**OCT 2020** 



### "Believe, Persevere, Achieve"

While the 2020—2021 school year has its challenges I'm happy to say that we are off to a good start. Staff have used our Covid-19 courtesy camp to teach students the new safety procedures—line up on dots, staggered dismissal, frequent disinfecting and hand washing which we are using to stay safe.

Great news: we were given the opportunity for every class in the school to do a virtual Scientist in the School this October. These programs are always a great experience for students. Staff conducting virtual meet the teacher nights with all families. When you connect with your child's teacher make sure you get their S number which they need to login to google classroom. Google classroom will be used in all classes this year and if we need to transition to distance learning they will be used by staff to provide continuous learning for students. Knowing the S number and ensuring your child can log in will keep this process seamless.

Our first SCC meeting was October 5th. Thank you to parents that attended. We are always encouraging parents to get involved with the school. This year's SCCs will be virtual. Our next one is November 9th at 2 pm. If you are interested in participating virtually or are looking for other ways to get involved at the school please contact Mr. Haines.

Thanks to Mr. Mortley for organizing our physically distanced Terry Fox run and for all of the students and staff that participated.

We also want to thank the parents who use the covid-19 screening tool to assess their children each morning before coming to school. A copy of this is available on the front page of our website <a href="https://lakewoods.ddsb.ca/">https://lakewoods.ddsb.ca/</a>

We know that students do best when the school and home work together. Thank you for being our partners in helping to keep to keep each other safe.

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### Safe Arrival—DDSB Automated System

To enhance our absence procedure, the DDSB utilizes a student absence reporting system called **SchoolMessenger Safe Arrival.** Parents may now choose to report your child's absence in advance, or before bell time for the current day in 1 of 2 ways: **Toll Free Number (1-844-350-2646)** or SafeArrival website (<u>go.schoolmessenger.ca</u>). Download option for cellular use available. Online registration is not necessary for those parents who only wish to use the toll free number to call in absences. Both phone and online options will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. As part of this program, we will also be continuing with an automated notification system that will contact parents when a student is absent, but no notification was relayed to the school.

Thanking you in advance for reporting all absences.



### Its Your Birthday!

Some students love to celebrate their birthday with their classmates. With the current situation and many allergy concerns of our students, we are to avoid bringing any type of food treat to the classroom to share with their classmates. A great alternative is to donate a book to the classroom and inscribe with a special note including the students name and date!

#### Colder Weather will be arriving soon

Take the time today to try on your winter clothing before the weather gets even colder. We would like to remind our students to dress appropriately for outside recess and lunch hour. We also suggest that each student keep an extra pair of socks in their backpack for wet and colder weather. The school has a supply of gently used rain boots, winter boots and a variety of coats. If you have a need—please contact the office or your homeroom teacher to arrange sizing. These items are FREE for our families.

### Pediculosis

If you discover that your child has become infected with head lice, please notify the school to ensure we can inform our families! We suggest that you regularly check your child(ren)s hair to help control the spread . If you discover that your child has become infected, please take every step to remove all lice and nits and check your childs hair on a daily basis.

### **No Treats Please!**

In an effort to continue with our **Healthy Eating initiatives**, we are requesting that students limit their "special snacks" following Halloween night and leave the sweets at home instead of bringing them to school.

We are asking parents to monitor the treats that make their way into the lunch bag after this special day. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.





### ELEVATE & EXPAND WITH US

Our new program "Elevate & Expand: Coaching for Excellence" provides culturally responsive Virtual Tutoring Support for DDSB self-identifying Black students in Grades 6-12.

Students are matched with tutors based on their needs and tutor teaching qualifications and provided up to 3 hours of complimentary virtual tutoring per week.

## Supported and Sponsored by the DDSB



#### Interested? Contact

Elevate & Expand: Coaching for Excellence Coordinator for more information Hanouf Salem at DBENtutoring@gmail.com

# **FRARE Black Youth Helpline**

BRIDGING CULTURES | REACHING YOUTH | IMPACTING CHANGE

# NOW CANADA-WIDE!!

Black Youth Helpline is pleased to announce that our STAY-IN-SCHOOL PROGRAM & SUPPORT SERVICES for Canadian Youth is now Canada-wide!!

### NEW SUPPORT SERVICES

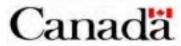
For Youth & Family, Schools & Other Youth Serving Organizations.

### **OUR FOCUS**

Helping Canada's children and youth remain and succeed in school and community.

### **REACH US AT**

Phone: 416-285-9944 or 416-739-8989 Toll Free #: 1-833-294-8650 / 1-833-BYH-8650 E-mail: NationalHelpline@bellnet.ca Website: www.blackyouth.ca We acknowledge the financial support of the Government of Canada



### NATIONAL HELPLINE: BRIDGING CULTURES FOR YOUTH SUCCESS IN SCHOOLS & COMMUNITY

### WHAT WE DO

- Serve as the point of contact and support for youth, parents, schools, and key stakeholders who work with youth.
- Help youth and families address their concerns in the school system and in their communities.
- Help schools and other youth serving organizations understand and effectively manage the most vulnerable children and the multicultural challenges of working across cultures.
- Ultimately, we work in partnership to help achieve the best possible outcome for each child/youth/family.

