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May 2023



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Principal Message:

We currently have 12 children registered for Kindergarten in the fall, and because of this number we adjusted our plans.

We will have a 'stand-alone' ECS/Kindergarten program with Ms. Laura Lowther serving as the teacher. Ms. Lowther has worked at Lakedell as our Inclusion Coach and Literacy/Numeracy Support teacher for a number of years, a position she will retain on non-kindergarten days, and is excited to be the kindergarten classroom teacher. Mrs. Kelly will continue as our Grades 1 and 2 teacher.

Our kindergarten program will run Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning August 31, with regular Friday attendance beginning in February. Should you have friends, neighbours, or family with kindergarten-aged children--or for that matter, any elementary aged children-- please encourage them to register with us as soon as possible so that we can plan accordingly.

April has been a busy month at Lakedell. We had Erin and Olive the Owl visit from the Medicine River Rehabilitation Centre visit. We also had Juno Award-winning folk singer and songwriter Maria Dunn visit us with Juno Award-winning fiddler/violinist Shannon Johnson; they performed a concert for us, and then worked with each class including encouraging the grade 3-6 students to write a collaborative song. It was great. If that wasn't enough, we also had the Alberta Musical Theatre visit with their Jack & the Beanstalk production. The school website has several pictures from these events.

We made a modest donation to the wildlife centre, and paid for the Maria Dunn visit from our 'Haunted Barn' events account. Alberta Musical Theatre was paid for by the Pigeon Lake Child & Family Society. Thank you to all who contribute to these fundraising groups.

Teachers completed progress reports last week, and we have interviews Wednesday and Thursday evenings this week. Please arrange to attend and meet with your child's teacher(s).

Please let me know if you have any questions about our school.

Donald Teplyske, Principal 780 335 4549

RE-ENROLLMENT FORM 2023-24

Only about half of the re-enrollments have been completed for 2023-24.

Please be advised that if you do not complete your re-enrollment forms your child is not registered for the 2023-24 school year.

Non-resident students **MUST** register annually with the school.

You should have already received an email that will take you to the re-enrollment documents. They are also on SchoolEngage which can be found by logging into your PowerSchool OR stop in at the school and use the computer that is set up for re-enrollment and registration. If you need assistance please contact Mrs Smith at the office.

Registration for Kindergarten

Kindergarten Registration is available on the school website <https://www.lakedellschool.ca> to assist our planning, please encourage neighbours and friends to register sooner than later.

Lakedell School Parent Council & Fundraising Committees

Lakedell School Council and Parent Fundraising Committee would like to thank Baytex Energy Ltd. and Chef N' for providing April's student hot lunch.

With our school hosting this year's track meet on May 26th, we are putting a call out for volunteers. If you would be able to help with setup or do a shift in the concession or help with parking in the morning, please contact Jenille Leibel 780 362 2022. It's a fun way to support our school and would be greatly appreciated. We would like to give a huge thank you to the South Pigeon Lake Fire Department for volunteering to run the barbeque lunch that day.

The next parent council meeting will be on Tuesday, May 9th at 4:00. Mrs. Fiveland will be in attendance as will WRPS Superintendent of Schools Mike Wake.

Lakedell Student of the Week School

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

Hayley, Gabi, & Amy

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



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. Please do not drop-off your children before 8:20. 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.

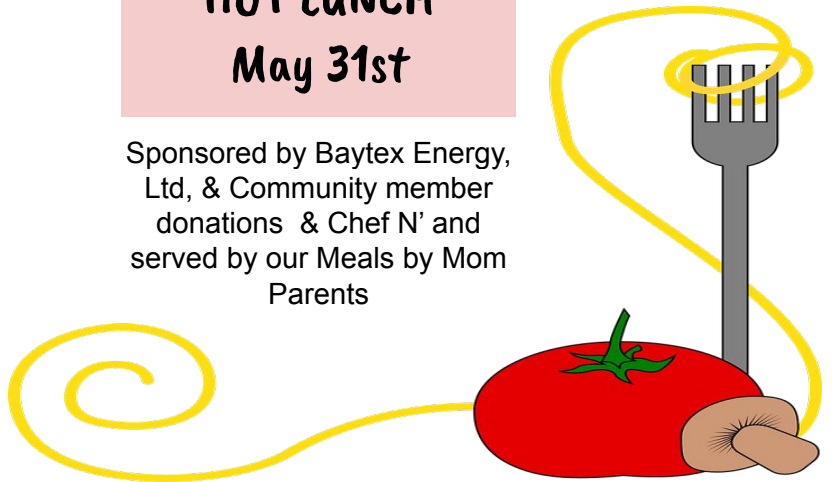
It is so important for children to arrive 'on-time' for school. Teachers begin formal teaching at 8:45, but prior to that students have the opportunity to practice reading, writing, and math skills, and to get organized for the day. When children habitually arrive later than 8:30, their learning is impacted.

