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**SEP 2021** 



# Lakewoods P.S

# "Believe, Persevere, Achieve"

Welcome back to what will be another exciting year! We hope that everyone had a very relaxing summer and are refueled for the year ahead. We look forward to working with you and making this a productive year for all involved.

Our staff has worked diligently to prepare for our students. Our sincere thanks to our custodial staff, Mr. Davidson and Ms. Lepper, who have worked so hard over the summer to prepare for our return. The school looks wonderful and we encourage all students to do their best to respect the work that has been done and help to keep Lakewoods looking great!

As we started the year off last year, again we have put many systems in place to help keep our students and staff safe. Students, staff and parents are required to wear masks while on the school yard. We have marked dots on the pavement for each class to ensure social distancing while lining up to enter the school and have again organized two different recess and lunch times as well as a staggered dismissal to ensure that we don't have more than one class in the hall at a time. Hand sanitizing and hand washing will continue to be an important part of our daily routines. Additionally, Mr. Davidson and Ms Lepper will continue to do a great job to keep the school clean and safe for our students throughout the day.

The partnership between home and school is an extremely important part of your child's success. We are committed to working with you throughout the upcoming year as we foster the growth and development of all students at Lakewoods. Please remember to complete a daily self-assessment for your child prior to coming to school.

Our first SCC meeting of the year will be on October 8th at 2 pm. 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.

Please do not hesitate to get in contact with your child's teacher regularly throughout the year. Their email link is on our Lakewoods website.

We encourage you to get involved in your child(ren)'s learning and to express your interest in what they do at school on a continual basis through the school year. We know that each year brings with it many triumphs and challenges. Please know that we value your participation as a member of the Lakewoods team.

Sincerely, Mr. Bozanis

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# **Staffing Changes**

We are very happy to welcome our new staff members to our Lakewoods community including our new Principal Mr. Bozanis.

Ms. Ellis—Grade 1/2 Ms. Billion—Coverage/SSP

Ms. Maldonado—Grade 2/3 Ms. Reddick—EA

# welcome

#### Parent Portal—Waivers are due!!

The annual information review and update ensures that your child(s) information is most up to date and completes consent information for all waivers for each school year. This is a mandatory requirement. Emails were sent to each family on providing link and instructions. If you do not have access to a laptop, tablet or computer, please visit local library for access. Thank you to our families who have completed waivers for this year.

https://ddsbps.ddsbschools.ca/public/home.html



# **School Community Council**

The SCC is a group of parents who meet monthly to plan fundraising events for the school, act as a liaison between the parent community and the school, and discuss student achievement and well-being at the school.

All are welcome to attend our virtual SCC meetings which will be scheduled on our Lakewoods website!

www.ddsb.ca/school/lakewoods

# **Sporting Events**

We have our upcoming **Terry Fox Run**, by classes the week of **Sept 20th**. Thank you for each student donating \$2 towards cancer research on our link;

https://ddsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/93035/102/False/True

# **Elementary Daily Checklist**

The DDSB has put enhanced health and safety measures in place to help stop the spread of COVID-19. We are also asking students and families to do their part to help to keep everyone safe and have a successful 2021-2022 school year. Please use the following daily checklist to help you and your child(ren) prepare for each day before coming to school. Access the Elementary Daily Checklist by clicking here.

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# Elementary Daily Checklist

Please use the checklist below to help you prepare for each day before your child(ren) leave home to go to school.

#### **Daily School To-Dos:**

Check your child for symptoms of COVID-19 by completing the Government of Ontario's easy to use COVID-19 school screening tool: <a href="mailto:covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening">covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening</a> . They should stay home if they:
Feel sick or have symptoms of COVID-19
Have been in contact someone who is sick or has had a confirmed COVID-19 test in the last 14 days
Have recently travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days
Pack a few extra reusable and comfortable masks.
Practice proper hand-washing techniques at home, after coughing, sneezing, before or after eating. Masks should only be adjusted with clean hands.
Water fountains are off limits, so pack a full water bottle, litterless lunch and snacks. Sharing food is not permitted and garbage should be brought back home.
There will be more outside time for students, so dress them according to the weather.
If your child gets sick at school, they will need to be picked up as soon as possible. Make sure your school has the most up-to-date emergency contact for the individual authorized for student pick-ups.
Practice physical distancing with your child and remind them to keep their distance from others at school and in public.
Review the DDSB's <u>Return to School Webpage</u> and <u>FAQs</u> , along with the Durham Region Health Department's <u>Schools Reopening Toolkit</u> for questions about COVID-19.

