



Lakedell School

December 2022

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Principal Message:

Thank you for continuing to support Lakedell School in the many ways you do.

Word is starting to spread that I am retiring, and that is accurate. At the end of this school year, I will have been in public education for 36 years- nine grades, eight schools, seven communities, six vehicles, (parts of) five decades, four school divisions, three universities, two provinces, and, thankfully, one marriage- and while I have enjoyed (just about) every bit of my career, it is time to focus on other things, slow down a bit, read novels, focus on my writing, listen to even more music, and hopefully travel. I will remain at Lakedell to the end of the current school year; it has been a great year so far, and I believe it will only get better. We have some amazing things planned for the kids. The School Division will communicate plans for the future.

This month Mr. Caron and Mrs. Val Georges helped students understand the significance of Métis Day; these visits were well-received by students and staff. We also welcomed Amanda Panda and her Hula Hoop Circus to the school, and was that ever wonderful. Amanda's key messages of embracing your passion and practicing to improve were exactly what we needed last week. Mrs. Loretta Weisgarber has been working with students in an optional, lunchtime choir, preparing for the Christmas concert. This will be a nice addition to our celebration December 21.

Miss Gibson and Ms Fossen have joined our staff. Miss Gibson introduces herself elsewhere in the newsletter, and Ms Fossen joins us Mondays to support us as our Family School Wellness Liaison in Ms Kandice's absence: Ms Kandice is on leave for several weeks due to a family health crisis. We wish her the best and miss her terribly, but Ms Fossen is available to work with families and children weekly. Parents and guardians- please, do not hesitate to contact Ms Fossen here at the school or through me if you feel your child requires support.

As always, please call me if you have any questions or concerns.

Donald Teplyske, Principal 780 335 4549

Upcoming Events at Lakedell

Among the many fabulous learning opportunities that occur on a typical day at Lakedell School, we want to highlight some upcoming events including:

Toy & Gift Collection- Until December 13 we are collecting toys and gifts for area children as we support the Pigeon Lake Child & Family Society's Santa's Elves campaign. Please send or drop-off an unwrapped gift suitable for a school-aged child, and we will ensure these get to children who live in the area. See letter from Santa's Elves in this newsletter.



Fundraising Raffle Baskets - Collection of raffle items until Dec 19th. Each classroom has a theme, and all proceeds support our Parent Fundraising Committee; more information in this newsletter and coming home from teachers.

Dec 15- Grade 6 students and Ms Jensdottir will visit Pigeon Lake Regional School for Christmas lunch; details and consent to follow.

Dec 16- All students will visit Holey Grail Donuts & Bakery at the Village for a field trip and the opportunity to decorate a doughnut. Consent to follow.

Dec 19- Christmas Caroling at the Village- @ 1:00pm. Weather permitting, we will visit the Village to share seasonal songs in the square. Consent to follow.



Dec 21 - Christmas Concert- 1:00 pm & 6:30pm- Preschool is participating in the concert and with a fundraising bake sale. Also, Lakedell Parents Fundraising baskets are raffled that evening, along with the 50/50 draw. We appreciate your financial support of these community endeavours.

Dec 22 - Hot Breakfast of Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Toast and Fruit will be served to our students by staff.



Hot Lunch will be served by our Meals by Moms volunteers



November 18, 2022

Dear Don, staff and students of Lakedel Elementary School,

The snow is on the ground and we are busy preparing for Christmas in the Pigeon Lake area. Pigeon Lake Santa's Elves are getting ready for our twenty third campaign. During the Christmas campaign of 2021, gifts were wrapped and delivered to 180 children along with 86 food hampers. On December 16th MaMeO hall was set up like a huge toy store, categorizing all of the toys to age groups. Each child receives a toy, a book, a game and a stuffed animal. On the 17th, and 18th community members came together and chose and wrapped the gifts for each specific child. Last year over 100 adults and children came to wrap. The next day the food hampers were made up and they were delivered along with the gifts. After the big event we still receive calls for gifts and hampers right up to Christmas day.

We receive our names of families from our local schools, churches, and community members who know of families or seniors in need.

The schools, churches and many businesses in our region have drop off boxes for new unwrapped gifts and we are grateful for their support. Businesses, clubs and individuals are also very supportive with financial donations.

Our region covers from Hwy 2 west to Hwy 20 at Winfield and then south to Hwy 611 and north to Hwy 616. If you know of anyone in this area who is having a difficult time, you may call me personally at 780 586-2518 and they will be looked after. All information of these families is kept strictly confidential.

Christmas can be a very difficult time for many families and we strive to make things a bit easier.

