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“Believe-Persevere-Achieve”

The start of February means that we are already halfway through what will no doubt be a memorable school year. We thank you as always, for your support of your child(ren)'s education. We believe that working together as a team is the best way to support students and families. Please consider joining us on Feb 8th for our SCC meeting in the library @ 3:45pm—all welcome!

February is a busy month with lots of wonderful things happening inside and outside of your child's classroom. Students will be engaging in activities and learning about Black History in Canada. In addition to all the activities taking place in class, we will also be learning about the history of Pink Shirt Day and recognizing Pink Shirt Day on Wednesday, February 28nd.

Kindergarten registration has already begun. If you or someone you know has a child who will turn 4 in 2024, please make sure they have registered. More information about our Welcome to Kindergarten program will be provided in May. This is always a great evening of learning how our youngest students learn and we know there are things that new families will find valuable so that they can help their child get ready for school.

We are pleased to be hosting some events this month for Parent Engagement, join us in the library on Feb 7th for our Watch Party and the family can join us on Feb 22nd for our Family STEAM night starting at 4:30pm

Character Trait focus for February is Kindness. We are encouraging our students to be generous with others, giving your time and care to support those who are in need. In addition to learning about Kindness in our classrooms and during our monthly Character Education assembly in Feb 2nd. Students will have the opportunity to practice Random Acts of Kindness during the week of Feb 12th.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me. A. Brown, Principal

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IT'S TIME TO TALK ABOUT
**BULLYING, HOMOPHOBIA
& TRANSPHOBIA**

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Parking Lot Safety

Parking cars and dropping off children continue to be a safety issue. Lakewoods Public School is a community school and we encourage students to walk to school. Thank you to our families that continue to respect our community members by following courteous driving/parking guidelines. Drivers are reminded that you must park your vehicle in an authorized parking space and that the circular driveway and front lot is not for stopping or parent parking.

If you must drive your child to school or pick up your child at the end of the day, please consider meeting the student on Sauble St. or Sharbot St.

**PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE CIRCULAR DRIVEWAY OR
ALONG THE DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE**



Outdoor Ice Rink: Stone Street Park

Days	Public Skate	Stick and Puck	Shinny Hockey
Mon	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	5 p.m. to 7 p.m.	7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Tues	9 a.m. to 9 p.m.		
Wed	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	5 p.m. to 7 p.m.	7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Thu	9 a.m. to 9 p.m.		
Fri	9 a.m. to 9 p.m.	5 p.m. to 7 p.m.	7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Sat	9 a.m. to 9 p.m.		
Sun	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	5 p.m. to 7 p.m.	7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Activity schedule updated: January 17, 2024

Graduation Photos—Complete!

Thank you to our Graduating students for attending our Edge Imaging Grad Photo Day on January 24th.

If interested in a Grad Composite visit [Edgeimaging.ca/mycomp](https://edgeimaging.ca/mycomp),

Enter city, select school name and your personal details.

GRADUATING CLASS COMPOSITES

Find your photo date and purchase your composite:

KLA - Lakewoods Public School (Oshawa)

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Parenting Watch Party—Wed Feb 7th 7pm; Library

