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Grades K-4 Assistant Principal: Mrs. Melissa Kerr
Grades 5-9 Assistant Principal: Mr. Aaron Tuckwood

June 2017

Principal's Message

It is hard to imagine that we are now in the final month of the school year. It feels like only a couple of weeks ago that I joined the Lakeland Ridge community.

Throughout June, we will be having several celebrations to recognize student accomplishments throughout the year. Our Junior High Drama and Athletics Awards are occurring on June 20, the grade 6 students are planning a movie day to celebrate leaving elementary school, the kindergarten class is having a wrap-up on June 27, and the Grade 9 Farewell is occurring on June 29.

Staffing for next year is still incomplete with a few positions yet to be filled. Several teaching staff are moving on to new schools or different opportunities. We thank Mr. Cameron Archer, Mr. Matt Bordato, Mrs. Lia Kurylo, Ms. Jill Kowalchuk, Mrs. Kathryn Maier, Mr. Jay Robertson, and Mrs. Darcey Spalj, for their work and dedicated service to Lakeland Ridge students. We also bid farewell to Mr. Josh Carlson who is retiring. We will miss his commitment and love for our students.

We would also like to recognize the following staff who were honored for their long service to Elk Island Public Schools: Lindsay Cutforth (5 years), Tyson Parker (5 years), Matt White (5 years), Mike Baker (10 years), Kay Travis (10 years), Kenda Cruikshank (15 years), Laurie Schmitz (15 years), and Irene Deatcher (20 years). Thanks for your dedicated service to students!

As previously publicized in newsletters, if there is a specific request that parents have when placing their child in a class for the 2017/2018, school year it needs to be addressed to me ASAP. Class lists are currently being developed, so this will be the last opportunity.

I would like to take a moment to thank all of our parents, grandparents, friends and community members for the hours you have spent volunteering in our school. Our school wouldn't be the place it is without your support! A special thank you to all of our parents who have served on or attended our School Council and Parental Action Society meetings.

Thank you for all the support you have provided to our school throughout the year. I trust you will all have a terrific summer holidays, filled with quality family time.

Mr. Ryan Marshall
Principal

2017/2018 Homeroom Placements - Last Call

Our teachers spend a great deal of time and effort creating class lists for each school year. There are a number of factors that determine how next year's class lists are compiled including gender balance, ability distribution, and negative or positive student combinations. Since healthy child development includes learning to work with new and different individuals, maintenance of friendships typically is not considered when placing students. If there is a specific request that you have when placing your child for the 2017/18 school year please put it and the reason why in writing to ryan.marshall@eips.ca or by dropping off a letter at the office. All requests will be considered.

Are You Moving?

Please inform the Lakeland Ridge School office if you are moving in the coming months and/or if your child(ren) will not be attending LLR in the fall. Planning for the 2017-2018 school year has already begun and having the most accurate information will enable us to provide a more accurate schedule for our students.



Lost and Found

Students and parents are encouraged to browse the items located in our lost and found area. All items not claimed by Wednesday, June 28 will be donated to a local charity.

Staffing Updates

In an effort to keep our school community informed, we are pleased to announce the following staffing updates for the 2017-2018 School Year:

As previously announced in the May Howler, **Josh Carlson** has announced his retirement effective at the end of this school year. We would like to thank Mr. Carlson for his service to EIPS for the past 39 years and to Lakeland Ridge since 2004.

Congratulations to **Jay Robertson** as he will be the new Assistant Principal at Lamont Elementary starting in the fall. We would like to wish Jay the very best on his new endeavors as he leaves "our pack"!

Congratulations to **Jennifer Shrimpton** as she was the successful candidate for the Secretary II position and will continue in this role in the fall.

Jill Cohn will be moving from Grade 2 to Grade 4 (AM)

Erin Breen will be moving from Kindergarten to Grade 4 (PM)

My linda Carnahan will be moving from Grade 2 to Grade 6

We would also like to welcome the following new teachers for Grade 2:

Kali Beecroft

Kali Gallinger

We would also like to welcome the following new teacher for Full Day ECS:

Kim Horricks



2017-2018 Bell Schedule:

Next year Lakeland Ridge bell times will be changing.

