and food. However, *there are students in our school*



with life-threatening food allergies and these students are especially at risk during

this time. You can help to keep our allergic students safe by:

- ♦ Remember that food cannot be shared
- ♦ celebrating with stickers, games or prizes instead of food



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Not sending or bringing peanut and nut-containing products to the school or classroom.

Early Dismissal



Reminder that there is an early dismissal day on Nov. 18th.

Students will be dismissed at 11:38. Nov 19th is a Professional Development day and there is no school for students.

Photo day

On Oct. 19th individual photos were taken of children who were at school. photo retake day is Nov. 7th



Orange Shirt Day

Orange shirt day is a movement that officially began in 2013 but, it began in 1973 when six-year-old Phyllis Webstad entered the St. Joseph Mission Residential School, outside of Williams Lake, BC. Young Phyllis was wearing a brand new orange shirt for her first day of school - new



clothes being a rare and wonderful thing for a First Nation girl growing up in her grandmother's care - but the staff at the Mission quickly stripped her of her new shirt and replaced it with the school's institutional uniform.

These Indian residential schools operated across Canada between 1831 and 1996 and were not a nice place to go to school.

While she only attended for one year the impact affected Ms. Webstad's life for many years and her story is the nucleus for what has become a national movement to recognize the experience of survivors of Indian residential schools, honour them, and show a collective commitment to ensure that every child matters.

The initiative calls for every Canadian to wear an orange shirt on September 30 in the spirit of healing and reconciliation.

Emergency contacts

We are again reminding parents/guardians that it is imperative that you keep your contacts list up to date. At this time of year, we generally rely on the verification forms, sent out in September to confirm contact info. IF you haven't yet returned those forms please do so A.S.A.P.



Dogs on the property

District policy D-121 states "animals are not allowed to be on School District property. This general prohibition includes domestic dogs, cats, birds, and other pets."



This is a reminder to leave your dogs at home when dropping off or picking up your children. This is for everyone's safety.

During non-school hours Langford has a bylaw that prohibits dogs from being on the fields.

From <https://www.langford.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/crd-keeping-of-animals-1465.pdf>

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(4) No person, except persons with a Guide Dog or a Police Dog, shall allow or

permit a dog in their care or control to be in or on a sports facility at any time.

"Sport Facility" means an area intended and developed for playing sports and which may or may not contain a sports field.

Dates to Remember

Nov. 11 Remembrance Day

Nov. 17 – retakes

Nov. 18 – early dismissal

Nov. 19 Professional Development day

Pizza day every Thursday.

Dec. 17th – last day before the winter break