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December 2015

Principal's Message

As parents, we want our children to be successful academically and thrive socially and emotionally. The third week of November was bully awareness week. Lakeland Ridge had activities all week that focused on respecting oneself, respecting others, random acts of kindness, and compliments. Additionally, thanks to the generous support of the Lakeland Ridge Parent Action Society, assemblies were held for students in grades 4-9 from Edmonton's Concrete Theatre featuring "The Bully Project", an interactive workshop to help students understand the difference between bullying and conflict. The theatre group took students through character based scenes and improvised solutions and problem solving to explore the complexities around bullying. A key message from the workshop was that students should seek out support and assistance from significant adults in their lives, adults who can help students find safe and constructive ways to combat this behavior. Significant markers of bullying include 1) the intent to harm, 2) repeated, 3) imbalance of power, 4) threat of aggression, 5) may lead to feeling of terror. Students were provided with information cards with phone numbers for the bullying hotline (1-888-456-2323) and the kids help phone (1-800-668-6868).

Lakeland Ridge School supports your child while they are at school by working to provide a safe, caring and welcoming environment that is conducive to student learning and student success. Thank you for all you, as parents, do to support not only your child but all children in our school and community. Our parents give generously of their time, talents and resources and we are so thankful for all you do.

Please mark your calendars for **Wednesday, December 16** from **6:30 - 8:00 pm**, as Lakeland Ridge hosts our school's **Christmas Festival**. Lakeland Ridge staff are planning a **FREE**, fun-filled evening of activities for students and families including singing Christmas carols, making crafts, decorating Christmas treats and other merry activities. The school will also be accepting donations of non-perishables for the Sherwood Park Food Bank.

As families enter the school on that evening, they will be given a map of craft activities and stations. Families will be able to participate in activities of their choice, with each station or activity taking about 10 minutes. Parents will also be able to listen to their children sing Christmas Carols. Parent Action Society will provide hot chocolate, Santa is sure to visit, and indoor and outdoor activities are planned (weather depending).

As a parent, you are the most influential factor in how your child views school. Your involvement with their learning goes a long way towards your child becoming a capable, resilient and happy adult.

Dr. Karla Satchwell
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Counsellor's Corner

Setting some time aside for family holiday activities can not only alleviate stress, but can also contribute to creating those special memories that are so very important to us. Some activities to consider doing together could include going for walks, baking some holiday goodies, eating meals together, reading, or playing board games. And recognize that "family time" doesn't have to require a lot of pre-planning or need to take a great deal of time.

As a family, discuss your values and priorities with regard to the Christmas season. You might be surprised to learn that children cherish family time spent together at least as much as they anticipate the exchange of gifts. Wishing you much joy and happiness this Christmas season!



Oh Think, The Thinks You Can Think!



Come join Cat in the Hat, Thing 1, Thing 2, Horton and many other Dr. Seuss characters in the loved classic of Seussical Jr.

Lakeland Ridge's Drama Club presents this year's Musical Production at Festival Place January 26th - 28, 2016 with evening performances Tuesday, January 26 and Wednesday, January 27. Come out and support Wolves Drama Club with your family and friends. Oh Just Think, an evening of live theatre would make a wonderful Christmas gift!

Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at Lakeland Ridge School office, Festival Place and Ticketmaster. Performances were sold out for last year's production, so get your tickets soon!!

School Council Report

At our last meeting on November 23, School Council received a number of reports on recent activities of School staff and administration, an update on Elk Island Public Schools Division from our Designated Trustee and on the planning activities of the Parent Action Society and current events they are spearheading. Members also received updates and had the opportunity to discuss and provide input on recent Provincial Achievement Test (PAT) and school Accountability Pillar Results as well as the Tell Them From Me Results focused on our Junior High Students. From these results we can see that we have a lot to be proud of as a school community, especially concerning our children, their efforts and the staff that help them every day. It also serves to remind us that there are always areas that we can strive to improve on in order to give our kids the best possible learning environment going forward, including what they are facing outside of the classroom.

