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“Believe-Persevere-Achieve”

On behalf of the entire staff at Lakewoods we wish everyone a Happy New Year and welcome to 2021. We know that 2020 was a challenging year and hope that better things are ahead for this year. We hope that everyone found a way to enjoy the holiday season in a safe way. As we return to virtual school to start the year I think you as always for being our partner's in your child's education. We thank you in advance for supporting your child in engaging with learning virtually.

During these challenging times we continue to encourage students to live our school motto:

Believe-Persevere-Achieve. We ask students to always believe in themselves and their ability to be successful. Students also need to persevere and keep trying hard even when things are challenging. We know when they do these things they will achieve success.

We thank you in advance for helping to deliver these messages to our students—especially when they are learning remotely.

I'd like to congratulate Mary Ann Bobko who retired at the end of December. Over the course of her career we know that she made a difference for so many students and staff. We would like to welcome back to Lakewoods Ms. Knell.

If parents have questions or concerns about virtually learning, technology support please contact the office. We are here to help.

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How To Dress For Playing In The Snow



Suggested Parental Guidelines for Cold Weather

Winter can be a wonderful time for play. Participating in winter sports will help keep the whole family healthy, but injuries can spoil the fun. Here's how to keep kids safe during winter play.

Clothing for outdoor play:

All winter activities require warm, dry clothing. To prevent frostbite, children should be dressed in warm clothes, including:

- ☑ **a hat** (warm, close-fitting, and covering ear lobes; not a 'fashion' hat or baseball cap),
- ☑ **mittens** (gloves do not keep hands warm as effectively as mittens),
- ☑ **loose layers** (an absorbent synthetic fabric next to skin, a warmer middle layer, and a water resistant/repellent outer layer),
- ☑ **socks** A single pair of socks, either wool or a wool blend (with silk or polypropylene) is better than cotton which offers no insulation when wet. Avoid extra thick socks as they can cause cold feet by restricting blood flow and air circulation around the toes.
- ☑ **boots** Be sure boots are dry and not too tight.

Children should get out of wet clothes and shoes as quickly as possible as they are the biggest factors in frostbite.

Jackets should be zipped up. To avoid strangulation during play, use tube-shaped neck warmers instead of scarves. If scarves must be used, tuck them into jackets. Remove drawstrings on hoods and jackets because they are also a safety hazard; better yet, buy clothes without drawstrings.

Safe weather for outdoor play:

Children should play indoors if the temperature falls below -28C (-13F), regardless of the wind chill factor.

Children should play indoors, regardless of the temperature, if the following occurs:

- ☑ The wind chill factor is reported as -28 C (-15F) or greater (This is the temperature at which exposed skin freezes in a few minutes)
- ☑ Keep children away from the banks of ponds, lakes, streams and rivers during the spring thaw.
- ☑ Use sunscreen even on cloudy days.

Adopted from guidelines published by The Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto.

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on your phone to
scan this code &
send us your
questions!



SAVE THE DATE

THURS. JAN. 28, 2021
7-8PM

Information about becoming a Grade 9!

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-support-learners>

Government of Ontario Support for Learners

Apply for a one-time payment to help with additional costs due to COVID-19.

- \$200 for each child/youth up to Grade 12
- \$250 for each child/youth with special needs up to age 21

To apply visit [ontario.ca/page/get-support-learners](https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-support-learners)
The deadline to apply is February 8, 2021



Kindergarten Registration begins week of January 11, 2021

DDSB online registration system is soon available for students turning 4 years of age on or before December 31st, 2021. For families who 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?mid=170>

Please visit our [Lakewoods Welcome to Kindergarten](#) for more information

DDSB provides a variety of Early Year programs to support your child's development—We will notify you when Great Beginnings returns to Lakewoods Public School.

<https://www.ddsb.ca/en/programs-and-learning/early-years-programs-layout.aspx>



COVID information

Screening Prior to return

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/covid19-cms-assets/2020-10/COVID-19%20school%20and%20child%20care%20screening%20tool.pdf>

What to do if my child is sick?

<https://www.durham.ca/en/health-and-wellness/resources/Documents/IllnessInfectionDisease/FactsAbout/COVID-19-What-to-do-if-my-child-is-sick.pdf>

Virtual/Phone visit walk in clinic information

<https://cover.health/> or <https://ddhcs.com/>

Funding for Families from Government of Ontario

DDSB wants to make sure that you are aware that the Government of Ontario is providing funding for parents to help offset costs during the 2020-21 school year, including items such as computer purchases. Eligible parents/guardians can receive a one-time payment of: • \$200 for each child up to age 12 • \$250 for each child or youth up to age 21 with special needs. The deadline to apply for this funding is January 15, 2021. For more information and the link to apply, please visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-support-learners>.

Dates to Remember

January 15th	PA day—school closed
January 28th	Grade 9 info night @ 7pm
February	Black History Month



SAFE ARRIVAL

1-844-350-2646

attendance.ddsb.ca

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