



# LAKEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Principal's Message

This term report cards will be issued by Spring Break. Parents, I encourage you to take time to review this report card, or any ongoing assignments with a proficiency scale attached, with your child. This is a great time to talk about your child's strengths and set some third term goals. March 10<sup>th</sup> is our day to connect formally with parents. Your child's teacher will be contacting you directly about what that might look like. Please direct any questions their way.

The last day of school prior to Spring Break is Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. I wish students and staff a safe and fun couple of weeks as you have worked hard since the beginning of January and are deserving of a break. Parents please know this is your school and you are always welcome. The staff appreciates your wonderful support as we work together to ensure every student at Lakewood Elementary experiences success.

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## **Pink Shirt Day**

It was wonderful to look around the school on Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> and see students standing up for kindness and wearing all shades of pink. At Lakewood, each day we review our Code Conduct, with the "Keepers of the Code" sharing important examples on the announcements. Two key aspects of the code related to Pink Shirt day are: Caring and Respect.



## **Parking**

Reminder that the parking lot at the back of the building is for staff only. Please do not pull-in to drop off your child or to park.



## **Lost and Found**



We will be pulling out lost and found items in front of the school entrance before and after school during the week of March 14-18<sup>th</sup>. All unclaimed items will be donated the following week. Please ask your children to check if they have lost an item. If you have time, please stop by and look for items that you know belong to your child.

## **Student Health Checker App**

We appreciate the efforts parents have made to keep our children and staff healthy and safe at school, by keeping children home if they are sick. One of the most important factors to keeping schools safe is a daily screening for any



COVID19 symptoms, and having students and staff stay home if sick. Daily health checks continue to be required. To support daily screening, a new K-12 health-checker app has been developed for students and families and can be found at: [K-12 Health Check \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www.gov.bc.ca/k12healthcheck)

## **Before and After school**

This is just a reminder that there is **no supervision** at Lakewood before 8:15 AM and after 2:55 PM. As the weather gets warmer, we are seeing more students





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dropped off early and picked up later without an adult there to supervise.

## Literacy Week



With Spring Break fast approaching it also means that Literacy Week at Lakewood is too! Our annual literacy week will take place from March 14th to 18th. There are a few activities that families can begin preparing for.

Students are encouraged to wear funky socks on Tuesday March 15th. Wear your coolest, raddest, most out of this world socks, extra kudos if they are related to a book somehow.

Wednesday March 16th will be "Dress Up as Your Favorite Book Character Day". Make it simple or elaborate, subtle or obvious; will everyone at school be able to tell which book your character is from?

Friday March 18th will be a *whole school Pajama Day*. Roll out of bed (but don't forget to brush your teeth) and join us for our final day of literacy week.

We also have some at home activities that we would like you to know about. Firstly, is our Explore our Universe Reading Challenge. The public library has kindly donated their extra reading passports from 2020. We are going to use them for our week-long reading challenge where students will record their reading for seven nights from Friday March 11th to Thursday March 17th. Students should read at least a picture book or a chapter in a novel each day and write or draw about their reading in the booklet. Booklets will go home Friday March 11th and need to be returned to school a week later the draw date being Friday

March 18th. Prizes will be local bookstore gift cards!

The other at home activity is our Reading Bingo Challenge. Watch for these bingo cards to come home on March 11th as well. Students will have from March 11th to April 7th to complete their reading bingo cards. A draw will be done on April 7th and is also for gift certificates to a local bookstore. This is a fun activity that encourages students to read in interesting places and to try new types of books that they might not be familiar with. Let us know on the back of your bingo card what you did for your free space activity.

Dress up and at home challenges are optional but we find that it is a fun week full of smiles, laughs and learning when kids really get into the spirit of literacy week. We hope that this info a little bit ahead of time helps you to support your child to participate in the activities that they are interested in.

### Dates to Remember

- Mar 8/9 – K/1 hearing/vision screening
- Mar 10 – Celebration of learning
- Mar 18 – Last Day before Spring Break
- Apr 4 – First Day back
- Apr 7 – Early dismissal
- Apr 8 – Professional Development day
- Apr 15 – Good Friday
- Apr 18 – Easter Monday
- Pizza day every Thursday.