**Help Stop the Spread** 

www.ddsb.ca



# **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.



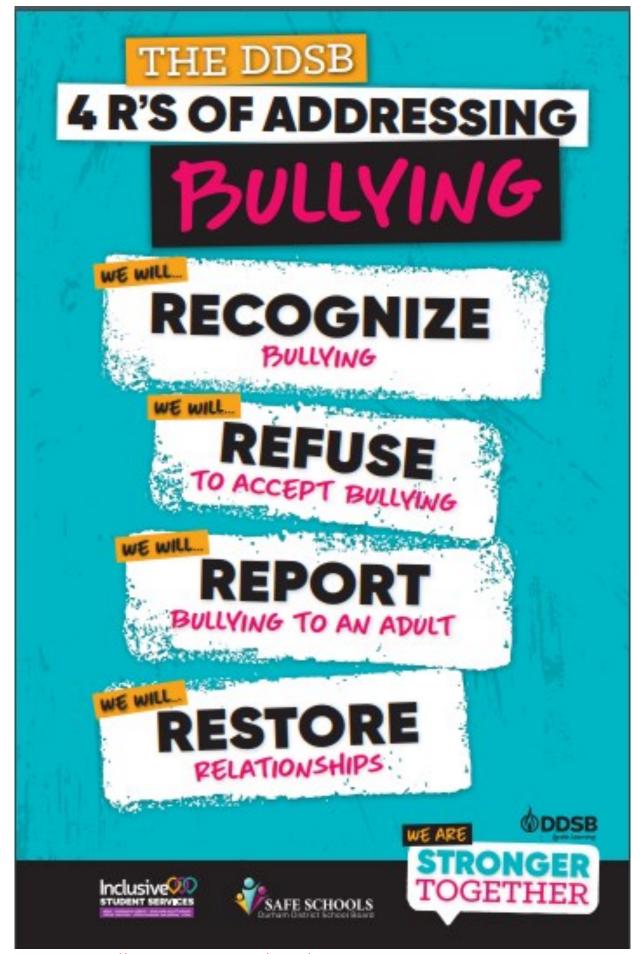


#### Services Offered:

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



# **Parking Lot Safety**

Parking cars and dropping off children continue to be a safety issue. Lakewoods Public School is a community school and we encourage students to walk to school. Thank you to our families that continue to respect our community members by following courteous driving/parking guidelines. Drivers are reminded that you must park your vehicle in an authorized parking space and that the circular driveway and front lot is not for stopping or parent parking.

If you must drive your child to school or pick up your child at the end of the day, please consider meeting the student on Sauble St. or Sharbot St.

# PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE CIRCULAR DRIVEWAY OR ALONG THE DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE





# **End of Day Dismissal**

Reminder—To ensure the safety of our students, end of day dismissal for students in grades 1—8 is at the back of the school. Students are supervised by their teacher until 3:10 dismissal/pick up. Classes will exit on a rotating schedule between 2:50 and 3:10pm to maintain social distancing in our halls and stairwells. It is important to our staff and our community that we follow the regular routine of end of day transition from school to home.

Thank you parents and guardians for remaining off the paved yard and remembering to wear your masks while on DDSB property.

Please help us support a culture of respect and harmony by reinforcing school safety procedures from teacher to parent/guardian.

### **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.

#### **Dates to Remember**

Sep 20 Terry Fox week
Sep 30 Orange Shirt Day
Oct 6 National Walk to School day
Oct 11 Thanksgiving Holiday
Nov 20 PA day—all schools
Dec 20 Winter Break