

Lakewood Heights School - District 8
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Monthly Newsletter September 2012

Dear Parents:

Welcome back! I would like to invite all parents to an OPEN HOUSE on Tuesday, Sept 18 from 6:30 - 7:30. Parents can meet in the gym at 6:30 and then go to the classrooms from 7:00-7:30.

SCHOOL DETAILS: We have 268 students in the school this year.

Staff:

Mrs. Inez Hunter - Kindergarten

Mrs. Lisa Britten - Kindergarten

Mrs. Anne Smith - K/1

Miss Jill Folkins - Grade One

Mrs. Karen Spurrell - Grade One

Mrs. Melissa Kyle - Grade Two replacing Mrs. Cooling

Mr. Andrew Allaby/Mrs. Susan Rodger - Grade Two

Ms. Jennifer Harley - Grade Two

Mrs. Jill Edwards - Grade Three

Mrs. Susan Porter - Grade Three

Ms. Anne Ervin- Grade Four

Ms. Chantale Barsalou - Grade Four

Miss Ellen Buckley - Grade Five

Ms. Barb Bingham -Grade Five Intensive French

Miss Krista Power - Resource and Methods Teacher

Mrs. Janelle Arsenault - Resource and Methods Teacher

Mrs. Cynthia Munn - Music Mrs. Stacy Briggs- Physical Education Specialist

Mr. Kevin Hilchey - Guidance

Mr. Jack Long - Custodian Ms. Cecile Savoie - Custodian

Mrs. Susan Ward-Cornect - Secretary

SCHOOL HOURS- Students need to be in the school yard by 8:15 when the bell rings for entry.

8:15 Bell to enter
8:30 All students in seats ready to work
8:35 CLASSES BEGIN
10:05 - 10:20 Recess
11:50 Lunch Hour
12:40 Bell to enter
12:50 Classes begin for afternoon
2:05 Dismissal Grades K - 2
3:05 Dismissal Grades 3-5

PRINCIPAL AND VICE-PRINCIPAL HOURS- Mr. Allaby and Mrs. Rodger share a Grade Two classroom. Mrs. Rodger teaches Language Arts for the first 90 minutes of the day which provides time for Mr. Allaby to be in the office each day and he will be available to talk to students and parents at this time. Mrs. Rodger is available after 10:20 each day.

ALLERGIES: SCENT FREE AND NUT FREE SCHOOL

PEANUT BUTTER- There are children in our school with severe peanut allergies. It is necessary to impose a ban on peanut butter in sandwiches, cookies and other sweets. Thank you for your cooperation regarding this matter. We are a PEANUT FREE SCHOOL.

SCENT FREE SCHOOL- Many public places are now scent free. All schools are scent free and students are not permitted to wear perfume products.

BUS TRANSPORTATION - The district has changed their policy for transporting students and they will only transport students to the same location every day. If you need a form for alternate transportation such as pick up at your home in the morning and delivery to a babysitter after school please ask your teacher for the Alternate Transportation form. District Office will NOT allow us to accept notes from parents requesting for the student to go to their friend's house after school. There are no exceptions to this rule.

SCHOOL WEB SITE - The school has its own web site that is being revised. Lakewoodheights.nbed.nb.ca

NUTRITION POLICY - The District Education Council has developed a Nutrition Policy which was fully implemented on January 1, 2006. This policy ensures that all schools have a strategy to provide students with access to healthy food choices at school. The vending machine that is in the cafeteria is there mainly for the benefit of outside groups who use the building and often is out of order. Please do not rely on this for drinks for your child. Students are only permitted to purchase the water or the 100% fruit juice. This policy is to help students make healthy choices and they are asking that parents help with this by thinking about Canada's Food Guide to Healthy Eating when preparing lunches. We are asking that pop or mini sips not be sent in lunches as they have no nutritional value. We try to send home the food your child does not want to eat so that you are aware of what they are eating. Please monitor how much you send as sometimes food is wasted. Please make sure whatever you send can be opened by your child. Ex: Oranges need to be peeled and split for them. The boxed lunchables, although they look appealing are often wasted by students and are seen half eaten in the garbage. The school has nutritious food on hand to provide students with food to eat if they arrive without breakfast or a lunch. We will only provide healthy nutritious choices to the students.

