

LAKEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

The nights seem longer, the flowers are beginning to bloom, the grass is growing, and the warm weather is starting. The end of the school year is, as usual, looking very busy. As the weather gets warmer, students become more anxious for the start of summer break. With that said, it is also important that students continue to work hard on their academics.

This wonderful time of life is full of adventure and our students reflect this with energy and curiosity which certainly keeps all of us, on the staff team, fresh and on our toes! It is truly a pleasure to be working at the Lakewood Elementary learning community this year. Lakewood Elementary is such a dynamic and welcoming school.

Cross Country

We had many students participate in the cross country meet on April 26th. On May 25th our top 25 will be competing again. Thank you very much to Ms. Heath, Ms. Sweetland and Ms. Fafard for coaching. As well as staff who supported our school practices. We are really excited for the community event.

Did you know?

We cannot release a child from school unless it is to an adult on your approved list. It is also very important to let the office know if there are changes in daycare arrangements at the end of the day. Communication is key!!!

Lost and Found

There is once again an overflow of coats, sweaters etc. Please ask your son or daughter to check if they have lost an item. If you have time, please stop in and take a gander through the box and look for items that you know belong

Grade Group Composition

At Lakewood Elementary we strive to do our very best when it comes to meeting the needs of all our students. Our teachers spend a substantial amount of time transitioning with the previous year's teachers as we build the class lists for the 2023-24 school year. As educational professionals, we match the needs of students, the dynamics of the classrooms and expertise of our teaching staff in order to build optimal learning environments for our students. Our goal is to build academically successful, socially responsible, and emotional stable classrooms that promote optimal student learning and educational success. We consider a variety of educational factors that include but are not limited to academic performance, work habits, learning styles, interpersonal/social skills and psychological development.

Please see the document at the end of this newsletter for the process for you to provide information about your child in relation to the educational criteria outlined in the attached document This ensures that your voice will be heard during the configuration process; but in the end, the final decision rests with the teaching professionals. Please connect with Kerry Arnot <u>karnot@sd62.bc.ca</u> if you have any questions.

We thank you for working with us, as our professionals with their extensive educational expertise and experience build optimal learning environments for the upcoming school year to maximize your child's success for their future.





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PAC AGM and Elections

We are very grateful that we have a dedicated and active PAC. They are looking for support, from you, for their executive positions. On May 9th they will be holding their general meeting to elect members into vacant positions. If you can help, please come to the meeting on May 9th at 6:30 in the library. All are welcome!

Fire Safety Expo

Our Grade 4's went to the Metchosin Fire

Hall to attend the Western Communities Fire and Life Safety Expo. The students circulated through stations that focused on fire and life safety skills. This is always a memorable experience for our students.



Well done Lakewood! Our total is sitting at \$4000 and climbing! Another great year for our school. Thanks to Mrs. DeVries for another successful event! Our students spend the afternoon on April 28th doing all sorts of activities with skipping ropes.

Soccer Season

Thanks to Mrs. De Greef, Mrs. Katz, Mr.

Castellanos and Mr. Ward for overseeing the soccer teams. Great skill development, sportsmanship and a good time was had by all.



Dates to Remember

April 28 – JR4heart May 1 – Read Ride event – new K's in the gym May 2 – X country May 3 – Intermediate Spring concert May 4 – Primary Spring concert May 9 – PAC AGM at 6:30pm May 22 – Victoria Day (no school) May 29 – Pro-D day (no school for students) May 25 – Spring Fair hosted by our PAC

Pizza day every Thursday.