Again this year we look forward to your support. All businesses and individuals who make a financial donation to Santa's Elves will receive a receipt for tax purposes. We will also be in touch with you and let you know the difference you made in our community. All donations may be made to PLCFS Santa's Elves and can be mailed to Pigeon Lake Santa's Elves at Box 8, Site 4, RR1 Westrose Alberta T0C 2V0.

Pigeon Lake Child and Family Society and Santa's Elves want to thank you very much for your support and extend a very Merry and safe Christmas to all.

Sincerely,

Gilaine Porter



On behalf of Lakedell School, its students, and staff, we wish to again thank the Kozacks and all involved with the Haunted Barn for their donation of \$11,716.75 to the school. This is an incredible contribution that will be wisely used to complement student learning and programs. We are currently considering the best use of the funds, and will communicate when decisions are made. We appreciate everyone who contributed to this unique community effort.

Bus & Absence Routines



You will notice signage in the parking areas and laneway of the school; please observe them to maximize student safety.

To reduce morning congestion in front of the school—and to avoid bus-car-truck conflicts—we want parents to drive into the second entrance (by the ice rink), ‘drop’ their children at the east end of the school, and then proceed out the ‘main’ entrance. We are hoping this will reduce the number of parent vehicles that are sometimes ‘in the way’ of the buses. Thank you for your cooperation!

As always let us know when your child is going to be absent; use the SafeArrival WRPS app, text the teacher, call the office or write a note in the agenda the day before. We need to know that your child is not going to be at school.

If you are making changes to the bus routine (for example, your child is going to a friend’s house) you must tell us. We will not arrange a bus change based on your child’s say so. If you are picking up your child at the end of the day, please wait at your vehicle until the buses depart; Mr. Teplyske will dismiss children to you once he recognizes you. It helps if you step out of your vehicle so that we can see your face.

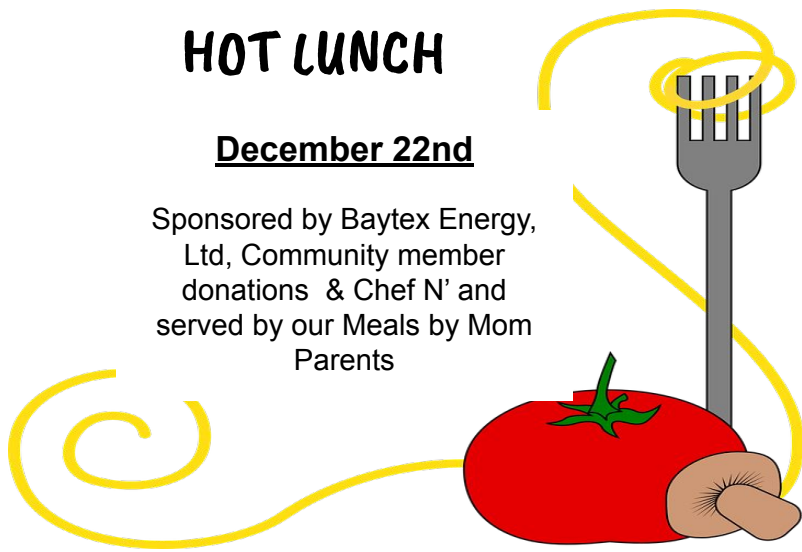
It is so important for children to arrive ‘on-time’ for school. **Teachers begin formal teaching at 8:45, but prior to that students have the opportunity to practice reading, writing, and math skills, and to get organized for the day. When children habitually arrive later than 8:30, their learning is impacted.**

**School Council &
Lakedell School
Fundraising
Committee Meeting
January 10, 2023
4:00 PM**

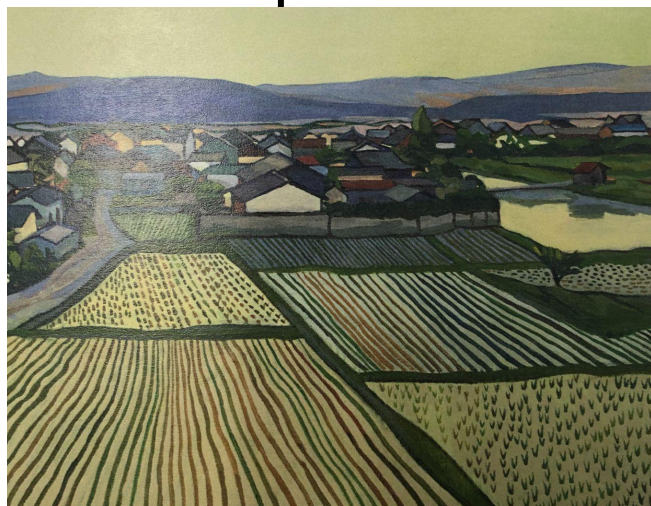
HOT LUNCH

December 22nd

Sponsored by Baytex Energy,
Ltd, Community member
donations & Chef N' and
served by our Meals by Mom
Parents



Twice each year our school hosts an art exhibition courtesy of the Art Gallery of Alberta's TRES program. For a low cost, we receive a curated collection of themed art to enhance classroom teaching. This allows students to be exposed to 'real art,' encouraging them to look at the world through an artist's eye. This month we are featuring Fields of Vision, Lines of Sight, a collection of Alberta landscapes with a rural, agricultural focus. Teachers incorporate the artwork into their lessons, and we appreciate the availability of this program to our school.



