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Lakewoods P.S.

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

## “Believe, Persevere, Achieve!”

Spring has finally arrived. We have experienced some beautiful sunny days and slightly warmer temperatures. Dressing in layers is important as it is often cool in the mornings but children are too warm by outdoor recess at lunch. Along with spring, comes muddy schoolyards. Over the next few weeks, it is a good idea to send your child(ren) to school with extra socks and a change of clothes.

We know that students do best when the school and homework together. We appreciate you supporting your child's learning. Thank you for keeping routines in place to ensure students are rested and well prepared to attend school. It is easy when it is light outside to lose track of time and suddenly realize that kids are up past their bedtime. Thanks as always for being our partners in your child's education. If you have questions be sure to contact your child's teacher or the office if needed.

Teachers who work with your children will be working closely together with the administration to make good decisions for the students at Lakewoods PS. As we continue to receive new student registrations, our class organization remains fluid. There are many factors that are taken into account when placing students, including academic strengths/needs, learning skills, and social connections, among others. Multi-grade classrooms are a reality in all elementary schools, and Lakewoods will have several such classes next year. Should you have concerns of an academic or social nature, we invite you to send them in writing (or email) to Mr. Bozanis at [lakewoodsps@ddsbs.ca](mailto:lakewoodsps@ddsbs.ca), by May 27th.

Please check out our newsletter to see upcoming events at the school and within the Durham District School Board.

Wishing all of our Lakewoods families a wonderful spring and summer to come.

Sincerely,

P. Bozanis, Principal

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## Class placements

It is that time of year where our teachers are preparing for Class placement meetings. Teachers and administrators work collaboratively to determine the best class placement for all of our students. The following factors are considered:

Learning styles, the individual needs of the student, social skills, peer interactions, gender combinations, Ministry guidelines regarding class sizes and teaching styles.

Your input is valued and you are welcome to provide information that may assist your child's teacher in making these decisions. Appropriate details include your child's placement history, the type of learner you perceive he/she is, the style of instruction he/she would most benefit from and/or particular medical information that impacts learning. Parents may not pick a specific teacher for their child.

If you wish to provide information to help in class placement of your child, please send the information by email to the attention of Mr. Bozanis prior to May 27th @ [lakewoodsps@ddsb.ca](mailto:lakewoodsps@ddsb.ca)

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## Activities

We would like to congratulate our Junior Basketball Team with their outstanding results on the area tournament held at Village Union on April 20th. They represented Lakewoods very well and won 2 of their 3 games!

Pride Pals meet on a weekly basis for students in Gr4-Gr8. All students welcome. Pride Flag raising is on May 17th.

Junior Soccer is in the works and we look forward to cheering the team on when they participate on Saturday June 3rd in the DDSB soccer tournament at the Civic fields.

Track & Field Day is this month, we will be running events for our Gr4-Gr8 students on Thur May 11th. Some students will then be competing in our DDSB Area Meet at the Civic on May 30th! Cheering welcome!

June also is time that the DDSB will be hosting Ultimate Frisbee on June 19th and June 20th at Lakeview Park.

Graduation time is almost here. Our Grade 8 students will be attending a day trip near the end of the school year and getting prepared for their graduation on Thursday June 22nd @ GLRoberts auditorium. This event will be only for invited guests of our graduating class.

Kindy will also be celebrating on Friday June 23rd—more details to be shared soon!

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## Lunch Fundraising Options

The school receives fundraising proceeds from our Pizza Pizza and Subway orders via our vendor Lunchbox when ordered by [SchoolCash Online](#)

Lunchbox is a convenient, online ordering platform featuring local vendors. An ordering calendar has been coordinated for the school community and can be found on your SchoolCash Online items page.

Orders may be placed weekly or in advance. Delivery schedule is Tue: Pizza Pizza and Thur: Subway.

You can order for one week, for the month or for the remainder of the year.

[How-to-Order-Guide.pdf](#)      [Parent Guardian Handout.pdf](#)

Thank you for supporting our school through this fundraising option!

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## EQAO—grade 3 and grade 6

As approved by the Ministry of Education, the following assessment dates will occur for the 2022-2023 school year.

**Primary- and Junior-Division Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics**

Grade 6 sessions—May 31st, June 1st    Grade 3 sessions June 6th, June 7th.

Thank you for avoiding appointments and holidays during this time frame.

