

OCT 2021



Lakewoods P.S.

<http://www.lakewoods.ddsb.ca>

“Believe, Persevere, Achieve”

What a great start to the year! With the many challenges of this worldwide pandemic, and the normal stresses of a new school year, I'm happy to say that we are off to a great start. Staff have used our Covid-19 Courtesy Camp to teach students the safety procedures we have in place to keep each other safe and healthy — remaining in our cohorted classes, lining up on dots, staggered dismissal, frequent disinfecting and hand washing.

Our first SCC meeting will take place on Friday, October 8th. We will be meeting virtually so if you are interested in being part of it please contact Mr. Bozanis at the school and he will send you a link to join. We are always encouraging parents to get involved with the school. This year's SCCs will be virtual.

This past week (September 27th - October 1st), Lakewoods PS along with all schools in the DDSB and Canada recognized and commemorated Truth and Reconciliation Week. This week educators focused on honouring and commemorating Residential School Survivors and learning about the legacy of the residential school system in Canada. Thursday, September 30th marked the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day. For more information about National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, visit the following website - [CLICK HERE](#).

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. Before sending your child(ren) to school or to child care, every parent/guardian is required to screen for COVID-19. **This must be done everyday.** If your child(ren) exhibit any of the symptoms on the list, you are required to follow the instructions given and your child(ren) will not be allowed to come to school.

We encourage you to use the Ministry of Health's online self-assessment tool (updated August 2021) by visiting: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

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

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Durham Region Health Department Free Dental Screening

If you would like to book an appointment for your child to receive a **free** dental screening, please contact the Oral Health Division Dental Clinic at **(905) 723-1365, ext. 4567** or toll free at **1-866-853-1326, ext. 4567**.

Due to COVID-19, the **school based** dental screening program is on hold



Student Accident Insurance

Providing safe learning environments is a strong and constant focus at the Durham District School Board. Families should however recognize that there is always a potential risk of injury with field trips, sports and other student activities both on and off school grounds. Accidents can happen, despite precautions to prevent them. Accidental injuries may involve medical, dental or other expenses not covered by provincial health care or employer group plans.

Please be aware that the Durham District School Board does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries. For your convenience, we do make available a Student Accident Insurance program through Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada. This program offers a variety of plans and benefits at affordable prices.

All rates are one-time annual premiums. The insurance agreement is between **you** and **Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada**. For complete details please refer to the *insuremykids Protection Plan* information/application form or visit their website at: www.insuremykids.com.

Any questions should be directed to Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada toll free at 1-800-463-5437.



Presents Islamic Heritage Month 2021

**SAT.
OCT. 2
6:00PM**

Islamic Heritage Month Kickoff event!

Join this incredible event organized by the Muslim Educators' Network of Ontario highlighting the contributions of vibrant and diverse communities throughout Canada. Curated discussion by some of Ontario's leading voices in the Muslim Community including: Dr. Abdullah Hakim Quick, Rukeya Mohamed, Amina Righwanu, Khadija Karji, Amina Ahundi, and MY Voice Canada. Hosted in part by the Aga Khan Museum, this event surely will not disappoint.

[Click here to REGISTER](#)



**WED.
OCT. 6
6:00PM**

Welcome to M.E.N.D.

The Muslim Educators' Network of Durham (MEND) invite all DDSB employees, educators, staff, and educational assistants to our first General Meeting. This event will serve as an opportunity to meet members of our team, learn about MEND's latest works, and how you can become a member and participate! In addition, participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and share ideas for navigating and creating responsive environments for students identifying as Muslim.

[Click here to REGISTER](#)

**THURS.
OCT. 7
6:00PM**

Virtual STEM NIGHT

STEM education is an important part of learning because it helps students develop their critical thinking and problem-solving skills. These videos introduce STEM-related topics through fun activities geared towards elementary and secondary level students. Videos will be shared on our YouTube Channel on October 7 after 5:00pm.

[Click here for LINK to Videos](#)

**TUES.
OCT. 12
5:00PM**

Storytelling Workshop for Intermediate/Senior Students presented by NCCM

Empowering students through storytelling. This workshop will use storytelling, including prose, creative writing and mixed media, to critically deconstruct existing narratives/ myths about Muslims and examine how to engage and tell stories from an anti-racist/anti-Islamophobia lens. We will explore strategies for effective allyship and engagement with Muslims.

[Click here to REGISTER](#)



**THURS.
OCT. 28
6:00PM**

Islamophobia and our Kids - Parents/Guardians Panel

As parents we all care and want to be involved. Help by attending our session "Islamophobia and Our Kids." Islamophobia impacts us all, including our children. Hear from other Durham parents, like yourself, talk about keeping kids safe, building strong communities, and finding solutions to Islamophobia.

[Click here to REGISTER](#)

To register or for more great Islamic Heritage Month ideas, visit wearemend.ca

Events are open to all DDSB staff, students, and families



Community Outreach Hub

Connect with an Ontario Works Outreach Worker at your local Oshawa Public Libraries branch and learn about the variety of social services supports and resources available to you.

Northview Branch:

250 Beatrice St. E.

Wednesdays, 10 am - 3 pm

Drop-in, no appointment required.

Contacts: Lindsay Percival and Heather Durno

Jess Hann Branch:

199 Wentworth St. W.

Starting September 16
Thursdays, 10 am - 3 pm

Drop-in, no appointment required.

Services Offered:

Get assistance communicating with community agencies, online form application, and navigating the social services system.

Learn about the social services supports and resources available, including:

- Housing
- Food security
- Financial stability and literacy
- Counselling
- Crisis intervention
- Advocacy
- Case management
- Children's Services referrals
- Trusted Youth Program
- And more



Student and Family Advocate

HERE TO SUPPORT BLACK FAMILIES AND STUDENTS

AGES: 6-12
PICKERING, AJAX, WHITBY



- Newly identified students
- Questions about IEP or IPRC
- Managing School Contacts
- Needing Meeting support
- Pathway to success planning
- Anti Black Racism Support
- + More

For more information Contact,
Nicholas Barham - Student and Family Advocate
E: Nicholasb@sbsfamilycentre.com P: 647-405-0299

www.sidebysidefamilycentre.org



Ontario

Supported by Ministry of Children,
Community and Social Services

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 (go.schoolmessenger.ca). 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.



SCHOOLMESSENGER®

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 child's 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.






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.



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

Oct 6th	National Walk to school Day
Oct 8th	Virtual SCC meeting @ 2pm
Oct 11th	Thanksgiving—school closed
Oct 19th	Photo Day!
Oct 27th	CAS Purple Day Awareness Day
Nov 11th	Remembrance Day
Nov 12th	PA Day—school closed
Nov 18th	Photo Retake Day

SAFE ARRIVAL

1-844-350-2646

attendance.ddsbs.ca

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

Download app go.schoolmessenger.ca

STUDENT VERIFICATION

Www.ddsbs.ca Parent Portal

<https://www.ddsbs.ca/en/family-and-community-support/parent-portal.aspx>

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

ddsbs.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.