Regular Bell Schedule

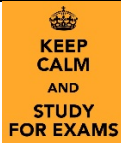
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 8:20 Students Enter Building (Bell)
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 12:37 Afternoon Classes begin
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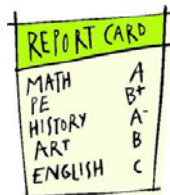
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***Please do not have your child arrive at school before 8:15AM as there is no supervision available.**

Jr. High Grade 7 & 8 Exam Schedule

Monday June 26	Tuesday June 27	Wednesday June 28	Thursday June 29
Science Final Interviews – all week long			
Social Final Exam	English Final Exam	Math Final Exam	



Final Report Cards

Junior high final report cards will be available for pickup on Friday, June 30 between 10:30 – Noon. Elementary final report cards will be available on powerschool at 3:00PM on Thursday, June 29.

Traffic Concerns

Please do not let your children run across the driveway next to the school where parents pick up their children. Parents have witnessed near misses. We encourage parents to walk to the main school doors to pick up children and walk with them back to their vehicles. Just a reminder to please remain in single file lines when driving through our parking lot. We have had numerous instances where people have double parked which causes traffic to back up and is a safety issue.

Grade 7 – 9 Guitar and Band students

Please make sure your rental instrument is **cleaned and checked by Ms. Li** before June 9, 2017. Any music in your music folders should be returned as well. Thank you!

Library Learning Commons News

All library books and materials are due to be returned by **June 16th**. Please return your items on time. Thank you!

The fee for a lost or damaged book is the replacement cost of the book. Charges for these items will be added to your student account.



Textbooks

A reminder that junior high textbooks are due to be returned on the date of each final exam.

June 26: Social Studies

June 28: Math (for classes that used math textbooks)

June 29: Grade 9 Science (grades 7 & 8 science texts can be returned as soon as students have completed their interview)

The fee for a lost or damaged textbook is the replacement cost of the book. Charges for these items will be added to your student account.

Grade 3-6 Track Meet

On Wednesday, June 28, 2017, Lakeland Ridge School will be having our annual grade 3 – 6 Track Meet. We require volunteers to help set up and run events, as well as supervise groups of students. The volunteers will be needed for the whole school day. **Grades 3-6** only will have the opportunity to order barbeque hot lunch. Information to order online will be sent home. Please look for the handout in your child's agenda.

Grade 9 Farewell

Staff, students, and parent volunteers have been busy organizing this year's farewell celebration. A letter detailing the event was given to each student on Thursday, May 25. A reminder that guest tickets for the ceremony will be available for purchase at lunch between June 5 and June 9. Each guest ticket is \$5.00, with no cost for grade 9 students. Students will need to identify names of guests when purchasing the tickets. There is a limit of 6 tickets per student with an opportunity to purchase more after June 9th. Should you have any questions about this year's celebration, please contact Janine Moravec.

Milk Cards

This is just to advise parents that we will not be selling new milk cards for the month of June.

Keys Program Joining Lakeland Ridge

We are excited to announce that, beginning in September, we will be partnering with the KEYS program for the next three years.

Through a capacity building model, KEYS staff work in collaboration with school staff and parents, to promote the mental health and well-being of students. The goal is to create a culture of positive mental health and healthy relationships within the school setting.

The KEYS program seeks to promote positive mental health and healthy relationships through raising awareness, increasing knowledge, building personal skills (such as self-care and self-regulation), developing interpersonal skills and fostering positive community norms (such as support networks, and physical and psychological safety). This important work is based on the belief that that mental and emotional wellbeing can be developed, nurtured and supported through promotion and prevention efforts.

Further information about KEYS is listed online at www.strathcona.ca/KEYS or by calling Strathcona County Family and Community Services at 780-464-4044.

First Nations Métis Inuit

In April, we had Wilson Bearhead come in to visit some of our students. With drum in hand, Wilson taught Mrs. Cohn's and Mrs. Spajl's grade 2 students some new songs, and how to do a crow dance.