Parent Engagement Speaker Series



Your questions answered on

PARENTING in the AGE of SOCIAL MEDIA


February 7, 2024 • 7:00pm-8:30pm

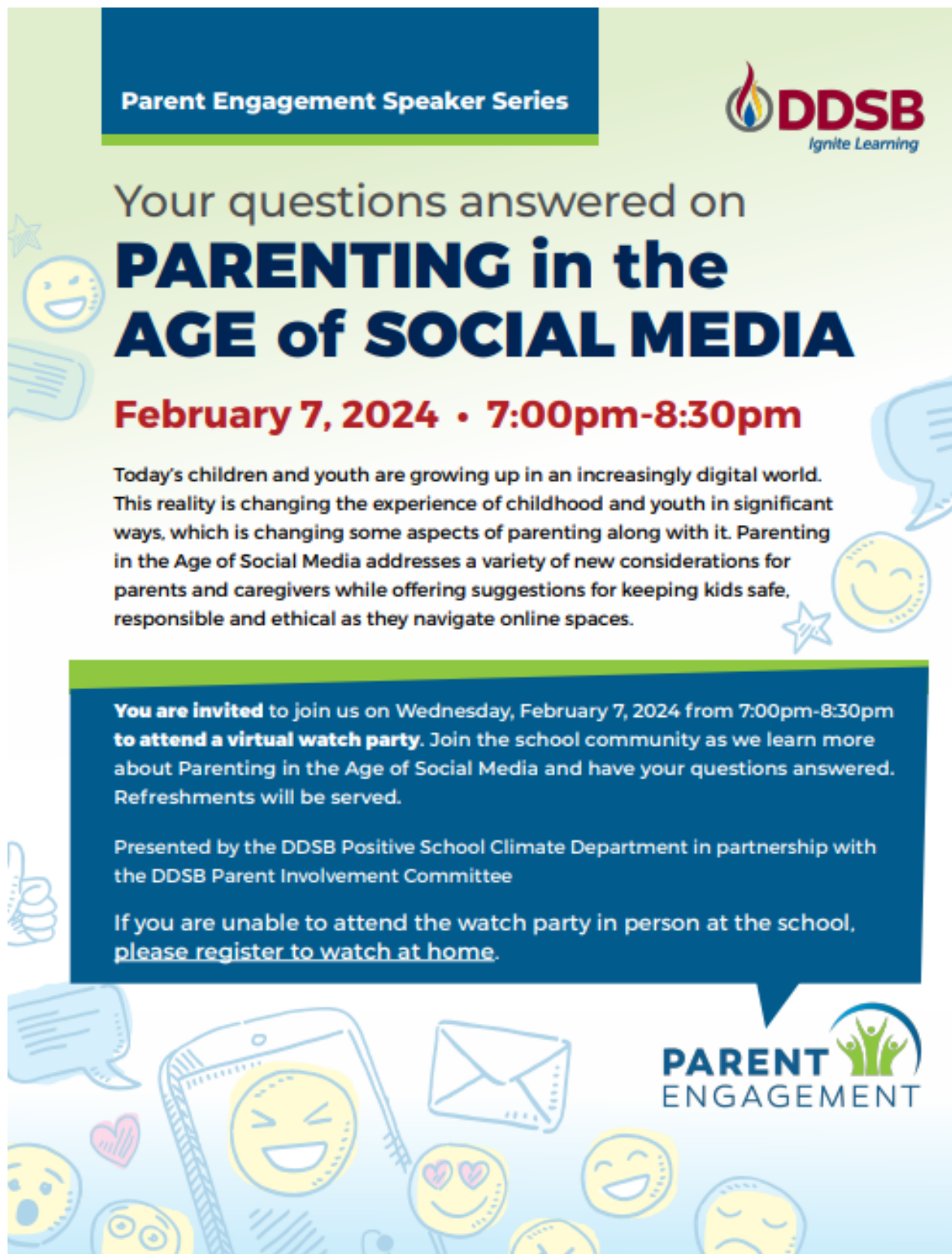
Today's children and youth are growing up in an increasingly digital world. This reality is changing the experience of childhood and youth in significant ways, which is changing some aspects of parenting along with it. Parenting in the Age of Social Media addresses a variety of new considerations for parents and caregivers while offering suggestions for keeping kids safe, responsible and ethical as they navigate online spaces.

You are invited to join us on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 from 7:00pm-8:30pm **to attend a virtual watch party.** Join the school community as we learn more about Parenting in the Age of Social Media and have your questions answered. Refreshments will be served.