The Brenda McLeod Library's Most Popular Books This Month:



Each month Lakedell students and staff emphasize an element of character development within our “**Kindness Counts**” program. In November we focused on “**Offer a helping hand to someone who needs it.**” and in December we are encouraging students to “**Be a team player- do your part.**” Through this continued focus on elements related to Kindness, we strive to develop within children characteristics of empathy building, positive feelings, respect, and support within the school community and within children, qualities that we hope will last a lifetime. Please encourage your child to remember **Kindness Counts** this and every month with a special emphasis on “**Be a team player- do your part**” during November.



Breakfast, Snack, & Lunch Program



Lakedell School has a Breakfast, Snack, and Lunch Program that is open to ALL students. Each day Mrs. Leibel ensures students have access to cereal, thanks to the support of Breakfast Clubs of Canada, as well as continued community and private donations. As well, we provide snacks and lunches for students who require these.

The breakfast and lunch programs are intended to support students and families in need, without questions or qualifying information. We appreciate that some families are struggling during difficult times. If you feel your child cannot attend school due to a lack of breakfast at home or lunch coming to school, please discuss this with me: we want your child at school, and will make arrangements.

Teachers have asked me to mention that children need enough food for three healthy (-ish) snacks daily as well as lunch.

Drink Tab Collections

Lakedell School will be collecting pull-tabs again. This project is sponsored by the Lions Club of Pigeon Lake who converts the tabs collected into dollars which are managed by the Pediatric Diabetes Education Centre at the Stollery Children's Hospital in Edmonton.

By pulling the tabs, you can help a parent to buy life sustaining diabetes equipment and supplies for their child!

The local schools in our area will be collecting the pull-tabs to see which school has collected the most by weight and the winner will receive a prize from the Lions Club of Pigeon Lake.

Thank you for making a difference to the children and families struggling with Diabetes.



We want to invite the Lakedell School families to participate in the Wetaskiwin Co-op School Equity Program, which allows schools to earn equity on purchases.

Lakedell's number is **82415** and at the till, customers at all Wetaskiwin Co-op locations have the option to use that membership number. The equity earned from each of these purchases will be calculated based on Wetaskiwin Co-op's fiscal year, November 1st – October 31st and 100% of the equity earned will be paid out to the school. Thank you for your support!



Wetaskiwin



Wetaskiwin Co-op School Equity Program

Use these membership numbers at any
Wetaskiwin or Falun Co-op location to raise
money for your local schools!

Alder Flats	83881
Buck Mountain Central	83900
Centennial	85088
Clear Vista	86616
École Queen Elizabeth	82281
Early Education	80224
Falun	82898
Griffiths-Scott	84101
Gwynne	83029
Lakedell	82415
Norwood	83782
Parkdale	84594
Pigeon Lake	84916
Pipestone	84395
Sacred Heart	85533
Wetaskiwin High School	82295
Winfield	83856

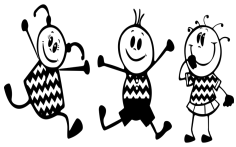
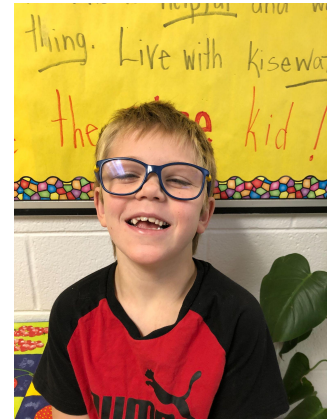
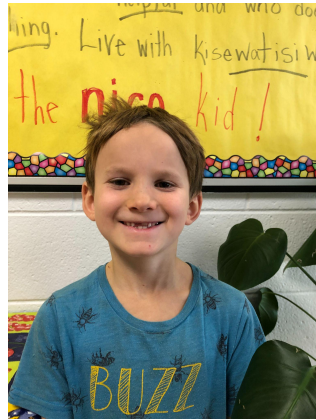
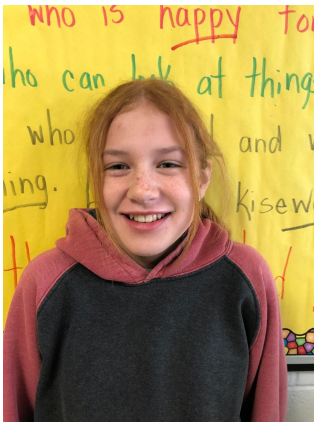


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School Students of the Week

Our most recent students of the week, selected by staff members for any number of wonderful reasons, include: Nova, Wolfric, and Gavin.

