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It feels like just yesterday that we were welcoming students back to school and December is already here! With the holidays approaching we are looking forward to our Holiday concert—***Snowtastic!*** This event will take place Wednesday December 4th. There will be a matinee performance at 1:30 pm and an evening performance at 6:00pm. We hope you are able to join us to celebrate the season and watch our talented students perform. Special thanks to Mrs. Beriault and the rest of the staff for all of their hard work getting students ready.

Our character trait for the month of December is respect and we will be having our assembly on Friday December 6th. We continue to have other great things happening at Lakewoods: Mr. Teoh and Mrs. Campbell just finished coaching the junior boys volleyball team, Mrs. Beriault offers several choirs and bands, Ms. Haynes and Ms. Pender run the Lakewoods Leopards student leadership club and a variety of staff continue to offer lunchtime sports drop ins. We thank our dedicated staff for offering so many opportunities for students.

From all of the staff of Lakewoods we wish you a wonderful happy and safe holiday season!

Please remember that we are dismissing at our regular dismissal time of 3:10 pm on Friday December 20th.

We'll see you back on Monday January 6th, 2020.



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Breakfast Club—FREE for our students!

Join us each morning to kick start your day with a free breakfast served by our school staff. This program is to provide the opportunity for all students to access nutritious foods that support the healthy development of each student. We are fortunate to receive support from the Student Nutrition Program (SNP) and Breakfast for Learning supported by President Choice Children's Charity. Breakfast Club is open from 8:00am to 8:25am, Monday to Friday to all students of Lakewoods Public School.



Junior Kindergarten Registration is next month



Parents will be registering their child using the DDSB online registration system effective January 14th after 4pm. If you or someone you know has a child turning 4 by December 31st, 2020 remember to register them for school for September 2020. If you do not have access to a computer, please come to the office and we can support you through the online registration process using our computer system. Look forward to more information coming in regards to Junior Kindergarten at Lakewoods!

School Community Council

The SCC would like to invite any interested parents/community members to our next meeting on Tue Dec 18th @ 3:30pm. Join us in the library to find out about upcoming family events and how you can become involved.

We would like to thank you for supporting our school pizza days by ordering online to ensure we have sufficient order of pizza for our students. Next Pizza day is Dec 6th.

We are excited to receive the support of Scientists in the School for the upcoming year. If you would be interested in volunteering in the classrooms, please ensure the school has a police check on file.

Please introduce yourself to Kristin McKinnon on Dec 4th evening event as she will be fundraising by selling water and cookies for our school.

Grade 8 information



Thank you to our families that supported our Graduating Grade 8 fundraiser basket draw. Congratulations to our winners— ticket #857028 Aurora and ticket #668884 Victoria. Halloween dance was a success and we appreciate the support provided to assist our grade 8's fundraising initiatives— more to come. Grade 8 grad photos will occur on Wed January 29th. Graduation date is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday June 23rd @ 6:30pm

Keep Your Hat to Yourself During Lice Season

Keep your hat to yourself!

That's one piece of advice students should follow as lice season looms. Fall and Winter tend to be the season when lice are most widespread, and break-outs of the tiny bugs are most prevalent. Students can be excluded from school until they've had treatment, and parents/guardians are asked to notify the school so the rest of the community can be notified that lice have made an appearance.

If a parent/guardian does find lice, it's important to act quickly. Treatments can be bought without prescription at drugstores. Generally such treatments require two applications, however we recommend you check child(s) hair daily for the remainder of the month. There are methods aimed at helping prevent spread of lice. Not sharing hats, combs or pillows is one. Also, keep your own hat on and tuck it into your sleeve when you're not wearing it.



Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your child to her teachers and classmates before school starts to help her transition.
- Don't let your child stay home unless she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

For more on school readiness, visit attendanceworks.org and reachoutandread.org

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Winter Concert

Snowtastic

1:30pm Dress rehearsal or

6:00pm Performance

Wednesday Dec 4th

Families and community members, please join us for a celebration of songs and music during our afternoon or evening performance.

Look forward to seeing you and celebrating the upcoming season!

A donation of a non-perishable food item is appreciated.

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Holiday Concert

Our classrooms have been busy preparing for our upcoming holiday concert on Wednesday December 4th @ 1:30pm and @ 6:00pm.

Free books will be available for families—first come first serve! Food donation is greatly appreciated.

All members of our community are welcome to join us for this event. Hope to see you then!



Sports

Congratulations to our Junior Boys Volleyball team who participated in the Area meet on Nov 25th. Thank you to Mr. Teoh and Ms. Campbell for your time practicing with Hammad, Edris, Nate, Daijon, Devonte, Haeden, Jayden and Zaden! Intermediate Basketball will be up and running starting this week.

Dates to Remember

Dec 4th	Snowtastic Winter Event @ 1:30 & 6:00pm
Dec 6th	Pizza Day
Dec 16th	Spirit Week—Mismatch day
Dec 17th	Spirit Week—Twin Day
Dec 18th	Spirit Week—Celebrity Day
Dec 19th	Spirit Week—Hat Day
Dec 20th	Spirit Week—PJ Day
Dec 23 to Jan 3rd	Winter Holidays
Jan 6th	Back to school
January 10th	Overtime Program assembly
Jan 21st—Feb 25th	3:30-5:30 Overtime Program for registered students

SAFE ARRIVAL

1-844-350-2646

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Please report planned absences in advance by
contacting the above Safe Arrival options.



SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

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School Cash online is a web based solution that
gives parents the ability to pay for student items
online. This will also provide reminders!
Have your students OEN# to set up today