

OCT 2019



Lakewoods P.S.

<http://www.ddsb.ca/school/lakewoods>

“Believe, Persevere, Achieve”

The 2019 — 2020 school year is off to a great start. After completing Literacy and Numeracy diagnostic assessments staff are creating plans which target specific areas of student need to help all students be successful. We recently welcomed award winning author Rukhsana Khan to Lakewoods. She shared her story of immigrating to Canada from Pakistan and highlighted the importance of valuing differences and respecting all people.

We would like to thank all of the families who attended our BBQ and Open house as well as our Terry Fox run. We would also like to thank the parents who came out for our first SCC meeting of the year on October 3rd. Our next SCC meeting is November 14th in the Library and childcare is provided. Please consider attending. If you are ever looking for other ways to get involved at the school please contact Mr. Haines.

A special thank you to Viola Wiseman for 2 gift baskets which were donated to our grade 8s. Proceeds from the raffle will go towards the grade 8 grad trip.

We are wishing our school teams luck as they compete in area meets and tournaments. The cross country team and soccer teams are up and running. Thanks so much to all of our coaches who are working with students to help them succeed athletically but also to teach them good sportsmanship.

Progress reports will be sent home on November 13th and parent teacher interviews will be the evening of November 14th and the morning of November 15th. Be sure to sign up for an interview so that you can connect with your child's teacher. As I always say: Kids do best when the school and home work together. Thank you for your partnership with this.

As always if you ever have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

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Picture Day—Oct 21st & Retake Day—Nov 14th

Edge Photography will be at Lakewoods Public School for class and individual pictures on Monday Oct 21st. They will return on Nov 14th for those students who missed picture day on Oct 21st. Individual photos will only be available—class photos will not be retaken. Make it simple by ordering your portraits online using your Picture Day ID from Edge Photography.



Safe Arrival—DDSB Automated System

To enhance our absence procedure, the DDSB utilizes a student absence reporting system called **SchoolMessenger Safe Arrival**. Parents may now choose to report your child's absence in advance, or before bell time for the current day in 1 of 2 ways: **Toll Free Number (1-844-350-2646)** or SafeArrival website (**go.schoolmessenger.ca**). Download option for cellular use available. Online registration is not necessary for those parents who only wish to use the toll free number to call in absences. Both phone and online options will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. As part of this program, we will also be continuing with an automated notification system that will contact parents when a student is absent, but no notification was relayed to the school. Thanking you in advance for reporting all absences.



SCHOOLMESSENGER®

Its Your Birthday!

Some students love to celebrate their birthday with their classmates. With the many allergy concerns of our students, we recommend you avoid bringing any type of food treat to the classroom to share with their classmates. A great alternative is to donate a book to the classroom and inscribe with a special note including the students name and date!

Halloween Dance—Oct 31st Grade 8 Fundraiser

Our grade 8 students hold a fundraiser Halloween Dance each year at a cost of \$2.00.

Proceeds will go towards their annual Grad Trip Excursion.

Please register @ <https://ddsb.schoolcashonline.com> for email reminders and payment.

Reminder—No masks or weapons please!

No Treats Please!

In an effort to continue with our **Healthy Eating initiatives**, we are requesting that students limit their “special snacks” following Halloween night and leave the sweets at home instead of bringing them to school.

We are asking parents to monitor the treats that make their way into the lunch bag after this special day. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Colder Weather has arrived

Take the time today to try on your winter clothing before the weather gets even colder. We would like to remind our students to dress appropriately for outside recess and lunch hour. We also suggest that each student keep an extra pair of socks in their backpack for wet and colder weather. **The school has a supply of gently used rain boots, winter boots and a variety of coats. If you have a need—please check our supply in the office at any time. These items are FREE for our families.**

Pediculosis

If you discover that your child has become infected with head lice, please notify the school to ensure we can inform our families! We suggest that you regularly check your child(ren)s hair to help control the spread. If you discover that your child has become infected, please take every step to remove all lice and nits and check your child's hair on a daily basis.

School Community Council

The SCC would like to thank everyone who supported us at the Meet the Teacher BBQ. Another great school fundraiser are our pizza days, in the month of October we are offering pizza on Oct 25th. Pizza day reminders are available when you sign up for "schoolcashionline" Watch for our option to pay for the full year in advance!

Sporting Events

Thank you to our community for participating in our Terry Fox day. Lakewoods donation proceeds were submitted toward the Terry Fox foundation.

Cross Country Meet @ Lakeridge was moved to Sep 30th, with the Regional Race now scheduled on Thur Oct 10th! Thank you to the families that were able to attend and cheer on our runners as well as ensuring they arrived bright and early to attend practices each week. Haneen H. and Daijon B will be representing LW on Oct 10th Best of Luck to our runners!

Volunteer of Distinction

Congratulations to the Lakewoods' volunteer of Distinction, Laura Brough. She will be honoured for this at the DDSB Volunteer of Distinction Award Ceremony on Oct 24th.

Thank you goes out to all of our volunteers!



Lakewoods School Rules

Rules help us know what to do and how to act with each other. The rules that we have in place at Lakewoods also help to ensure student safety throughout the day. ***Our school rules are clearly outlined in our Code of Conduct that can be found in the front of every agenda.*** Please take time to review the rules with your child. Regular reminders from home about the importance of following school rules make for more positive and successful interactions with other students, staff and community members.

Zones of Regulation

Self-Regulation continues to be a big focus for us here at Lakewoods. Students were taught about the different zones and which zone they need to be in to be ready to learn. We will continue to work with the different strategies over the coming months to enable students to be better able to self-regulate their emotions.



**Attendance
MATTERS**



Act early! Let the school know right away if there is a problem or concern.
There are lots of ways we can work together to get attendance back on track
or prevent an attendance problem from starting.

Dates to Remember

Oct 2nd	International Walk to School Day
Oct 3rd	SCC Meeting—Library
Oct 7,8th	School Vision Screening
Oct 8th	Intermediate Immunization Day
Oct 10th	Regional Cross Country @ Lakeridge
Oct 11th	PA day—school closed
Oct 14th	Thanksgiving—school closed
Oct 21st	Photo Day
Oct 24th	Volunteer of Distinction Awards @ DDSB
Oct 24th	Purple Day
Oct 25th	Pizza Day \$2
Oct 31st	Halloween Dance \$2

SAFE ARRIVAL

1-844-350-2646

attendance.ddsbsb.ca

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

Download app go.schoolmessenger.ca

STUDENT VERIFICATION

www.ddsbsb.ca Parent Portal

Update your child's contact information annually

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. Have your student's OEN# to set up today.