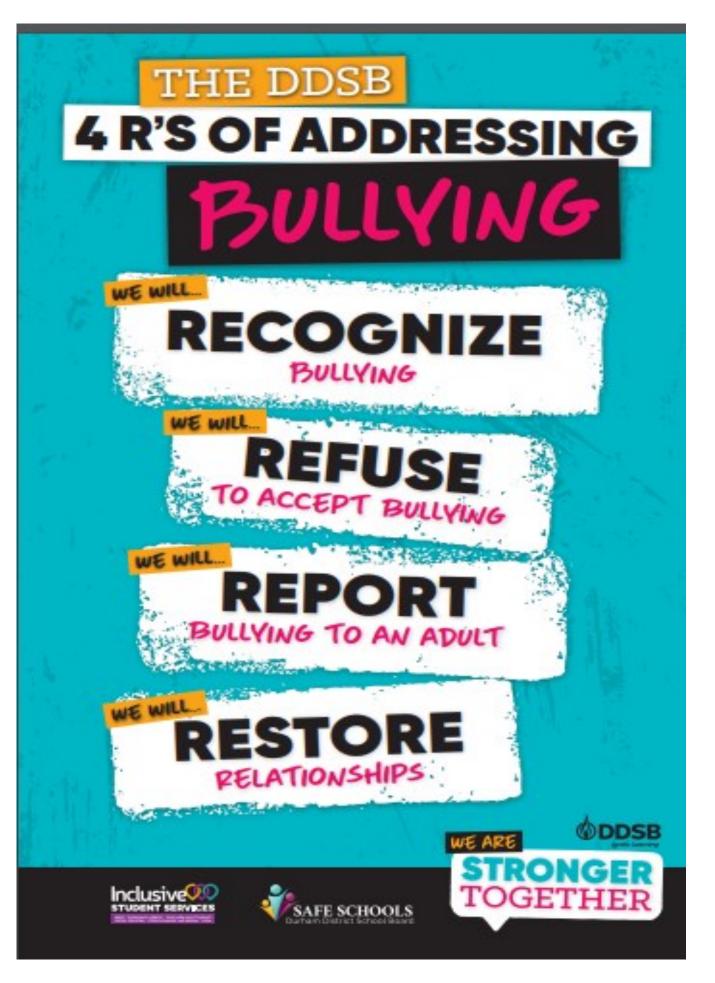
### HOW

A National Consultation Team from across Canada will support National Office, staff and volunteers in service delivery. Representation reflects the rich diversity of peoples, culture, beliefs, knowledge, professions and churches/Faith Based Organizations.

### WHY

- 25 years of Black Youth Helpline (BYH) experience has proved informing. We must Intervene on behalf of youth with complex needs before severe problems arise.
- Needed are primary prevention approaches including a focus on parents and schools at the earliest possible point.
- A significant body of literature underline that suspensions and dismissals from schools are 3-4 times higher for vulnerable children.
- The word "drop-out" is often a misnomer. Repeated suspensions and dismissals fuel school failure and push students out of schools (Wilson, 2014). "We need to comprehend fully why schools fail some youths and conversely, why some students are failing school" (Dei, 1996).
- By helping youth, parents and schools succeed we increase the chances for productive futures for Canada's children.





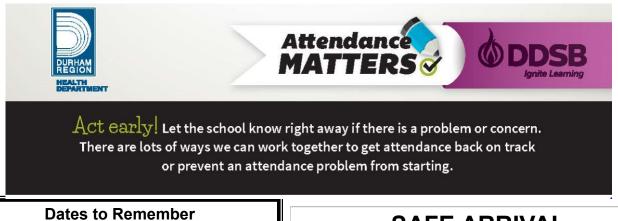
Parent Portal Link: https://ddsbps.ddsbschools.ca/public/home.html

### Lakewoods School Rules

Rules help us know what to do and how to act with each other. The rules that we have in place at Lakewoods also help to ensure student safety throughout the day. *Our school rules are clearly outlined in our Code of Conduct that can be found in the front of every agenda.* Please take time to review the rules with your child. Regular reminders from home about the importance of following school rules make for more positive and successful interactions with other students, staff and community members.

### **Zones of Regulation**

Self -Regulation continues to be a big focus for us here at Lakewoods. Students were taught about the different zones and which zone they need to be in to be ready to learn. We will continue to work with the different strategies over the coming months to enable students to be better able to self-regulate their emotions.



Oct 1 & 2nd	Terry Fox walk/run	
Oct 5th	Virtual SCC meeting @ 2pm	
Oct 7th	National Walk to school Day	
Oct 12th	Thanksgiving	
Oct 15th	DBEN registration due	
Oct 19th	Room 208– pm Virtual Scientist in the School	
Oct 27th	CAS Purple Day Awareness Day	
Nov 9th	SCC virtual meeting 2pm	
Nov 11th	Progress Reports go home	
Nov 13th	PA Day—school closed	

### SAFE ARRIVAL

#### 1-844-350-2646

#### attendance.ddsb.ca

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

Download app go.schoolmessenger.ca

### **STUDENT VERIFICATION**

#### Www.ddsb.ca Parent Portal

https://www.ddsb.ca/en/family-and-community-support/parentportal.aspx

### 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.