Related to these and past discussions, School Council is very pleased to be sponsoring a free information session for parents early in the New Year on Mental Health & Addiction Prevention for Teens & Preteens. The session will be on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at Lakeland Ridge School, and all parents are welcome, not just those with children in Lakeland Ridge School. We hope everyone will consider attending.

On behalf of the School Council Executive, we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all at our next School Council meeting on Monday, January 25, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the School Library. As always, free childcare will be provided.



Wednesday, 13 January 2016
6:30 PM to 8:00 PM (MST)

Lakeland Ridge School
101 Crimson Drive
Sherwood Park, AB

*Presentation by Z'Anne Harvey-Jansen, BSc. (Honours Psychology), MSc. (Family Life Education)
Prevention and Health Promotion Addiction and Mental Health - Edmonton Zone Alberta Health Services.*

PLEASE REGISTER
(parents only)

Click this link: <http://bit.ly/1TsAxd0>
or scan this QR code



Presented by Lakeland Ridge School Council



Be sure to follow Lakeland Ridge School for instant updates on Facebook and Twitter!



Lakeland Wolves participated in Operation Christmas Child by filling shoeboxes with small gifts for less fortunate children in developing nations. We collected a total of 90 shoeboxes. Way to go!

PAS Update

Lakeland Loves Chocolate!

The Purdy's Chocolates fundraiser was very successful, raising \$3647.91.

A big thank you to Andrea Cundliffe for coordinating this fundraiser and to all of you who ordered. Order pick up is Wednesday, December 9, 2-5 pm in the school library.

Volunteer Opportunities

Casino: We still need 1 volunteer for the 3:30-12:30 shift on Monday, February 1. We would also like a couple backups for both the Sunday (Jan 31) and Monday shifts. The casino is in Camrose and we will be carpooling if you'd like to join. Please help - email llrpaschair@gmail.com.

Family Winter Festival: We need 2-4 people to hand out hot chocolate on behalf of PAS.

Funding Decisions

At the November 16, 2015 PAS meeting, the following initiatives received approval for funding.

- Ice Machine (for office to treat injuries)
- First aid supplies (ditto)
- Paint & supplies for a buddy bench
- Week of Welcome Fun Day (magician, Fat Franks, juice & chips)
- Concrete Theatre performances for anti-bullying week
- Klondike Rag - musical theatre performance group, K-6, spring 2016.
- Hot chocolate for the Family Winter Carnival - will need a few volunteers
- Entertainment budget for two more school-wide assemblies (Winter and June)

Decisions on other requests were tabled for future meetings.

New Executive & Board Member

Thank you to these two parents who were elected at the November 16 PAS meeting:

Amy Dieser - Vice Chair

Terri Ackroyd - Director-at-Large

Next Meeting - Which fundraisers?

The next PAS meeting is on Tuesday, December 15 at 7:00 pm in the school library and will focus on deciding on fundraisers for remainder of school year.

Kindergarten Registration Starts Soon!

Do you have, or know a child starting Kindergarten in the fall of 2016? If so please share that kindergarten registration for the 2016-2017 school year opens **Jan. 4, 2016**. Next year we plan to offer both half-day and full-day kindergarten based on parent demand. When parents register their children, we will ask parents to identify their preferred choice and an alternate choice. Choices will include half-day morning, half-day afternoon, full-day Tuesdays, Thursdays and alternating Fridays, or full-day Monday, Wednesday and alternating Fridays.

Starting school is always an exciting time and to help families prepare, EIPS has compiled a wealth of information including registration details, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, how to find your designated school, transportation, and more. This information is available at www.eips.ca/kindergarten. Additional information regarding Lakeland Ridge's Kindergarten programs, can be found on our school website at www.lakelandridge.ca.

When registering your child, don't forget to bring with you proof of residence, your child's name, and date of birth and citizenship. Registration closes on April 30, 2016. Lakeland Ridge's kindergarten orientation evening will be Tuesday, May 10 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

NOTE: To be eligible for the 2016-2017 Kindergarten program, children must be five years old on, or before, Dec. 31, 2016.

