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Principal's Message

This month we celebrate two very special events, both during the last week of April, our school's spring concert will be **Tuesday, April 26 at 6:30** at the Sherwood Park Alliance Church, corner of Clover Bar and Wye Roads and Lakeland Ridge School is honouring our volunteers at a special lunch on April 28. The theme of National Volunteer Week is "*Volunteers are the roots of strong communities.*" According to a recent survey, more than 44% of Canadians volunteer. As our school prepares to recognize and thank our volunteers this month, we are humbled by the number of people who so generously volunteer to serve our school in many different ways.

The theme of National Volunteer Week caused me to reflect on the metaphor of a "tree" and the importance of "roots." A number of years ago, I had the opportunity to travel to South Africa where I learned about Acacia trees. These special trees have interconnected root systems so when animals like giraffe or elephants begin to overgraze on the leaves of a tree, that tree passes an "alarm signal" to its neighboring trees who begin producing a toxin in their leaves that make them taste bitter so the animal moves on. These trees are able to keep each other stronger by the very nature of their interconnectedness.

Just as a healthy root system is essential for trees to grow, flower and bear fruit, volunteers are also essential for our school to bloom. Thanks to our volunteers, our school continues to grow stronger each year. This year, our volunteers include busy parents who work with our school doing some of the many tasks that make classrooms such vital, interesting places to learn. Volunteers also sort and distribute hot lunch, coach teams, accompany field trips and so much more. Volunteering helps one find purpose in something greater than ourselves, our families, or our children while helping create a better school and enhancing opportunities for our students to learn and grow.

When I think of our school's volunteers, I am reminded of Mrs. Kellie Smith who continued to volunteer at the school this year while on medical leave as she battled cancer. While Mrs. Smith will leave a tremendous legacy at Lakeland Ridge, a tangible memory in honour of Mrs. Smith will be the construction of a Buddy Bench on the playground. Mrs. Smith's family asked that in lieu of flowers, memorial gifts be made to Lakeland School to construct a Buddy Bench. The premise is simple but effective. When a child is lonely, he or she child will sit on the bench, signaling others to invite them to play. I am very pleased to report that Lakeland Ridge has received enough money to begin construction on two benches. We believe Mrs. Smith would have loved this idea.

Sincerely,

Dr. Karla Satchwell
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Spring Concert

The Lakeland Ridge School's Spring Concert will be held on Tuesday, April 26 at 6:30 pm at the Sherwood Park Alliance Church (Strathcona Christian Academy), located at the corners of Clover Bar Road & Wye Road. All Kindergarten to Grade 6 students and students in our Junior High band will be performing. The concert is FREE for parents and guests. Seating will be on a first come, first served basis with auditorium doors opening at 6:00 pm. Parents, grandparents and special guests are welcome.

We are asking students to arrive by 6:15 pm to meet their teachers at their designated drop off locations which the students will learn about during their field trip on April 26. The students are bussed to the church to practice stage entrances, exits, drop off and pick up location and to become familiar with the facility. Please send your child with a bag lunch that day and note that microwaves will not be available. Field trip forms for the concert practice on April 26 were sent home with students before Spring Break.

A map of designated drop off and pick up locations together with more details about the concert will be sent home with students closer to the concert date. As well, the concert will be recorded and the recording will be available for purchase. Further details will be provided in the information that will be sent home.

Junior high leadership students will be helping to direct parking. The overflow parking lot to the east of the church may be open, depending on weather conditions (wet weather closer to the concert date may make the overflow field too muddy to use). To help raise funds to offset costs of renting the church, bussing students to the church for practice, and costs for the Grade 9 Farewell, our Grade 9 Leadership class is raffling VIP Parking and/or VIP Front Row Seating for this concert. Winners will receive front row seats at the concert or parking spaces very close to the church. Raffle tickets are being sold in the school's office for \$2 per chance (for either parking or front row seating) until the morning of Monday, April 25. The winners will be announced and contacted on Monday, April 25. If you have any questions about the parking and front row seating raffle, see contact Mrs. Janke in the office.

Counsellor's Corner

After spring break, we welcomed back Mrs. Kenda Cruikshank from her maternity leave and said good-bye to Mrs. Janice Cameron, counsellor who was serving during Mrs. Cruikshank's absence.

Spring is a time of renewal and with the beautiful weather we have been experiencing, green grass and blooming flowers should be coming shortly. Daylight savings time increases sunlight during the day making it a wonderful time to get outside and enjoy some fresh air. This helps to increase serotonin and dopamine levels in the body, which encourages feelings of well-being and supports positive mental health.