**School Council &
Lakedell School
Fundraising
Committee Meeting**

May 9th
4:00 pm

**HOT LUNCH
May 31st**

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



Lakedell School's Wellness Coach

It's time for some May Mindfulness! What is Mindfulness? It's being fully present in the moment and being aware of what we feel, where we are and what we're doing - with no judgement! Practicing mindfulness benefits all ages by increasing self-regulation, self-awareness and concentration. This month, Miss Gibson and the Wellness Club will be exploring mindfulness and how it can help us. Some of the ways to encourage children to practice mindfulness is by colouring/drawing, reading, movement/exercise and the 5-4-3-2-1 trick - naming 5 things you see, 4 things you can touch, 3 things you can hear, 2 things you can smell and 1 thing you can taste. You can also try asking them how they feel as they do these activities to help with emotional regulation. Have a wonderful, mindful May!

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



Next time you are in the school, poke your head into the library. We have made some substantial changes to better the experience of children.

Each month Lakedell students and staff emphasize an element of character development within our “**Kindness Counts**” program. In April we focused on “**Listen When Someone Is Speaking**” and in May we are encouraging students to “**Share Smiles With Everyone.**” 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 “**Share Smiles With Everyone.**” during May.



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!

We just received our 2022 cheque for \$86.



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. 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.

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.

Our breakfast and foods programs are currently very well-funded: thank you for your support. If you wish to make a general donation to help support extra school programming, we 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.

Drink Tab Collections



**COLLECTING
MAY 10TH!**

Drink Can Tab Pickup

Please note that the Can Tabs will be picked up and weighed on May 10th. If you have been collecting please send them before then.

Plains Cree Calendar Teaching

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May: The egg laying moon or month



Adult nesting birds drop small feathers down to build waspison-like nests for their eggs.

Waspison, or “moss bag”, is the carrier used for an awasis or pepesis (baby). It is filled with moss, which both absorbs moisture and is antimicrobial. Preparation and making of a moss bag are a part of the women’s teachings. Teachings that are important to earning the right to a mate and child. The making of a moss bag is sacred. Sometimes moss bags are handed down and become special family objects.



The moss bag teaches babies patience and trust and encourages learning through listening and observation. The bag is symbolic of the placenta, the bag in the womb, keeping the baby safe, warm and protected. The moss bag is where the baby continues development after it is born. It is like an extension of the womb. It centers and secures the baby’s spirit and physical body in that place so it is not scattered.

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Kindergarten Day	2 Farm Safety Presentation at school	3 Kindergarten Day Hats On for Mental Health Day	4	5 Kindergarten Day	6
7	8 Kindergarten Day  Kindergarten Grad Pics, Group Class, and Whole School pics	9 School Council Meeting @ 4:00; guests include Mrs. Fiveland & Superintendent Mike Wake. Fundraising Committee Meeting follows.	10 Kindergarten Day Can Tab pick up today K,1,2 Edmonton Symphony Orchestra Field Trip	11	12 Kindergarten Day Year End trip to Red Deer Collicut Centre- Whole School	13
14	15 Kindergarten Day	16	17 Kindergarten Day Gr 6 PAT LA Exam	18 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS - PLC DAY	19 SCHOOL CLOSURE <i>Movie @ Falun</i>	20
21	22 NO SCHOOL VICTORIA DAY	23	24 Kindergarten Day	25 Gr 6 Immunization	26 Kindergarten Day Track Meet @ Lakedell	27
28	20 Kindergarten Day	30 Farm Safety Day at Lakedell Ag Society- feel free to join us	31 Kindergarten Day Inside out/Backward Theme Day Hot Lunch 	1	2 If track meet rained-out, today is the back-up date.	