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February 2016

Principal's Message

February will be one day longer this year because of leap year. Leap years keep our calendar aligned with the Earth's revolutions around the sun. It usually takes about 365 days, 5 hours and 50 minutes for the Earth to circle once around the Sun. By adding a day to the calendar once every 4 years on February 29, the almost six hours lost in other calendar years are made up.

The name "*leap year*" comes from the idea that in a leap year, a date on the calendar will skip ("leap over") a day of the week beginning in March, due to the extra day added at the end of February. For example, in 2014, December 25 fell on a Thursday, in 2015, on a Friday, but in 2016, December 25 will "leap" over Saturday and fall on Sunday. In 2016, there will be 366 days on the calendar. The next leap year will be in the year 2020.

At Lakeland Ridge, we have one student who was born on February 29. She has an "official" birthday she can celebrate only once every four years.

February is also the month in which we celebrate not only Leap Year, but also Groundhog Day, Alberta Winter Walk Day, Valentine's Day and the Chinese New Year. February also brings Teacher's Convention on Feb. 4-5, and an extra-long weekend from February 12 through Family Day on February 15.

Good news from groundhogs on Feb. 2, as apparently, "There was no shadow to be cast! An early spring is forecast!"

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Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences - February 24 & 25

Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Wednesday, February 24 and Thursday, February 25 from 4 pm to 7 pm. Conferences this year will be held before report cards are issued to share information about student progress and communicate about student learning. Teacher appointment times will be posted on the website www.schoolinterviews.ca. By logging into the website, parents can pre-book conference appointments with their child's teacher.

Previously we have used this online booking system for elementary only, but we have expanded it to include appointment times for junior high as well! A letter including event codes and instructions for the online booking system will be sent home this week. If you have any questions, please contact the school office at 780-416-9018.

Counsellor's Corner

It's already February and time for our grade 9 students to begin the process of transitioning to high school. There will be discussions during grade 9 health classes about high school core courses and their "streams", recommended prerequisite marks, option classes, and expectations for high school in general. Several visits from both Salisbury and Bev Facey high school counsellors to Lakeland Ridge will help facilitate the process.

Parents and students can gain more information through attending information sessions at the high schools with dates to be announced. In addition, there will be an opportunity for Lakeland Ridge parents and students to attend a high school transition meeting in the music room following parent-student-teacher conferences.

Parent-Student Information Session - Transitioning to High School

Wednesday, February 24 and Thursday, February 25 at 7:00 pm

Parents and students in grade 9 are invited to attend a high school transition meeting after parent-student-teacher conferences. A meeting will be held on both evenings immediately following conferences in the Lakeland Ridge School's music room. Students will learn about course selection, high school diploma requirements, high school information nights, boundary exemption processes, etc. Please plan to attend one of the meetings with your grade 9 student on the evening you have scheduled conferences.

Tuesday, February 9

IB information night at 7:00 at Salisbury theatre

TBD

High School Open Houses (check Salisbury and Bev Facey websites for dates)
High School Counsellor Visits

Elementary & Junior High PAT and Junior High Year End Exam Schedule

Grade 9 students will have the opportunity to attend help and study sessions during the afternoons of their June PAT exams. Grade 7 and 8 students will have regular classes scheduled through Wednesday, June 22. Grade 7 & 8 exams will be held during the mornings of June 23, 24, 27 and 28. Afternoon help and study sessions will be scheduled for grade 7 & 8 students during these afternoons. The last day of school for all students is June 28.