MILK PROGRAM - Chocolate and white milk is provided at school. To keep things simple, students will pay for their milk for the month. A separate notice is included regarding dates and prices for the months ahead. We have to place our order on Thursdays so need to have all money on Wednesdays. Please hold on to this notice. **YOU MAY PAY FOR LONGER PERIODS IF YOU WISH.** Please remember that Cheques for Milk Money cannot be combined with Lunch money as the Home and School do not look after Milk Money.

RECESS AND LUNCH BREAKS - All students are required to go outside during these times. Many times children come to school without proper clothing on. I ask for your help in seeing that appropriate clothing be worn to school throughout the school year.

SECRETARY'S HOURS - Susan Ward- Cornect is our secretary and she works 36 1/4 hours a week from 8:00 - 4 pm each day.

PARKING - Please do not drop off students at the front door of the school as this is the drop off for the buses only. Please do not park on Lakeview Drive as the Crossing Guard cannot cross the children safely with cars parked along this road. Vehicles MUST park in the back lot and come into the building from there. You are not permitted to park in the TRAFFIC CIRCLE at the back of the school as again this is not safe for children who are getting dropped off. This is strictly a DROP OFF zone only. There are parking spaces behind the fence if you need to come in.

These rules are for the SAFETY of your children. I thank you for your cooperation. Teachers will ask you to move your car if you are in violation of these rules.

SICK CHILDREN - If your child is sick and will not be in school please call us to let us know. When a child becomes ill or injured at school we will try to make him/her comfortable and we will call you to make you aware of the situation. You may be asked to come and take your child home, so it is very important that the teachers have alternate numbers for calling during these situations. The demands of the teacher make it almost impossible to care adequately for children who are sent to school sick so please do not send sick children to school. If your child has medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes, severe allergies or any other conditions where special medication is involved, please inform the school so that we can make all staff aware.

TALK MAIL - This system we use is called " School Connects". This system will allow all families to receive our messages regardless of their phone carrier. We will be sending home phone messages as well as email messages so please add your email to the contact form if you wish to receive emails through this system.

TERRY FOX RUN - Thursday, September 27, the children will take part in our own walk for the Terry Fox National School Run Day. We are asking the children to bring in any donations during that week in support of the Terry Fox Foundation.

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM - HOT LUNCH WILL BEGIN MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th AND MONEY MUST BE IN BY THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th. The Home and School looks after the Hot Lunch program at the school. It will be offered five days a week and all orders must be placed by THURSDAY of the previous week. We will send home items and prices in the near future.

SCHOOL RULES - You will see our Code of Conduct below. Please review this with your child. Our aim is for Lakewood Heights School to be a safe place for children. Physical fighting is not permitted at our school. Students will be sent home if they choose to fight to solve their problems. There are always teachers on duty and children should always feel safe. I tell them if they are in a dark alley and feel their life is in danger they may need to protect themselves but we really feel there is no need to fight at school in order to solve their problems on the school grounds. All students will receive training on Bullying and how to handle this but we strongly encourage all parents to contact us if they feel there are any problems with Bullying. We ask for your cooperation regarding this matter. If students choose to use violence to solve their problems you will be notified and they will be sent home.

Code of Conduct

**I am responsible
I am prepared
I am respectful
I am safe**

CONTACTING TEACHERS- Please call the school if you have any questions or concerns. Although the teachers are not able to speak to you while they are teaching, they will return your phone calls at the end of the day.

CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS- We will be collecting Campbell Soup labels at school. We are able to purchase educational materials from this.

SCHOOL CALENDAR- Please keep the attached calendar handy indicating the days and dates for the school year.

GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA- Registration will take place on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at Lakewood Heights School from 6:30 - 8:00. The cost is \$95.00.

Sparks - Kindergarten and Grade 1. Meetings are held on Tuesdays from 6:30 - 7:30. Contact Janet Perry: 657-9097

Brownies - Grades 2 and 3. Meetings are held on Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:00. Contact Janet Donovan 696-2544

Guides - Grades 4, 5 & 6. Meetings are held on Mondays from 6:30 - 8:00. Contact Mary Lawton 657-9332.

