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“Believe, Persevere, Achieve!”

I can't believe that after a remarkable nine months that we are entering into the last month of the school year. We thank you for continuing to support your child's learning whether it be in person or virtual. As I have always said: "parents are their child's first teacher" and "kids do best when the school and home work together". We encourage you to continue to have your child read and do some math each day throughout the summer. We know that that will help them when they return to school in September.

The staff have been working hard planning virtual graduation ceremonies which will take place in June. More information will follow shortly. While we do not know what the next school year looks like please expect to receive some communication in August. I'd like to congratulate Barry Hayes who has decided to retire after a long career (most of it at Lakewoods). On behalf of all of the students he has impacted over a career thank you Mr. Hayes. I'd also like to congratulate one of our fabulous EAs Ms. Pennie who will be transferring to another school next school year.

Finally, it is with a lot of emotions that I need to let you know that at the May 17th DDSB board meeting it was announced that I will be moving to another school starting on July 1st. I have always told you how proud I am to be the Principal at Lakewoods. It is a special place with an incredible staff serving some amazing students and families. I know that as sad as I am to leave I will look back at my time at Lakewoods with amazing memories. Students: always remember that I have told you countless times that each and every one of you is capable of growing up and being a wild success. I always love hearing from former students and can't wait to hear from you in the years to come. Families: Thank you for your support and for being my partner in helping your children succeed. The incoming Lakewoods Principal is Mr. Bozanis who comes with a wealth of knowledge and experience and will continue to help Lakewoods be the special place it is.

Paul Haines

Your very proud Lakewoods Principal

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YOUR VOICE MATTERS

"Nothing about us, without us" – (James Charlton)

ADDRESSING ANTI-BLACK RACISM

through the DDSB Census Data

June 10, 2021 • 6:00-8:00 pm

Parents/guardians/caregivers of students that identify as Black, please join us in conversation as we look at the DDSB 2019 Student Census data:

- Look at how our Black students are doing,
- What we are presently doing to address these outcomes, and
- What we plan to do in the future to ensure an equitable outcome for all Black students in the DDSB

Registration Required

ddsb.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kHh5rGikQMqkMnDQUCLj1Q

Welcome to Kindergarten

Kindergarten Registration is still open for students that turn 4 years of age by Dec 31, 2021. Please visit our website for registration to ensure your child is placed for start of Sept 2021.

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

Thank you to our families that have completed their registration and returned the required documentations for our review. Please ensure you are check our Welcome to Kindergarten Orientation posted on our website.

Communication/Updates

As we continue to work through these unusual times, it is very important that families continue to monitor email communications over the summer months.

Please ensure you check your email regularly (including junk file) and for organizational purposes consider having a "DDSB" file folder for quick reference to your child's information.

Our annual [Parent Portal](#) information will be required at the end of August. Contact the office in June if you need verification of your username/passwords.

Please consider visiting our [Lakewoods website](#) and follow our [Lakewoods twitter](#) account for further updates.

DDSB Summer School

Visit [Durham Continuing Education](#) (DCE) for summer school options.

SMILE-e - Registration closes June 28, 12:00 PM Summer Meaningful Innovative Learning Experience (SMILE-e) is an online synchronous/real time program for students who have completed Grade 6, 7, or 8 in the 2020-2021 school year and will be attending a Durham District School Board school in September, 2021. The program teaches students science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics. Students will expand and build on the skills learned in the previous school year. The expectation is that students are online during class time from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM, Monday to Friday. Please read the SMILE-e Student Guide for more information before registering: <https://bit.ly/3dkLHBN>

The Getting Ready for High School (GR4HS) program is open to students entering Grade 9 at DDSB secondary schools in September. It provides a brief introduction to the Grade 9 English and mathematics curriculum, as well as study skills, time management, and provides steps to success. The program also allows students to become familiar with their new school and prepares them for the transition from elementary school to secondary school. When registering, students should select the school they will be attending in September. The expectation is that students are online during class time from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM during the following program dates: August 23 to 26 (all schools on the regular school calendar)

Delivery mode will be determined (online or in-person). At this time please read the online Synchronous/Real Time version of the [GR4HS Student Guide](#) before registering. Registration closes August 18, 12:00 PM.

Registration

Dates to Remember

- June 4th PA Day—no school
- June 10th Addressing Anti-Racism
6pm-8pm
- June 28th Smile-e registration due
- June 29th Last day of school



SAFE ARRIVAL

1-844-350-2646

attendance.ddsb.ca

Please report planned absences in advance by contacting the above Safe Arrival options or down-