Tuesday, May 10 9:00 - 11:00 am	Grade 9 PAT English Language Arts Part A
Thursday, May 12 9:00 - 11:00 am	Grade 6 PAT English Language Arts Part A
Wednesday, June 15 9:00 - 10:00 am	Grade 6 PAT English Language Arts Part B
Thursday, June 16 9:00 - 10:15 am	Grade 6 PAT Mathematics

Friday, June 17 9:00 - 10:00 am	Grade 6 PAT Science
Monday, June 20 9:00 - 10:00 am 9:00 - 10:15 am	Grade 6 PAT Social Studies Grade 9 PAT Science
Wednesday, June 22 9:00 - 10:30 am	Grade 9 PAT Mathematics
Thursday, June 23 9:00 - 10:15 am 9:00 - 10:00 am	Grade 9 PAT English Language Arts Part B Grades 7 & 8 English Language Arts
Friday, June 24 9:00 - 10:20 am 9:00 - 10:00 am	Grade 9 PAT Social Studies Grades 7 & 8 Social Studies
Monday, June 27 9:00 - 10:00 am	Grades 7 & 8 Science
Tuesday, June 28 9:00 - 10:00 am	Grades 7 & 8 Mathematics

Wolf Wear

Wolf wear is coming back to Lakeland. Clothing options will be available to purchase online from February 22 to March 6. Clothing available: **hoodies, t-shirts, long sleeve shirts, sweatpants, shorts and caps** - all with the Lakeland Ridge wolf logo on them. Sizes range for all students from Kindergarten to Grade Nine.

LAKELAND RIDGE SCHOOL

ORDER DEADLINE
Mar 6th, 2016

Custom Order URL: <http://lakeland16.itemorder.com>

WHEN PROMPTED ENTER YOUR ACCESS CODE

Access Code: **LAKELAND16**

Contact: Sherri Jones
Email: sherri@bigkahuna.ca

3 WAYS TO ORDER :
1. THROUGH BIGKAHUNA.CA
2. YOUR CUSTOM WEB URL
3. SCAN THIS CODE

Library News

The February Book Fair will take place during the week of Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences, February 22-26. Volunteer help during the Fair is always welcome and appreciated! A Book Fair information sheet will be going home with students soon; it includes an opportunity to sign up to volunteer. Looking forward to seeing many of you at the Book Fair!

Parent Action Society (PAS) Update

Upcoming Fundraisers:

Meats & Sweets - Mundare Sausage and Confetti Sweets cookies gift certificates runs until Friday, February 12. See attachment for all the details on this delicious fundraiser.

Paint Nite - LLRPAS is hosting our first Paint Nite fundraiser, earning a portion of ticket sales. A master artist will give you step-by-step instructions to create your own work of art while you socialize & sip cocktails. No experience necessary!



Date: Monday, March 7, 2016

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Average Joe's

Gather some friends and get creative for a cause!

Seating is limited. Register online at:

<http://paintnite.com/pages/events/view/edmonton/1050036>

Casino Update - Thank you to the volunteers who worked the casino on January 31 and February 1. We will know our fundraising result in the second quarter (all casino profits are combined for three months and then divided amongst all the volunteering charities). Of note: our casino coordinator Daniell Witzke and her parents comprised three of the eight volunteers we needed. Much appreciated!

Hot Lunch Update - With 424 orders, the response to the second round of our Hot Lunch program was great. Ensuring these orders will make it to the students in a timely manner, many parents also signed up as volunteers. We are short a few volunteers for Monday, March 21st so if you can help, email LakelandRidgeHotLunch@gmail.com.

February's hot lunches are:

Monday, February 8 - Fatburger

Monday, February 22 - Panago

Annette Hubick
Chair, Lakeland Ridge Parent Action Society

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2016-2017 school year opened **Jan. 4, 2016**. Next fall, Lakeland Ridge plans to offer morning, afternoon and a full-day, every other day kindergarten option based on parent demand.

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 is now open!

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) boundary exemption request process for the 2016-2017 school year is now open.

Students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 wanting to attend a non-designated school in the upcoming school year can now apply to do so. All, interested families must fill out a Boundary Exemption Request Form and submit it directly to their requested school. The application deadline is April 14, 2016. Boundary exemption requests received after April 14, 2016 will be declined. There is no late or secondary process.