Presented by the DDSB Positive School Climate Department in partnership with the DDSB Parent Involvement Committee

If you are unable to attend the watch party in person at the school, [please register to watch at home.](#)





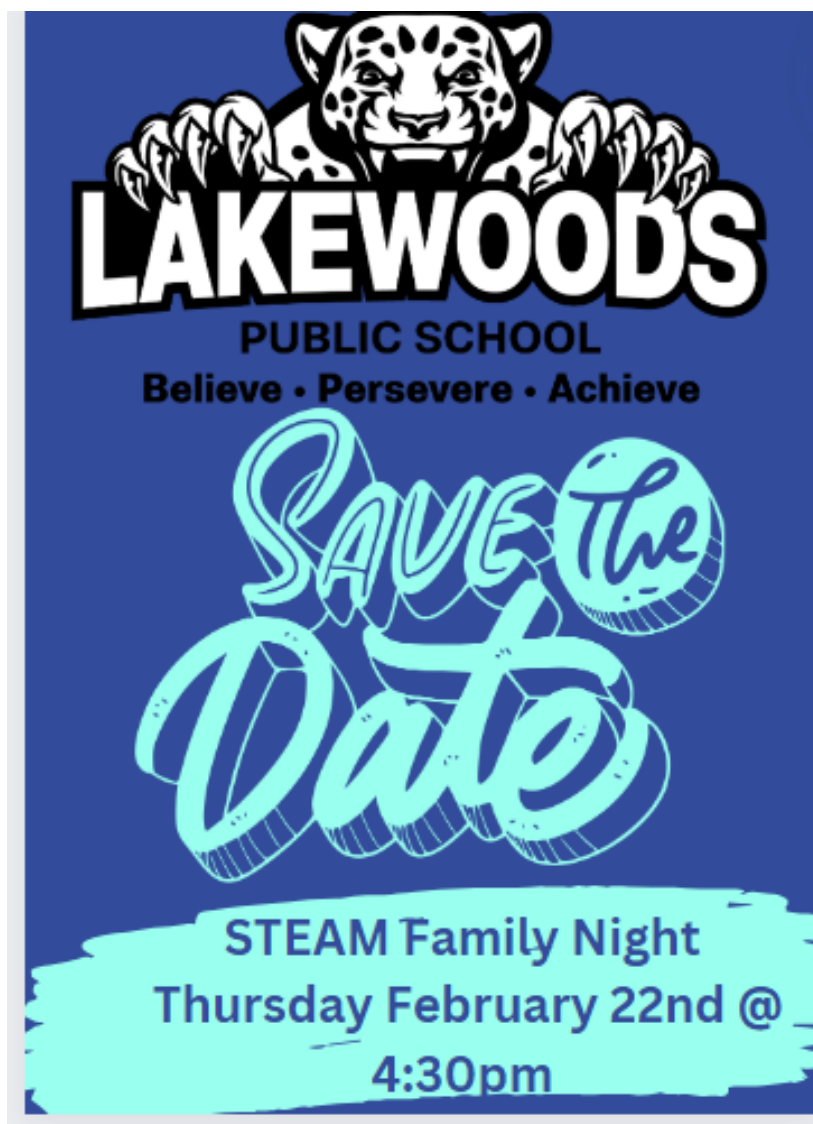
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Save the Date—Details to follow



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Join us for Summer Camps

July and August

Our mission is to inspire kids to see STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) everywhere in the world around them. Hands-on activities and curriculum-based learning in robotics, coding, gaming, and much more, provide an experience that is both educational and fun!




- In-person camps include indoor and outdoor play
- Camp sessions incorporate hands-on and curriculum-based learning
- Camps encourage shared interests in science, technology, and the environment
- Women mentors engage with campers in our "All girls" camps
- Campers make use of STEM-based technology and equipment to develop valuable skillsets relevant in today's globally connected world
- Counsellors are university staff, industry experts, Faculty of Education students, graduates, or members of the Ontario College of Teachers

Coding & Gaming *Fills quickly!*

Campers learn and expand coding and programming skills while exploring robotics, user interfaces, virtual reality (VR) systems and more. Gain valuable hands-on experience in Ontario Tech's Gaming & Virtual Reality Laboratory — or become a Cyber Girl!