<https://www.eqao.com/about-eqao>



With a mandate of engaging and empowering Black male students from across the Durham Region, we are proud to present **The Cypher: Black Male Empowerment Conference**.

Scheduled for **Thursday May 25, 2023 at Durham College**, this conference will provide Black male students, currently attending Grade 7-10, with an opportunity to network with a wide-range of entrepreneurs, community leaders, organizations, Durham College and Ontario Tech programs, and DDSB educators and alumni. Our focus is to engage and empower Black male students from across the Durham Region and provide them with access to a wide range of leadership and engagement opportunities. We believe it is imperative to remain mindful of the importance of the need for more Black male role models, and emphasize the goals of promoting positive transitions through various academic pathways. The opportunities for sharing will enhance students' understanding of navigating through the various grades.

This year, The Cypher conference will host the Grammy winning, Jamaican-Canadian Record Producer and song-writer, Boi-1da as the keynote speaker. Students will then engage in networking opportunities with community agencies, followed by workshops facilitated by Black male professionals in the industry. Students will be exposed to a multitude of pathways beyond highschool and postsecondary education. The day will also allow teachers to engage in a panel discussion facilitated by Black male role models in DDSB to explore the value of identity.

Please access [www.cypherconference.ca](http://www.cypherconference.ca) to guide you through the registration process. Each school can only invite a total **5 Black male students (Grade 7-10)** interested in the networking opportunity. This will be a first come first serve basis since we have **limited space** to facilitate all schools. Individual school's will be responsible for arranging transportation and release coverage.

We look forward to your school's participation.

Sincerely,  
The Cypher Committee





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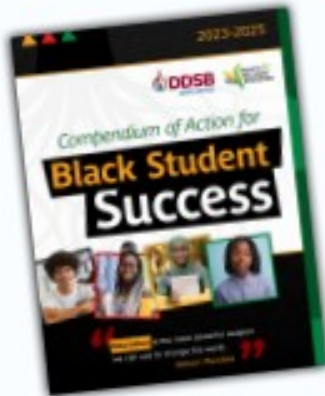
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# Community Engagement Evening

**Thursday, May 18, 2023**

**Evening Program of Interactive Sessions  
6:30 to 8:30 pm • Doors Open at 6pm**

***Abilities Centre • 55 Gordon Street • Whitby, Ontario***

**Join us as we continue the conversation to dismantle anti-Black racism guided by the DDSB's Human Rights, Anti-Discrimination and Anti-Racism Policy.**

**Light refreshments will be served.**



**Register Now! [LivingCompendium.eventbrite.com](https://livingcompendium.eventbrite.com)**  
**For further information please contact Jemma Baptiste at 905-666-6486**

# Crowns for Grad's

Open for all  
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May 10th 3:30-7:00

G.L. Roberts 399 Chaleur Ave, Oshawa

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**416-453-1319**

# Welcome to Kindergarten

Kindergarten Registration is still open for students that turn 4 years of age by Dec 31, 2023. Please visit our website for registration to ensure your child is placed for start of Sept 2023.

<https://www.ddsb.ca/en/our-schools/register-for-school-registering-for-kindergarten.aspx>

Lakewoods Great Beginnings Info Night will be held May 11th @ 5:30pm. Doors open at 5pm for you to meet our community partners.



## Dates to Remember

Character Trait	Perseverance
May 2nd	Gr 7 & G 8 Immunization Clinic
May 2nd	J. Torres, author visit Gr 4 to Gr 8 classes
May 3rd	Wear Green for "Shine Green for Children day"
May 4th	Intermediate Band @ GLR
May 9th	Gr 7 & Gr 8 Sticks & Stones presentation
May 10th	Gowns for Grad @ GLR 3:30pm—7:30pm
May 11th	Track & Field day Gr 4-Gr 8
May 11th	Great Beginnings Open House @ 5:00pm
May 17th	Spring Concert @ 1:30
May 17th	Pride Flag Raising @ 9am
May 18th	Community Engagement Event 6:30pm
May 22nd	Victoria Day Holiday
May 25th	Black Male Empowerment Conference @ Durham College
May 25th	SCC "Oshawa Rocks" night 4pm—6pm
May 26th	Gr8's to GLR Orientation
May 30th	Area Track & Field @ Civic
May 31st	Gr 6 EQAO begins

**NOTE—Friday June 2nd is a PA day and school is closed to students.**



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