



Lakedell School

January 2023

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Principal Message:

Happy New Year!

I hope your family enjoyed the last several weeks, and are ready to focus on some of the most vital months of learning within the school year. A lot will happen between now and spring break at the end of March, and I am sure you will notice development in your child's skills.

This week we are jumping into "Christmas in January" in anticipation of our Christmas Concerts on January 11. We will be rehearsing this week ahead of Wednesday's 1:00 and 6:30 performances, and we hope everyone can attend and participate in our annual tradition of seasonal music, all hosted this year by our Grade 5 and 6 students. Doors open at 6:00, and the Parent Fundraising Committee will have their raffles available for your to support. See you there!

Thank you to all who demonstrated patience and understanding while we were dealing with slowly developing situations last month prior to the Christmas break; we were making our best effort to plan ahead without knowing how things would develop, and as a result communication became a challenge as messages were adjusted 'on-the-fly.' Please ensure you have access to your Lakedell School messages; we send them out via email with text notification.

Please call me if you have any concerns.

Donald Teplyske, Principal 780 335 4549

Lakedell School Parent Council & Fundraising Committees

Our next Lakedell School Council Meeting will be on January 10th, 2023 at 4:00.

We will be looking for volunteers for the West of the Fifth Poker Rally. It is a great opportunity to support local schools in our community and have a fun time too.

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.

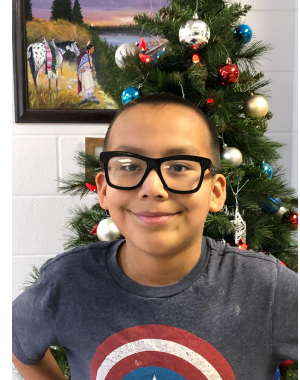
It is so important for children to arrive ‘on-time’ for school. **Teachers begin formal teaching at 8:45, but prior to that students have the opportunity to practice reading, writing, and math skills, and to get organized for the day. When children habitually arrive later than 8:30, their learning is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

Lakedell School Students of the Week

Our most recent students of the week, selected by staff members for any number of wonderful reasons, include:

Abby B. and Tobi.

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



WEST OF THE FIFTH
POKER RUN
FEB 24, 2024

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.

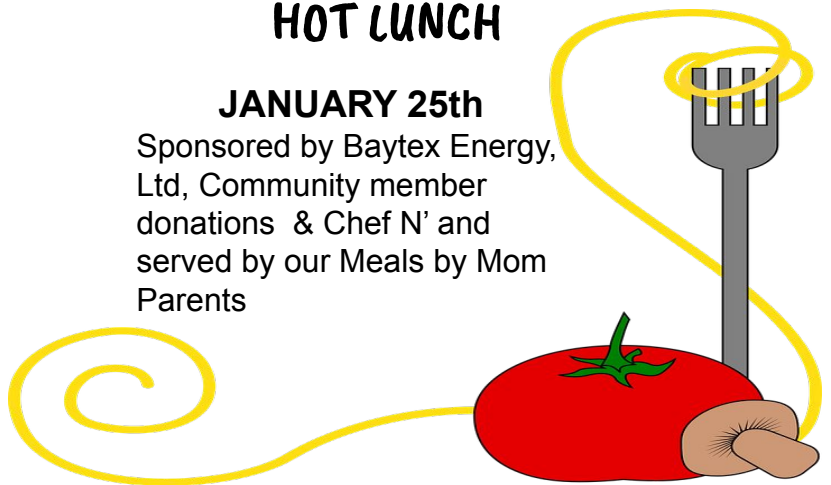
Thank you!

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

HOT LUNCH

JANUARY 25th

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



Lakedell School's New Wellness Coach

Miss Gibson, the Wellness Coach for Lakedell School, is also the Wellness Coach for Pigeon Lake Regional School. With Diploma Exams coming up in the New Year at PLRS, Miss Gibson thought it would be nice to spread a little bit of happiness to the high school students writing their exams. Students at Lakedell coloured and drew lovely pictures on special pieces of paper that will be attached to each high school student's Diploma Exam to give them some encouragement on the big day. Everyone at PLRS is so thankful to the students of Lakedell for participating in this little project and it is sure to bring a smile to lots of nervous exam-takers. Great job everyone!

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 December we focused on “**Do Your Part**” and in January we are encouraging students to “**Try to understand how others feel.**” 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 “**Try to understand how others feel**” during January.



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!

CO-OP
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

Breakfast, Snack, & Lunch Program



As you may know, Lakedell School has a Breakfast, Snack, and Lunch Program that is open to ALL students. Each day Mrs. Curry 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. If you would like to donate to help keep our Breakfast Program viable, we would greatly appreciate any financial support that you can offer. Please contact Mrs. Smith at the office if you would like to donate. We thank all the families who made financial contributions last school year.

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.

Please feel free to contact Mr. Teplyske at the school if you have any questions or comments about our school or your child's program.

Drink Tab Collections

PULL TAB PROJECT FOR CHILDREN WITH DIABETES

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.



Ms. Kandice's Corner

With Ms. Brandee

Hopes and Dreams for Your Child

Being a parent /caregiver is the most rewarding and hardest job. Our role as a parent is to teach our children so many skills around living.

As a parent/caregiver, I invite you to stay curious on the following questions:

1. What kind of person would you like your child to become?
2. What characteristics below would you like your child to develop?
 - o being healthy and happy
 - o having skills and confidence to explore, to play and learn
 - o achieve and be successful to the best of their abilities
 - o feel safe, secure and loved within the family unit
 - o develop rich relationships with parents/caregivers and sibling
 - o feel supported and encouraged to pursue their interests and talents
 - o enjoy being with others and to have the ability to develop lasting friendships and relationships
 - o have the confidence and skills to take an active part in community based activities or community events
 - o valuing and respecting others
 - o to develop a degree of strength and resilience as well as problem solving skills for those times when life presents a challenge
 - o know when to ask for and seek out assistance from others
 - o become independent
 - o grow up into caring, loving adults who seek and are successful in finding a life partner to love, cherish and share their life with
 - o pursue their dreams – whether that be travel, study and/or career related – and to feel proud of their efforts and achievements
 - o enjoy and celebrate with family and friends special events, occasions or milestones in life

What do you think you can do right now to build a foundation for growing these characteristics?

My name is Brandee Fossen and I'm covering the FSL role at Lakedell School. I'm at the school on Mondays, so please feel free to reach out:

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780-586-2415 School

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Kindergarten Day	10 School Council & Lakedell School Fundraising Committee Meeting 4:00pm	11 Kindergarten Day Christmas Concerts 1:00 pm & 6:30 pm	12	13	14
15	16 Kindergarten Day	17	18 Kindergarten Day The Cultural Wheel (in-house presentation)	19	20	21
22	23 Kindergarten Day	24	25 Kindergarten Day Hot Lunch 	26	27 80's Theme day	28
29	30 No School for students PLC Day	31				