



LAKWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2021/22 school year. Our staff and students have worked diligently to establish routines and set a positive, collaborative tone at Lakewood for the rest of the year. Safe and gentle body and kind words are the three core values that we talk about every day. We will be teaching and reinforcing these values throughout the year and in all contexts in our school. We value and appreciate your input as we continue to create the best possible conditions for teaching and learning. Parents are a vital part of the Lakewood School Community. Your contributions are invaluable to the school through your support of school. If you have questions or concerns, please call our school at 250 474 3449. We wish your child a happy and successful school year and look forward to this exciting journey together

FOOD ALLERGIES

There are signs in our school outside your child's classroom indicating that there is a "medical alert" in that classroom. *We have students in our school with life-threatening food allergies.* Please make every effort to educate yourself and your child about these allergies and try to send your child with an allergen free lunch every day. We practice hand washing at school but please have your child wash their hands if they eat these products at home before they come to school. You can help to keep these students safe by celebrating special occasions such as birthdays and Halloween with stickers, games and/or prizes and keeping allergen containing products at home.



PAC

We have a wonderful group of PAC members that help to organize events at school. **THEY NEED HELP.** Every dollar the PAC fundraises goes back into the school to enrich all the student's educational experience. Many hands make light work. Want to help but not sure what to do? Email lakewoodhotlunch@gmail.com



TERRY FOX

On Friday, Sept. 24th we will be running around the school to raise awareness of cancer and the Fox legacy. We are collecting a toonie for Terry. If you can donate, please send a toonie on Sept. 24th.



ORANGE DAY



On Wednesday, Sept. 29th the staff and students are encouraged to wear orange to school to recognize the harm residential schools did to our Aboriginal communities. This is a day for reflection and acknowledgement. Our new national holiday on Sept. 30 reflects what we are trying to do as a country.

Student Cell Phones & Photographs



Student cell phones are becoming common item at our school as they provide 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, play games 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



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parents; therefore, we ask that students, and adults, whose phones have this capability, refrain from taking pictures while at school.

Electronic Gadgets/Special Toys

This is a reminder to parents and students that we recommend that: **electronic gadgets and other special game cards and toys are kept at home.** It poses a difficult situation for staff and students if one of these items goes missing or is damaged at school, as we often have trouble solving these types of problems. We encourage students to leave these items at home rather than bringing them to school. We cannot ensure the return of these items if they go missing.



Photo day



On Oct. 19th individual photos will be taken of children who are at school. Photo retake day is Nov. 19th.

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. Once you receive the paper please return it ASAP.



We also need your consent for the following:

1. Media Consent
2. Internet Access Consent
3. General Consent for School Fieldtrips/Activities
4. Google Apps for Education Consent
5. Aboriginal Education Information and Self-Identification

Please click on the following link to fill out these important forms:

<https://consent.sd62.bc.ca/apps/OnlineConsent>

Here are some important links for you to know about:

Our website: <https://lakewood.web.sd62.bc.ca/>

Parent Portal:

<https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspn/logon.do>

School Cash Online:

<https://www.schoolcashionline.com/>

Visitors in our buildings

Please remember that it is very difficult for a staff member to talk to you, about your child, at the bell. This is a safety issue when 20+ students are not supervised as the staff member stops to talk to you. Please email and ask to make an appointment. This allows for a richer discussion.

Animals on the school grounds

SD 62 policy D-121 states that "animals are not allowed to be on School District property". Please do not bring dogs on to the school ground. This is for the safety of our children. Thanks for your kindness.

Dates to Remember

- Sept. 24 – Terry Fox run
- Oct. 19 – photo day
- Oct. 20 – Parent Teacher connection night
- Oct. 22 – Pro D day
- Nov. 19 – retakes
- Pizza day every Thursday.