Boundary Exemption Request Process

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) boundary exemption request process for the 2016-2017 school year will take place from **February 1 to April 15**. This is the only time of year parents of students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 may request a non-designated school for the upcoming school. Interested families must fill out a Boundary Exemption Request Form and submit it directly to their requested school.

The Boundary Exemption Request Form will be available in mid-January. Additional information about the boundary exemption request process, schools with closed boundaries, and frequently asked questions can be found by visiting www.eips.ca/boundary-exemptions in the New Year.

Students already accepted into their non-designated school don't need to reapply. Final decisions will be made by April 22, 2016.

Season's Greetings from Linking Generations

Linking Generations students and seniors embody the spirit of Joy and Giving! Their special links, formed from the goodness of their hearts, is helping to shape our community into a more caring, kind, and supportive community. With this in mind, we hope this upcoming festive season will bring each of you and your families a time to share your joy, your love, and your appreciation for the small things in our world!

On behalf of the Linking Generations Board of Directors, Program Coordinators, and volunteers - may you and your families experience the true essence of Christmas: Joyful time with families and the sharing of love!

Linking Generations requires a Treasurer to serve as an executive member on the Board Of Directors. Your role will be to assist in the financial oversight of the organization. Expectations would be to attend 4 meetings a year (once per quarter); provide the Board with financial updates, offer input into the annual budget and ensure an audited statement is completed on an annual basis for the Annual General Meeting. Contact Board Chairperson: Wendy Hoffmann at 780-475-8965 or email wloff01@telus.net for more information.

Winter Break

Lakeland Ridge School will close for the winter break on December 21, 2015 and will reopen on January 4, 2016.

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) Central Office will remain open during part of the break. If you have any school-related questions or concerns please feel free to contact Central Office during the below office hours.

Elk Island Public Schools Central Office Holiday Season Closure

Open December 21-22 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Open December 29-31 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*for location and contact information, please visit www.eips.ca.

Regular business hours will resume Monday, January 4, 2016. From everyone at Elk Island Public Schools, we wish all of you a joyful holiday season and a happy New Year.

Happy Holidays from the Board of Trustees

It's the holiday season once again and the winter break is just around the corner. On behalf of Elk Island Public Schools' Board of Trustees, I want to take the opportunity to extend warm holiday wishes to all our students, staff, and families. We hope all of you have a wonderful and safe holiday and a new year filled with joy.

We look forward to seeing everyone back to school on Monday, Jan. 4, 2016.

Thank you and best wishes,

Trina Boymook
EIPS Board Chair



~ Have a safe and happy Holiday Season ~



December 2015

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1 Day 5 Linking Generations	2 Day 6 Cash4Care Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal	3 Day 1	4 Day 2 Newsletter	5
6	7 Day 3 Gr. 6 DARE Grad 10:30am	8 Day 4	9 Day 5 Purdy's Choc order pickup (2-5) in library	10 Day 6 Habit Two Assembly	11 Day 1	12
13	14 Day 2 Hot Lunch	15 Day 3 Linking Generations PAS Meeting 7pm (Library)	16 Day 4 Locker Clean Out Winter Festival 6:30-8pm	17 Day 5	18 Day 6	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Christmas Break					
27	28	29	30	31	Jan 1	Jan 2
	Christmas Break					
Jan 3	Jan 4 Day 1 Classes Resume					



January 2016

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10	11 Day 6	12 Day 1 Linking Generations	13 Day 2 "Addiction Prevention" Info 6:30pm	14 Day 3	15 Day 4 Habit Three Assembly	16
17	18 Day 5 Hot Lunch	19 Day 6 Linking Generations Evening Visit	20 Day 1 Band Concert 6:30pm	21 Day 2	22 Day 3	23
24	25 Day 4 SC Meeting 6:30 (Library)	26 Day 5	27 Day 6	28 Day 1	29 System PD Day (no classes for Students)	30
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