Each Student of the Week receives recognition at the school and a small token of appreciation



Let us introduce you to

Lakedell School's New Wellness Coach

Hi Everyone!

My name is Miss Gibson and I am the new Wellness Coach for Lakedell School. I'm so excited to be working with all your wonderful kids and exploring topics relating to mental health and overall wellness with them. With the Grade 5 and 6's, we've started talking about being hopeful and what that means to us. The Grade 3 and 4's have started to learn about how our brain and heart work together and the Kindergarteners, Grade 1 and 2's have learned how to be a good, patient friend. I'm around the school every Monday, so if you're ever around - come say hi!

Wishing you all the happiest holiday season,
Miss Gibson



Lakedell School Council & Parent Fundraising Committee

Lakedell School Council and our Parent Fundraising Committee would like to thank Corey and Claudia Kozack and the volunteers that helped set up and run the Haunted Barn this year. With the incredible support of our community, through donation and participation, they raised \$14 016.75.

- Lakedell School received \$11,716.75
- Lakedell Preschool received \$2000.00
- \$300.00 went to a hearing impaired student at Falun school to help them communicate with teachers and classmates.

We would also like to thank Chef N' and Baytex Energy for providing lunch for all students November 30th.

More Bear Tracks Ice Melt has been ordered. A 16 kg pail is \$30.00. If you are interested please contact Susann Stone (780) 312 3250, Jenille Leibel (780) 362 2022, or Randi Gist (780) 312 8406.

At our last meeting on November 2nd we discussed the Christmas concerts. Anyone that would like to help decorate the backdrop can meet in the gym on Wednesday, December 14th at 12:00. We will be doing raffle baskets and a 50/50 raffle. Class raffle basket themes are:

- Mrs. Kelly's classroom: Everything Cozy
- Ms Wyley's classroom: Family Fun
- Ms Jensdottir's classroom: For the Cats and Dogs

The school staff are also donating a Christmas Dinner Basket for raffle.

Anyone that would like to volunteer to help with set up and raffle ticket sales please contact Jenille Leibel.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 10th 2023 at 4:00.

LAKEDELL SCHOOL WELCOMED AMANDA PANDA AND THE HULA HOOP CIRCUS



Amanda Panda was at Lakedell School on Wednesday November 23. She wowed the students and staff with her Hula Hoop Circus acrobatics. She continued the day with a workshop for each of the classes to teach some fundamentals of the Hula hoop along with her message to find something you love to do and do it often, work hard, and don't give up on your dreams. She also donated a copy of her book to our library.



WEST OF THE FIFTH POKER RUN

West of the 5th Winter Poker Run

Scheduled for **February 25**, this is an incredible fundraiser for our School Fundraising Committee, and every dollar that is donated

to our Fundraising Society supports activities for our students--skiing & snowboarding trips, swimming lessons, Alien Inline, Meals by Moms lunches for the children, and so much more. But volunteers from the school community are essential to ensuring this fundraiser is successful. Like the Haunted Barn, the West of the 5th Winter Poker Rally is entirely volunteer-based. We need your help! So mark February 24 (there is a meet and greet social evening) & 25th (rally day) on your calendar, and contact Corey Kozack to volunteer. Watch for more details about this event in the Newsletters and Lakedell Facebook page


Alternately, plan to participate in the Poker Run and support the fundraiser financially! Together we all contribute to making our school the best place it can be for all students.

Thank you!



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 Kindergarten Day	6	7 Kindergarten Day	8	9 No School for students PLC Day	10
11	12 Kindergarten Day	13	14 Kindergarten Day	15 Gr 6 lunch @ PLRS	16 Bonus Kindergarten day Grade K-6 Holey Grail Bakery Tour	17
18	19 Kindergarten Day Christmas Caroling @ Village Square 1:00 pm 	20 Kindergarten Day	21 Kindergarten Day Christmas Concert 1:00 & 6:30 	22 Kindergarten Day Hot Breakfast & Hot Lunch PJs, Stuffie and Blanket day!	23 Christmas Vacation Begins	24
25 	26	27	28 Christmas Vacation	29	30	31 

CLASSES RESUME JAN 9, 2023