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School starts @ 8:50am
School ends @ 3:10pm

Principal

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Vice-Principal
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Colleen Bradshaw
Victoria Aussem - PM Only

Lakewood

Upcoming Events:

Sept 11 – LPC Mtg @ 6pm

Sept 13 – 5:00-6:30 Meet the teacher BBQ

Sept 15 – PA day (no school for students)

Sept 28 – Terry Fox Run

Oct 3 – PA day (no school for students: Young Canada Day at Norfolk County Fair)

Friday Oct 13 – School closed to Lakewood Elementary students

SEPTEMBER 2017

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome all new and returning families of Lakewood Elementary School! I hope each student has found a good balance of summer fun and relaxation and are ready to focus on learning once again! An exciting year is upon us and I am thrilled to be joining this terrific staff. Their dedication is clearly evident as they have all been busy in the last couple of weeks of August preparing their classrooms for your child's arrival. There are several returning staff and many new staff. I invite you to come out to meet them at our fall open house on September 13 from 5:30 to 6:30. A strong partnership between you and your child's teacher promotes success for your child. Our school's Vice-Principal, Miss Liao and I welcome the following staff:

L Hedges & J Simmons: JKA, S Crouch and L Wildman: JKB, M MacDonald: JKC, B Arps & K Clayton: JKFI, L Grimes: 1A, J Abbott-Smith: 1B, A Smith FI1A, L Wall 1C/2A, M Samborski FI2A/3A, S Bilinsky: 2B, H Smith 2C/3A, L Bingleman: 3B, A Sywyk: FI3B/4A, B McCallum: 4A, K Baldwin: 4B/5A, K Jepson: 5B, J Archer: 5C/6A, S Fawcett: FI5A6A, C Earle: 6B, N Kitchen 7A, E Cavers 7B/8B, D Carson 8A, L Beck, N Lord, A Fairley, K Sahota, L Burroughs-Miller, K Forneri, J Christopher, J Anderson, D Hoskins, A Jamieson, J Winter, C. Bradshaw, V Aussem, B. Pickard and K Haskett.

Many new things are introduced to Lakewood Elementary School this year. The program being offered is referred to as Dual Track, meaning both an English program for JK to Grade 8 and a French Immersion program for JK to Grade 6 students. Bienvenue à Lakewood! Nous sommes hâtes de vous voir. Préparez toi pour une année extraordinaire! Other new features of our school this year are a new scoreboard, outdoor classroom, ceiling fans in all the upstairs classrooms, and the retrofit from lockers to hallway hooks/shelf units for backpack/outdoor shoe storage for some of the second floor classes.

Looking forward to meeting and working with you this year!

Lakewood Parent Group:

Welcome back to Lakewood! Come out and join us Monday, Sept 11th from 6-8 at the school for our first parent group meeting of the new school year. All are welcome! If you are available to help with Meet The Teacher BBQ Sept 13th, please call me at 519-718-2628. Thank you for your support.

Character Focus for September is RESPECT

Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)

Volunteer and Community Partner Training

All volunteers and community partners working in our school are required to complete an online AODA training module. If you've already completed this training please bring a copy of proof of completion to the office. If you haven't completed training please contact the school office for more information on how to access training on the Grand Erie website.

Student Accident Insurance

Student accident coverage is recommended and voluntary for parents to consider for their child. It is important for parents to understand that the Board does not provide insurance for students against any accidental death, disability, dismemberment or medical expenses that might occur as a result of accident during school activities, including sporting events and field trips.

Insure My Kids protection plan is made available to parents, at low cost, to provide benefits for dental injuries and other accidents which may occur through participating in school activities. In fact, there are options in the package for coverage outside of school hours including holidays and weekends. Please see the brochure for information or visit

www.insuremykids.com.

Parents may have accidental coverage as part of their employers benefit plan. It's important for parents to review their plans to make sure they have the necessary coverage for accidents that may occur during school activities. Parents may want to consider purchasing additional personal coverage through Insure My Kids.

The Grand Erie District School Board requires that all parents declare whether or not they have accident insurance. A declaration form is attached for parent/guardian review and signature.

Student Information Updates

Student information forms will be sent home early in September. Please update the form and send it into the school promptly so we have current information pertaining to your child. We ask you for an **accurate e-mail address** in which to reach you throughout the year with timely information. We'd like to e-mail newsletters to reduce paper use in our large school.

Attendance

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!

Snack Program

The snack program will begin in October. Updates to follow.



Hot Lunches—October 2017

We are hoping to begin hot lunch orders for the students beginning the week of October 2 nd, provided we have parent volunteers scheduled to count money and organize the orders. Please let me know if you are interested in helping us out! Watch for the monthly hot lunch / milk order forms to come home shortly, or to complete it online at www.schoolcashionline.com – Select Get Started Now and follow the easy steps to register.

Mrs. Fekete has offered to spear-head the ordering and organization....Thank you!

(You will require a current police check on file.)

Thank you — Mrs. Bradshaw



Allergies and Sensitivities

Please be aware that we have students and staff with allergies and/or sensitivities to peanuts and scents. Please respect our need to keep everyone safe at school, and do not send peanut products to school.

Peanut butter substitutes, including Wow Butter are also prohibited within our school. In addition, please leave scented products at home when you are coming to our school. We very much appreciate your cooperation with these policies.