The Outdoor Education grade 7 class learned about the First Nations people's relationship to the land, and how their love of the land connects to environmentalism.

We also had opportunity for a number of students to come visit Wilson and hear traditional stories with meaningful messages. Thank you Wilson, for coming to support our First Peoples students!

Wilson will be coming back on June 13, and we hope to have him visit some classrooms, as well as meet with some individual students who may wish to explore their culture with a much respected and treasured Elder.

We are delighted to hear that Wilson Bearhead will be one of the recipients of the Pride of Strathcona Awards for his work with Elk Island Public Schools. The special evening will happen on Monday June 12, 2017.



Linking Generations



Linking Generations bridges the gap between seniors and youth. Our structured, mentored program offers an opportunity for youth and the elderly to share their memories, share their dreams, and share their hearts.

As we near June's school year end, it is a good time to reflect on the accomplishments of this past year. Linking Generations was thrilled to continue our "link" with students from Lakeland Ridge Junior High and with seniors from Silver Birch Manor/Lodge this past school year.

We look forward to next year as we continue our Intergenerational Programs. Linking Generations will once again offer our structured, mentored programs to Lakeland Ridge Junior High School students. For students moving into high school, our programs are available at Arch Bishop Jordan High School and Salisbury Composite High School.

Linking Generations will be in the school in early September hosting Information sessions. Please watch for our bulletin board announcements. Students please consider being one of our cherished senior volunteers – we know you will love it!

We hope everyone enjoys the summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

Visit our website: www.linkinggenerations.ca for more information.

Parent Action Society

It is incredible to realize we are already in June! The year has been a successful one for the Parent Action Society. Through your support we have raised almost \$30,000 last year. That money has been spent on a variety of purchases including, but not limited to:

- Grade 9 farewell
- Week of welcome activities
- Leader in Me activities and licensing
- Transportation for the Choir at Festival of Trees
- Staff Appreciation meals
- New projectors where needed
- New tables for science classrooms and art room

For next year we are planning to hold 3-5 fundraisers and events. Fundraisers that will be held next year are:

- Hot Lunch
- ADmazing coupon book (information to come in September)
- Little Caesars Pizza Kit sales (likely in February)

Other ideas that have been discussed:

- Read-a-thon or Math-a-thon
- Oil Kings ticket sales

- Travel Raffle
- Movie Night (with or without a silent auction)

I would like your thoughts on these. Would you support them? Do you want to volunteer to help in any way?

What does it take to help out? It could be a couple hours helping distribute coupon books or pizza, or could be taking the lead on a fundraiser by communicating with the vendor, distributing order information, collecting orders, coordinating volunteers for distribution or it could be taking a position on the board (chair, vice-chair, secretary, treasurer, director-at-large). It is really up to you how much or little you take on. If you have a desire to help out in any way please let me know and we will find an appropriate opportunity.

As always, if you have any ideas for how to raise or spend funds please let me know.

Have an amazing summer!

Michelle Lyster

Parent Action Society Chair

llrpaschair@gmail.com

School Council Report

Help Show Staff Appreciation

LLR SC is organizing a staff appreciation lunch for Thursday, June 22nd. As in the past, we are purchasing “the main” (e.g., sandwiches) and asking parents to supply the rest of the meal, potluck style. Please click on this link or scan this QR code to go to our potluck sign up page, claim an item and add a description if applicable. All the details as to drop off time and food allergy considerations are noted there.

<http://www.luckypotluck.com/potluck/2017Lakeland>



Four volunteers are needed to pull this off: two on set up, two on clean up. Those spots can also be claimed on the potluck page.

A big thank you to LLR parent Tammy Pettit for organizing this event on behalf of all parents (tsmtpettit@gmail.com) and to LLR Parent Action Society for providing the funds.