Engineering & Math *NEW camps*

Engage in the exciting mindset of an Engineer! Discovery-based activities, design challenges and simulations promote an understanding of how engineering and math are useful in our everyday lives. *Projects focus on building a better society!*

Science *NEW camp*

Become a scientist! These inquiry-based programs are designed for the curious camper. Test your knowledge and explore kinesiology, nature, technology and science together!

STEAM *NEW camp*

Campers discover the intersection of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) through hands-on challenges, explorations, experiments, and outdoor adventures! *Explore and experiment together!*

LEGO® Robotics *Fills quickly!*

Campers build self-confidence, strengthen problem-solving skills and deepen technological savvy. Bring your imagination and creativity, we will give you the knowledge and technology to *explore, design, and innovate!*

Robotics & Tech *Fills quickly!*

Campers venture through the world of high-tech resources and tools to deepen their skillsets, learn alongside women mentors to spark interest in STEAM—or dive into robotics through the ultimate robotics design competition!

Turtle Island* *Featured camp!*

In this STEAM-based camp, campers uncover and explore the relationship between STEAM, Indigenous peoples, and the land. Campers make connections between STEAM and Indigenous Knowledge, to better understand their responsibility as stewards of the environment.

*Funding may be available for Indigenous scholarship applicants.
Contact summercamps@ontariotechu.ca for details.




In-person camps offered at Ontario Tech University
2000 Simcoe Street North, Oshawa
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Extended care available (\$)

Virtual camps connect using Google Meet®
Weekdays for two hours

For more information
ontariotechu.ca/summercamps
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Healthy Sleep Routines for your Family

It is important for your child to get enough sleep. Getting enough sleep helps to better prepare your child to tackle their day and learn at school.

A great way to help your child get the sleep needed is to establish a bedtime routine. A happy bedtime routine combines what both you and your child need.

Here are some tips for a happy bedtime routine:

- It is important for a child's bedroom to be an enjoyable place to spend time and not a place for discipline (e.g. try not to use bedtime as a punishment or threat).
- Some foods or drinks may make it more difficult for your child to sleep, such as those high in sugar and caffeine.
- Try to give some notice of when bedtime is coming up; this will help your child to get ready for what is coming next.
- Try to use the time before bed to do a calming activity (e.g. bath, read a story). Activities such as watching TV or video games are stimulating and might excite your child more.
- Try to put your child to bed when sleepy but not yet asleep. This will help your child to learn to fall asleep on their own.
- Tucking your child into bed helps gives a sense of security.

How much sleep does your child or youth need every night?

- Children aged 3-5 need 10-12 hours of sleep.
- Children aged 5-13 need 9-11 hours of sleep.
- Youth aged 14-17 need 8-10 hours of sleep.



For more information on sleep and bedtime routines for your children, contact Durham Health Connection Line at 1-800-841-2729.



durham.ca



If you require this information in an accessible format, contact 1-800-841-2729.

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Kindergarten Registration

DDSB online registration is now available for students turning 4 years of age on or before December 31st, 2024.

For families that do not have access to a computer, please visit local library for online access.

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

[Lakewoods Kindergarten information](#)



**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

Feb 1st	Black History Month
Feb 1st	French Immersion Info Night
Feb 7th	Winter Walk Day!
Feb 7th	Parent Presentation 7pm
Feb 8th	SCC 3:45 Library
Feb 12th—17th	Random Act of Kindness Week
Feb 14th	Happy Valentines Day
	Pink & Red Day
Feb 19th	Family Day-School Closed
Feb 21st	Report Card Day
Feb 22nd	Family STEAM Night 4:30
Feb 27th	Junior Dodgeball Tourney
Feb 27th-28th	Dental Screening
Feb 28th	Pink Shirt Day

SAFE ARRIVAL

1-844-350-2646

attendance.ddsb.ca

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

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

ddsb.schoolcashonline.com

School Cash online is a web based solution that
gives parents the ability to pay for student items
online.

Have your students OEN# to set up today

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