CELL PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES- In support of the policy from the district office on the use of cell phones and other electronic devices Lakewood Heights School is asking that students do not bring these items to school. School District officials believe that maintaining the integrity of the learning environment is a priority and that the use of cell phones and/ or electronic devices might detract from that priority.

HOME AND SCHOOL- The Home and School is a very active group at Lakewood Heights. The Home and School meet monthly and will be looking for new members to join them. Parents help by passing out hot lunch each day as well as in the Library. The district has made it **MANDATORY** that all volunteers must have a Criminal Records check done and filed at the school. Please use the form that is attached.

SCHOOL PICTURES- School Picture Day is on Thursday, October 11th.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY-Please note there is **NO SCHOOL** on Tuesday October 9th as this is a District Based Professional Development Day for all schools in District 08.

KEEPING OUR SCHOOLS SAFE- Safety is the number one concern at all schools. During the day **ALL** of our doors are locked and you must be buzzed in to enter the building. Students who arrive late must enter through the front only. Doors are unlocked at recess and lunch time. All parents must report to the office **AT ALL TIMES** when they are entering the building.

NATIONAL ANTHEM- District schools will be playing the National Anthem each morning.

PHOTOGRAPHING STUDENTS FORM- Please read and sign the form indicating whether you will allow your child to be photographed. Our main use is for the slide show at the end of the year but occasionally local photographers are invited to events and students are photographed.

DISTRICT ELEMENTARY JAMBOREES GRADES 3-5- Cross Country Meets will run on September 20, 27, and Oct 3 with a 3:30 start at Fisher Lakes at Rockwood Park. There will be a final meet at River View Park at Simms Corner on October 10th at 3:30 with the rain date on Thursday October 11th. Parents are responsible for transportation to and from the events and must stay and supervise their children. Notices will be sent home by Mrs. Stacey Briggs the Phys- Ed teacher about all these events.

HOCKEY - Lakewood School has a hockey team and all students from Grades 2-5 are invited to join. The parents help out with the coaching. The cost for registration will be \$55.00. There will be one game on Saturdays at the LBR and " parents " have arranged for one practice on Fridays at 4 pm at the Stewart Hurley Arena behind Simonds High School. I have lots of information to send to you regarding School Hockey and if your child shows an interest I will send the information home to you. Please note: All students must have accident insurance and any student registered with Minor Hockey at any level is not permitted to play in the school program. All adult volunteers must have a criminal check that I will keep on file in the office. Please return this form by September 21st if you would like the information package on School Hockey.

Name: _____ is interested in playing School Hockey

Teacher and grade: _____ Phone #: _____

Parent's Signature _____

Lakewood Heights School – Milk Payment Schedule 2012-2013

Dear Parents:

We will be starting our milk program on Monday, September 17. Orders will be taken for one whole MONTH and students may order white or chocolate milk for the month. Please send in payment by Wednesday, September 12th and after that it will be due on the dates below. Late orders cannot be accepted. Milk will be passed out at lunch hour. Milk costs 40 cents a day. Please make cheques payable to LAKEWOOD HEIGHTS SCHOOL. Please try and hold onto this notice although you will be reminded in the newsletter. The following dates are very important for ordering milk. Milk will be ordered on a monthly basis to facilitate ordering of milk and handling money. **YOU CANNOT COMBINE MILK MONEY WITH HOT LUNCH MONEY.**

**MILK ORDERS MUST BE IN ON WEDNESDAYS DUE TO ORDERING CONSTRAINTS
MONEY DUE:**

September 12	for September AND October Sept 17 - Oct 26	\$11.20
By October 24	for Oct 29 - Nov 30	\$ 9.60
By November 28	for December 3- Dec 23	\$ 6.00
By December 19	for Jan 9 - Feb 1	\$ 7.20
By January 30	for Feb 4 - Mar 1	\$ 8.00
By February 27	for Mar 11-Mar 27	\$ 5.20
By March 28	or April 2- May 1	\$ 8.40
By April 24	for May 6-May 31	\$ 7.60
By May 29	for June 3- June 20	\$ 5.60