“No Fees” Comes at a Cost

At our May 31st SC meeting, there were some interesting revelations from EIPS Chair Trina Boymook and Principal Marshall as to the true cost of achieving the Alberta Government’s “no school fees” promise. Let’s just say, the money still has to come from somewhere and sacrifices will need to be made and/or reserves have to be depleted just to operate. In addition, although the Government announced no funding cuts to school, they also did not exempt school boards from the carbon tax, which will cost EIPS over \$300,000 next year. Again, the money will have to come from somewhere, right? The point is, there’s always more to the story beyond the headlines and if this is a concern to you, I encourage you to get informed and reach out to your MLA.

Make School Zones an Election Issue

Did you know: according to SafeKids Canada “**A child has a 95 per cent chance of survival if hit by a car travelling at 30 km/h. However, a child has an 80 per cent chance of dying if hit by a car moving at 50 km/h.**” If you think that school zones should be extended to cover the whole school day (or any school day for LLR as students are dismissed before school zones even go in effect) I encourage you to ask the candidates seeking election to Strathcona County Council where they stand on the issue when the door knocking begins for the fall’s municipal election.

That’s a Wrap

With LLR having experienced a lot of leadership change this past couple years, School Council focussed a lot on sharing parent input with LLR’s admin team this year. We’ve already seen positive results of having this opportunity such as:

- Reinstating DPA into instructional time (this was dealt with over the summer)
- Reinstating longer eating times at lunch
- Working with school photographers on a plan to address parent concerns about student photos

For next year (these are just examples; LLR staff has many more plans in the works):

- Full period gym times
- Return of the Christmas Concert to the calendar

Thank you to all who have contributed to this process, whether attending meetings or sending me or admin an email—and to the admin staff for being open to hearing parent input. Next year, I hope this consultative approach continues and SC can also begin to focus on other initiatives such as a bylaw review and organizing parent information nights. A special shout out to our Co-Chair Lyndsay Arndt who stepped up to take minutes of our last several meetings.

The Annual General Meeting will take place sometime at the end of September—watch for details and please give consideration to attending, providing input and/or putting your name forward for a position on the executive.

I wish you, your families and all LLR staff a fun, successful end to the school year and a fantastic summer break!

Annette Hubick
Chair, LLR School Council

Little Elk Island Adventure: Registration

Elk Island Public Schools is once again offering its Little Elk Island Adventure, a fun and informative program for **first-time school bus riders**.

Annually, Student Transportation offers the Little Elk Island Adventure to new riders and their parents. The program’s aim is to help ease any anxieties a family may have about riding the bus before even starting school. Through a series of activities, riders learn about: school bus safety, danger zones, tips on boarding and how to sit properly on the bus. After that, both the children and parents hop on the bus to practice what they’ve learned and then adventure out on a short ride. The Little Elk Island Adventure is for **first-time school bus riders** entering the 2017-18 school year. Sessions and times are available in these locations:

Location	Date	Time
EIPS Central Office	August 22	5 p.m.
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EIPS Central Office	August 24	5 p.m.

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EIPS Central Office	September 1	10:30 a.m.
Fort Christian/Fort Elementary	August 23	6 p.m.

*EIPS Central Office is located at 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park
Fort Christian School is located at 9806 101 St., Fort Saskatchewan*

Space is limited and pre-registration is required. To register for a Little Elk Island Adventure, visit <https://goo.gl/forms/cqYb15mBLAspUJ1W2>. More information regarding busing for kindergarten students is available at: www.eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq.

Student Transportation: 2017-18 registration is now open

Planning to use EIPS Student Transportation in the 2017-18 school year? If so, make sure to register your child as soon as possible.

Families currently using student transportation services have received their tentative route schedules and invoices. If you haven't, contact Student Transportation. All transportation fees are due by June 30, 2017. After that date, a late fee will be applied.

If you have any questions about registration, invoicing or accessing transportation for the 2017-18 school year, contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151 or email st@eips.ca.

NOTE: Student Transportation will remain open during the summer months and operate during the same hours as Central Office. Student Transportation can't accept in-person transportation payments on the days it's closed.