Additional information about the boundary exemption request process including the Boundary Exemption Request Form, schools with closed boundaries, and frequently asked questions can be found by visiting www.eips.ca/schools/boundaries/boundary-exemption-request-process.

Final decisions will be made by April 22, 2016.

NOTE: Students already accepted into their non-designated school don't need to reapply.

Managing your Synrevoice Email Subscription

As many of you know, Elk Island Public Schools and **Lakeland Ridge** use SchoolConnects Synrevoice to communicate with our families by phone and email regarding information such as bus cancellations or delays, inclement weather, upcoming events, last-minute cancellations, parental engagement opportunities, emergency notices, and more. Recent upgrades have made it even easier for families to subscribe, unsubscribe, and re-subscribe from email messages to ensure we continue to comply with federal anti-spam legislation. It's a very easy process and takes only minutes to complete. Simply visit <http://www.eips.ca/contact/synrevoice> to "subscribe" or "unsubscribe" from email messages.

Lakeland Ridge encourages parents to subscribe to our Synrevoice messages to ensure you stay up-to-date on all the latest news and events taking place in our school.

Parent and Student Surveys

As an annual check-up on the education system, the Accountability Pillar provides an opportunity for Alberta Education and school authorities to ensure that we are equipping students for success. The Accountability Pillar uses a set of 16 indicators consisting of surveys of students, parents and teachers on various aspects of quality; student outcomes such as dropout and high school completion rates; and provincial assessments of student learning.

From January to the end of February, Alberta Education will be conducting the annual Accountability Pillar Survey. In January, parents of students in grades 4 and 7 will receive a survey from Alberta Education. In February, students in grades 4 and 7 and all our teachers will be completing their surveys online at school.

Surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with the school. Parent participation in the survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving, so if you received a survey, we encourage you to complete it.

Survey results will be available to school authorities in May 2016, and will be reported publicly as part of their 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports.

A survey for all parents was hosted by EIPS from November 4 to 24, 2015 to collect broad parent feedback on the overall performance of schools and the division.

The Fall 2015 EIPS Parent Survey was drafted based on key Accountability Pillar Survey questions and a System Satisfaction Survey that was administered across EIPS from 1999 to 2005. The survey was concise and gathered parent feedback on key educational quality characteristics: the quality of teaching, the quality of school leadership, communication and parent involvement, citizenship and discipline. The survey results will improve EIPS' overall accountability structure and provide valuable data for school and division planning.

3,173 surveys were completed by parents. This is approximately a 19% response rate. The attached survey report shows the number of surveys completed per school.

Highlights of the survey include over 90% of EIPS parents indicating that they are very satisfied or satisfied with the quality of education that their children are receiving at their school. 42.14 % indicate that they are very satisfied and 47.69 indicate that they are satisfied with the quality of teaching at their school. Other areas of the survey indicate where EIPS has room for improvement. Further analysis of the division's results will be shared in the upcoming weeks.

The survey results can be found on our school's website.

LAKELAND RIDGE – SPRING FUNDRAISER



MEATS & Sweets



WHO? Lakeland Ridge Parents Action Society (LLRPAS) is excited to provide two delectable offerings for our next fundraiser. You are welcome and encouraged gather orders from family, friends and colleagues (that you'll include in your order).

WHAT?



Choose from a variety of sausage and jerky products from Stawnichy's, the family-owned Ukrainian food company operating in Mundare, AB.

