



# LAKEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Principal's Message



Welcome to Lakewood Elementary School for the 2022-2023 school year! Whether you have been a part of this community

already, or you are new to our school we are so happy to have everyone here. The staff has been very busy planning and preparing to welcome our students back and I know your children will have an awesome year. I am honored to serve this community of learners and look forward to working alongside talented and dedicated staff, students, parents and community members. Collaboration, engaging learning opportunities and innovative practices will continue to be infused into all areas of instruction in the year ahead. Lakewood Elementary School is a special place and we look forward to getting to know each child, their family and creating a strong partnership that will enhance your child's educational experience and time with their Lakewood Family. Thank you for being a part of our school community. We look forward to working with your child(ren) and your family! Reach out if you have any questions.

## HEALTH CHECK

It is very important that you keep your child at home if they are sick. We have already had children come to school only to be sent home after being sick at school. If your child cannot pass the health check - do not send them to school. It is important to, as a family, create a plan for the inevitable day that your child is ill.



## 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](mailto:lakewoodhotlunch@gmail.com)

## TERRY FOX

On Friday, Sept. 23rd 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. 23<sup>th</sup>.



## ORANGE SHIRT DAY



On Thursday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> 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 parents; therefore, we ask that students,



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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. 18th individual photos will be taken of children who are at school. Photo retake day is Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## 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. Na'tsa'maht Indigenous Education

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/aspen/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. Our front door is open, and you are welcome to come talk to us at the front desk during the school day.

## 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. 23 – Terry Fox run  
Oct. 18 – photo day  
Oct. 21 – Pro D day  
Oct. 27 Halloween Dance  
Nov. 23 – retakes  
Pizza day every Thursday.