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<u>Lakewood</u> Upcoming Events:

Nov 1st - Gr 8's to SCS

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Nov 10th – Remembrance Day Assmebly

Nov 13 – Progress Reports go home

Nov 16th–Parent Interviews 4 –7pm

Nov 17th – No School – Parent Interviews 8:30 – 12pm

Nov 20th – Picture Retake Day

Nov 29th – Book Fair Begins

Dec 1 – Intermediate Boys Volleyball Tournament

Dec 2nd – Santa Sale 9-1pm

NOVEMBER 2017

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

October was certainly a busy month for Lakewood Elementary School! Soccer tournaments, Cross country, Norfolk County Fair, Thanksgiving, Friday the 13, class trips, Spirit days, United Way, Hat Day, two Picture days, Hot lunch days, Waste reduction week, Sock donations for the homeless, a Family Hallowe'en Dance and the Loonie Fair on Hallowe'en Day! Within each of these unique opportunities we saw many Laker's excellence shine! School is, first and foremost, a place for learning. Students do take classroom learning seriously, as they should, but they are also ready to embrace the out of class learning that the phenomenal staff of Lakewood Elementary school organize, and volunteer to implement. I am truly grateful for their numerous contributions to our school.

In November, reports will be sent home to give you a glimpse of how things are going this year with respect to your child's academic progress. I encourage families to arrange interviews with your child's teacher. Interviews will take place after school on November 16 or during the morning of the November 17 PA day.

New volunteers are needed. Assistance in working students on reading or mathematics makes a big difference for students. There are some specific volunteer-run programs that are not being implemented due to a lack of volunteers. Help us out by contacting the school and by spreading the word with neighbours and family members.

Lakewood Parent Group:

Thank you all for coming to our family Halloween Dance! We had a great turnout and everyone had so much fun.

Our next LPC meeting will be Monday, Nov 6th from 6-8 in the multi-purpose room, hope to see you all there!

Save the Date!! Saturday, Dec 2 is our annual Santa Sale at Lakewood from 9-1. It's a wonderful community event that stars amazing handmade crafts for sale by our students, an epic Bake table and many Penny Table items to bid on. There will be ornament decorating, cookie decorating, Vendors to shop with and of course, Santa!!

We will also be hosting Jensen, DeKoning and Poinsettia orders so watch for those forms too!

Character Focus for November is Perseverance



Book Fair:

Look for the book fair later this month! It will be running November 29-December 2nd. Your child/children may come home with a wish list of books. If they wish to buy anything; you may send in money in a zip-lock bag with a note to your teacher in the communication bag. We will make sure they get in to buy their books. Parents are welcome anytime during the school day and after school till 3:30 (you need to park at the front and sign in at the office but not during bus times please). We will also be open during the Santa Sale. Money raised will be going to books for classroom libraries and Scholastic wish list items such as listening centres, books on cd's and light tables. Thank you for your support.

<u>Attendance</u>

Please advise the school by 9:00 a.m. if your child will be late or absent. Phone messages can be left at any time, day or night, at 519-583-0830.

Batteries & Old Markers for Recycling:

We have a pail in the office for accepting used batteries, and a box for used markers. Send them to the office. Let's protect our environment and recycle!

Hot Lunch & School Trips:

All hot lunch and school trips are to be completed online **starting November 1**st. If you need assistance registering to schoolcashonline.com or any help in navigating the online purchasing method, don't hesitate to contact School Cash Online - Parent Help Desk at 1-866-961-1803 or parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com.

Eco News:

Introducing our newsletter's Eco Corner! Here you will find an environmental tip or trick each month or find out the exciting happenings here at Lakewood! This month, we would like to thank everyone for their participation in Waste Reduction Week! Continuing to choose reusable containers over wrappers even a few times per week makes a difference in a school the size of ours! Stay green:)

Bullying Prevention Assembly

Bullying can happen in many ways. It can include teasing, being physically or emotionally hurtful to someone, or ignoring someone. It can also happen anytime – in person, online, on the phone, in class, on the bus, in your neighborhood or even in your home. Therefore, Lakewood Elementary School is presenting a bullying awareness assembly on Thursday November 16th, 2017 titled "All different All equal." This presentation is centered around an ideology called "Ubuntu". It is a very compelling and riveting ancient African philosophy that deals with the way we relate to one other: "Umuntu Ungumuntu Ngabantu" (A person is a person because of people). Ubuntu was the ideology that Nelson Mandela credited when asked how the reconciliation among races in his country could occur with no bloodshed and without retribution. This philosophy states: "because we are all connected in our humanity, to harm another person would be to harm ourselves, to seek revenge on others would be to hurt ourselves." This workshop not only teaches conflict resolution and assertive communication, but also instils in students a sense of self and purpose: tools necessary to deal with bullying. This workshop combines music, philosophy, history, drumming, chanting, singing and media. Presented with over 80 drums and percussion instruments, it is very interactive and engaging.