Sausage Ring.....	\$9	Beef Jerky – Teriyaki – 1 lb/pk.....	\$20	Smokies- Bavarian Style- 6 pack.....	\$6.50
Sausage Patties – 6/pk.....	\$9	Pepperoni - Regular - 1 lb/pk.....	\$9	Smokies- Bacon & Cheddar Cheese- 6 pack.....	\$6.50
Beef Jerky – Regular – 1 lb/pk.....	\$20	Steak Strip Jerky - Regular - 1 lb/pk.....	\$20		
Beef Jerky – Hot & Sweet – 1 lb/pk.....	\$20	Steak Strip Jerky- Hot and Sweet - 1 lb/pk.....	\$20		



\$15 for "1 dozen cookies of your choice" gift certificates (NO EXPIRY) from Confetti Sweets, a Sherwood Park based bakery that went Hollywood—their cookies were included in the stars' swag bags at the Oscars! Certificates are redeemable at their Sherwood Park store or at local farmers markets. For a list of varieties and locations please go to www.confettisweets.ca.

If you will be selling to others there is an Order Tracking Form and a Price List image on the LLR website.

HOW? Only electronic orders and payments will be accepted (PayPal will apply a 3% fee to your total order). We will be using the very same electronic system that you are currently using to order your kids' hot lunch. Please log into www.lakelandridge.hotlunches.net using your same username and password, click on "Manage Orders," select "Meats & Sweets" then "Order."

If you have not previously registered for hot lunches this school year, here's how:

1. Go to www.lakelandridge.hotlunches.net
2. "Click Here to Register"
3. Enter Access Code LRHL
4. Complete the form
5. Click "Register Now"
6. Follow the instructions to add a child in your family who attends Lakeland Ridge School
7. Click on "Orders" and select Meats & Sweets

WHEN?

Sale start date: Monday, February 1, 2016 via hot lunch website
 Sale end date: Friday, February 12, 2016 all electronic orders and payments due. No late orders accepted.
 Pickup date: Thursday, March 10, 2016 from 2:30 to 5:30 pm (LLR Mukluk gym)

Note: We will not be responsible for any products left after 5:30 pm as we do not have storage space. Please make arrangements with someone to pick up your order if you are unable. We will send an email reminder closer to the delivery date.

WHY? SHOP LOCAL and SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL at the same time. Profits from these sales go directly toward achieving the LLRPAS mission: "To contribute classroom and program resources that would otherwise not be available in order to improve and enrich the educational experience of our children."

QUESTIONS? Email skozlow@shaw.ca



February 2016

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1 Day 2 Boundry Exception Process (Feb.1 - April 14) Meats & Sweets Fundraiser Starts	2 Day 3	3 Day 4 Cash4Care Alberta Winter Walk Day Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal	4 Teacher's Convention - No School	5	6
7	8 Day 5 Random Acts of Kindness Week Hot Lunch Newsletter	9 Day 6 Linking Generations Visit	10 Day 1	11 Day 2 Gr.4-7 Sunridge Ski Trip	12 School Closure Day Meats & Sweets Fundraiser Online Orders Due	13
14 ♥ Valentine's Day	15 Family Day - No School	16 Day 3	17 Day 4 100 th Day of School	18 Day 5	19 Day 6	20
21	22 Day 1 Hot Lunch Wolf Wear Online Orders Start	23 Day 2 Linking Generations Visit	24 Day 3 Pink Shirt Day Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences 4 - 7 pm	25 Day 4	26 Day 5	27
28	29 Day 6		Book Fair Week			



March 2016

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1 Day 1	2 Day 2 Cash4Care Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal	3 Day 3 Newsletter	4 System PD Day - No School	5
6 Wolf Wear Online Orders Due	7 Day 4 Hot Lunch PAS Paint Nite Fundraiser 7pm	8 Day 5 Linking Generations Visit	9 Day 6	10 Day 1 Mundare Sausage Order Pick-up (2:30-5:30pm)	11 Day 2	12
13 Daylight Savings Time Begins	14 Day 3 Pi Day	15 Day 4 Linking Generations Visit	16 Day 5	17 Day 6	18 Day 1 Grade 7/8/9 Ski Trip - Jasper	19
20	21 Day 2 Hot Lunch	22 Day 3 Linking Generations Visit	23 Day 4 Locker Clean-up Progress Reports	24 Spring Break	25	26
27 Spring Break	28	29	30	31		