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Believe • Persevere • Achieve

Lakewoods P.S.

<http://lakewoods.ddsb.ca>

“Believe-Persevere-Achieve”

Happy New Year to all our Lakewoods families! We hope that all of you have had an opportunity to spend some relaxing time with your family during the holiday break, as well as this extended period during while our students were learning virtually. As we enter another year dealing with school closures, shifting to virtual learning, and the constant media attention around the COVID-19 virus, please remember our staff at Lakewoods is here to partner with you in your child's education. We thank you for continuing to support your child's education both virtually and in person. These are difficult and challenging times, and we all need to work with and support one another moving forward.

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 this message to our students—especially when they are learning remotely and returning to in-person learning.

As we return to school, there will be health and safety protocols that we will continue to implement at the school. You will have received a number of emails from the board that has worked with the Durham Region Health Department to ensure we are following health and safety measures to keep our students and staff safe.

You are required to complete the updated self-screening tool by visiting Ontario.ca/SchoolScreening for your child every day and follow the instructions given. **If your child is sick and/or not feeling well, please do not send them to school under any circumstances.** Current provincial guidance is that if your child has certain [symptoms of COVID-19](#), it is presumed that they may have COVID-19. Please help keep our school community safe by following this direction.

In addition, ALL students at Lakewoods PS and the DDSB are required to wear a mask while on school premises. We will have masks available to students if needed. Please ensure your child(ren) brings masks to school, and they are regularly washed.

We are looking forward to a safe and healthy January and February back in school.

Sincerely, Mr. Bozanis

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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.

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Great Beginnings

START AT THE DDSB



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**KINDERGARTEN
REGISTRATION**

JANUARY 11, 2022

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Kindergarten is a child-centred, play-based educational program that provides children with a stronger start in school and in life.

- Children must be four years old by December 31, 2022 to enroll in year one, Junior Kindergarten (JK).
- Children must be five years old by December 31, 2022 to enroll in year two, Senior Kindergarten (SK).

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► Attention Parents/Guardians:

Whether your child is learning in-person or through DDSB@Home, you can **report their absence** by calling **1-844-350-2646** or by using the **SchoolMessenger** app.

Instructions on how to report an absence can be found on our website: bit.ly/3cjgJZM



Dates to Remember

January 21st	PA day—school closed
January 26th	Grade 8 & SK photo day Grad Photos
February	Black History Month
February 21st	Family Day—School closed
March 14-18	March Break—School closed



SAFE ARRIVAL

1-844-350-2646

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

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