Summer Hours at Elk Island Public Schools

Throughout the summer break, Lakeland Ridge School will be closed and will reopen on August 23rd at 8:00AM. If you have any school-related questions or concerns during this time, contact the Central Office at Elk Island Public School—the office is open all summer to complete year-end activities and prepare for the 2017-18 school year.

EIPS Central Office Summer Hours (July and August)

Open: Monday to Friday; 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Phone: 780-464-3477

Address: 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park

Statutory Holidays

Closed	Monday, July 3	Canada Day
Closed	Monday, August 7	Heritage Day

NOTE: Student Transportation is also open during the summer months and operates during the same hours as Central Office. Student Transportation can't accept in-person transportation payments on the days it's closed.

Tools For Schools

Lakeland Ridge School has once again partnered with the United Way for the 2017-18 Tools for School campaign. Annually, Tools for School provides backpacks and school supplies to students in kindergarten through Grade 12 whose families have limited resources.

If you're a parent, or know a parent, who needs access to the program, contact our school directly. We'll respectfully distribute the backpack to your child at the beginning of the 2017-18 school year. Alternatively, if you'd like to donate to the program, you can pick up few extra supplies when you're out shopping for back to school. Drop-off boxes are located at various businesses in the community during the summer months—including Staples and the Central Office at Elk Island Public Schools. All supplies donated within our community are invested back into in our region.

For more information about Tools for School, contact Jennifer Shrimpton at 780-416-9018 or call our Central Office at 780-464-3477.

Grade 7 – Junior High Jitters

Is your child starting junior high next year? Are they anxious about the transition? **Junior High Jitters** is a program specifically tailored for **students** who experience anxiety about the transition to junior high. This free half day long program will equip youth with skills for stress management, academic performance, and connecting with others. Students who are new to the community and looking to build friendships will also benefit from this program. To register or for further information please contact Strathcona County Family and Community Services at 780-464-4044.

Dates: August 14

August 16

Time: 9:00AM – 12:00 PM

Sweet Success

Is your teen is starting junior high next year? Wondering how you can best support them? **Sweet Success** is a program for **parents** dedicated to bringing information about the transition from elementary to junior high. In this free program we'll discuss teenage brain development, study skills, healthy relationship skills, and critical thinking skills. This program is open to all parents of junior high students. To register or for further information please contact Strathcona County Family and Community Services at 780-464-4044

Dates: August 2

August 9

Time: 6:00PM – 8:00PM





June 2017

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 Day 5 Junior High Zone Track Meet	2 Day 6 Newsletter	3
				Outdoor Ed 7 Camping Trip		
4	5 Day 1 Hot Lunch (Opa)	6 Day 2 Grade 1 Fort Edmonton	7 Day 3 Cash4Care Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal	8 Day 4	9 Day 5	10
11	12 Day 6 Gr.4 Strathcona Wilderness Center	13 Day 1 Gr.4 Strathcona Wilderness Center	14 Day 2	15 Day 3 Grade 5 Fort Museum	16 Day 4 Grade 5 Fort Museum	17
18	19 Day 5 Gr.6 PAT - ELA Part B Hot Lunch (Panago)	20 Day 6 Gr.6 PAT - Math	21 Day 1 Aboriginal Day	22 Day 2 Gr.6 PAT - Social	23 Day 3 Gr.6 PAT - Science Gr.2 Telus World of Science	24
		Artist in Residence				
25	26 Day 4 Gr.7 & 8 Social Exam Gr.9 PAT - Social	27 Day 5 Gr.7 & 8 English Exam Gr.9 PAT - ELA Part B Grade 1 and 2 Fun Day Kindie Farewell	28 Day 6 Gr.9 PAT - Math Grade 7 & 8 Math Exam Grades 3-6 Track meet Grade 1 and 2 Math Day	29 Day 1 Gr.9 PAT - Science Gr.9 Farewell 7pm Last Day of School	30 Day 2	

Back to School Important Dates:

August 30
Sept. 1
Sept. 6
Sept. 13
Sept. 28

1st Day of School
Community Gathering Muffin Morning
Early Dismissal
Meet the Teacher Night
Awards Night