



LAKEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

October has arrived! Everyone seems more settled each day and the lingering summer sunshine has been a pleasant surprise. The changing leaves and cooler mornings remind us that Fall is upon us. We hope that everyone found the time to reflect and learn on Truth and Reconciliation day. We have settled into classes and routines, while at the same time breaking routines to practice emergency drills, take part in Terry Fox Day/run, learning about the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, having fun at the Gobble Wobble, and cheering for the runners of our cross-country meets. It has been an amazing few weeks! It has also been wonderful to have families back inside the school and to feel the greater school community build back up again. It takes a team to lead your child(ren) through their educational journeys and we are thankful to be a part of an amazing community of dedicated professionals and families.

The staff at Lakewood Elementary considers itself a partner with you and the community in providing an education to meet the needs of your child for now, as well as in the future. We are committed to your child. Our focus is, and will always be, what is in the best interest of the students we serve. We strive to create the conditions for all learners, children and adults, to be actively engaged in purposeful learning in a community of belonging and inclusion.

Thank you so much for all your support! Remember, you can get involved with school events by joining our PAC for their monthly meetings, or by reaching out to your child's teacher about volunteer opportunities in the classroom.

I know that it continues to be challenging to keep up with the of information that the school and District send out, but we really do appreciate your efforts in doing so.

A principal's message wouldn't be complete without a reminder to please avoid parking in the bike lanes on the street and follow our traffic folk's directions in the bus ring before and after school.

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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 or play games 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 assembly will begin at 10:40am on Thursday, November 10th.

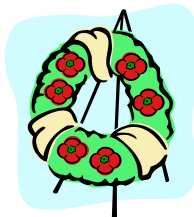
Unfortunately, we do not have the ability to have adults join us.

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:





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

Educating yourself about what allergen is in the classroom and avoiding sending that in lunches and snacks.

Early Dismissal



Reminder that there is an early dismissal day on Nov. 24th.

Students will be dismissed at 11:38. Nov 25th is a Professional Development day and there is no school for students.

Photo day

On Oct. 18th individual photos were taken of children who were at school. photo retake day is Nov. 23rd



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.



Parking

We are again asking you to be mindful when parking in bike lanes surrounding our school when dropping off your child. It is illegal to park in a bike lane and you could get a ticket from the Police.

Halloween Dance

Thanks to Mr. Sansom and our wonderful PAC for helping us dance the night away on Oct. 27. There are no words to describe what a incredible time we had.

Science world visited us

We got to learn all about earth, wind and science. It was an exciting show!

Handball

This extracurricular activity has started for our grade 4s and 5s. We have girl's and boys' teams and games have begun. Thanks to Mr. Wilson, Ms. Grieve, Ms. Blow and Ms. Pitton for coaching these teams.

Choir

Students in grades 1-5 can join the choir three times in the year. In September, in November and in January. The first choir will be singing two songs at our Remembrance Day assembly.

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 and dog poop and children are not a good mix.

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

Oct. 24 – Science World assembly
Oct. 31 – costume parade primary
Nov. 3 - parent teacher meetings
Nov. 10 – Remembrance Day assembly
Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day – no school
Nov. 23 – photo retake day
Nov. 24 – early dismissal 11:38am
Nov. 25 – Pro D
Nov. 29 – fire drill