Spending time as a family outside is a wonderful way to enjoy the great outdoors, have quality time together, and encourages physical activity. Going outside to do things as a family is an inexpensive way to spend family time together. Here are few ideas to get outside as a family: Go for a bike ride or walk together as a family. We have beautiful paths and trails in Sherwood Park, so take advantage of them. Check out a park in a different neighborhood, city, or local area. There can be different equipment in the playground, making each playground a new experience. Go outside of Sherwood Park to see new places such as the river valley in Edmonton, the Strathcona Science Park, Strathcona Wilderness Center, Elk Island National Park, etc. Do work in the yard as a family

with the goal being time spent together, rather than a specific job being completed. This will be more encouraging for everyone to come out and be helpful. Walk to a local shop or restaurant for coffee, ice cream, or a meal. Pack an easy meal for a picnic outside. Try some new activities together. Take ball gloves and a baseball to play catch, toss a football or frisbee, kick around a soccer ball, or use a bocce ball set.

Mrs. Kenda Cruikshank
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Are You Moving?

Please inform the Lakeland Ridge School office if you are moving in the coming months and if your child(ren) will not be attending LLR in the fall. Planning for the 2016-2017 school year has already begun and having the most accurate information will enable us to provide a more accurate schedule for our students.

Student-Led Math Tutoring - April

April is a great month to synergize. What's a better way of synergizing than working together on Math during lunch. Mrs. Moravec runs a Student-Led Math tutoring program for grades 3-9 at lunch in her classroom, room 231. Students bring math to work on with fellow students. Be proactive for the last 3 months of school! Check the calendar for which days tutoring is available this month.

Math Contest

Selected students in Grades 3-9 will be writing a math contest on Wednesday, April 20. Congratulations to those students who were selected by their teachers to challenge themselves with this year's contest. Students who were selected will be receiving a parent letter on April 12, containing information about the contest.

Athletics Update

Badminton season is now in full swing. Team selections were made and practices and games are scheduled and ready to be played. Good luck to our team members as they play in tournaments, exhibitions and the league championship on Tuesday, April 26. Thank you to Mr. Bennett, Mrs. Bushell and Mrs. Wilton (parent) for volunteering to coach our teams this season.

Track and field season is around the corner. Now is as good a time as any to get yourself ready to run, jump and throw at our school's event. If you wish to get some practice in at school, please speak to your PE teachers, as there will be times available later in April and in early May.

Kindergarten Information Night

Families who have a child registered for 2016-2017 school year, are invited to attend our Kindergarten Information Night on **Tuesday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m.** to take a tour of the school; meet the teachers and learn about the typical day in Kindergarten and the importance of play-based learning. To help families prepare even more, Elk Island Public Schools has compiled a wealth of information on its website (<http://www.eips.ca/programs-services/kindergarten>). Additional information regarding Lakeland Ridge's Kindergarten program, can be found on our school website at www.lakelandridge.ca.

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Update

The March meeting of Lakeland Ridge School Council was held on Wednesday, March 23, just prior to Spring Break. Unfortunately quorum was not reached and formal business was unable to be conducted. Those in attendance did take the opportunity to engage with Administration, our Trustee Representative and guests in attendance on a variety of different matters.

Unfortunately we must report on some extremely disappointing news as it pertains to temperature conditions in our portable classrooms. At our February meeting, School Council was delighted to learn that after many years of effort, decisions were made to ensure our portables would have air conditioning installed during this year's Spring Break. Our School Administration had determined this as a priority item and allocated school based funds to cover the capital costs. This along with the commitment we received last year from EIPS Administration to cover installation, operating and maintenance costs finally resolved this long-standing issue and need in our school.

Unfortunately at our March meeting, our Principal advised that the District not going to install air conditioning in all portables, but that it had intervened on this school based funding decision and exerted influence to cause our school Administration to revisit the decision to install air conditioning in all portables. School Council was advised that only one portable would be outfitted with air conditioning as a pilot, with installation timing not confirmed.

The rationale for this intervention and reversal of a past commitment on the part of EIPS Administration appears to be motivated not by what is in the best interests of providing an adequate learning environment for students and staff in Lakeland Ridge School, but rather a precedent that the District sees being established for all EIPS schools with portable classrooms. We empathize with others who may be facing a similar situation but cannot accept that intolerable conditions must continue in our classrooms because Administration will not make capital funding decisions for all schools, or honour the commitment previously made to Lakeland Ridge School students, staff and parents. Accordingly advocacy efforts will be resumed in efforts to get EIPS to honour their past commitments and address a situation in our portables that has existed for far too long already.

The next meeting will be on Monday, April 25 at 6:30 pm in the school library. As always, free childcare will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there.

Dwight Dibben
Chair, Lakeland Ridge Parent Advisory Council

Parent Action Society (PAS) Update

Order Hot Lunch for the Rest of the School Year

The final round of hot lunch ordering is April 13-27, and here's what you need to know:

- 1) Go to: www.lakelandridge.hotlunches.net between April 13-27.
- 2) If haven't ordered previously, you can still participate. On the site, "Click Here to Register" and enter access code **LRHL** to set up your account.
- 3) Late orders will not be accepted. Vendor orders are being placed the next morning.
- 4) At the bottom of each order menu is a box you can check if you are available to volunteer for that particular lunch.

Save on Panago Pizza

PAS will be selling a limited quantity of Panago Pizza gift certificates for \$10 for ANY medium Panago Pizza (value \$11.75 up to \$17.00) with a 90-day expiry. They can be used more than one at once, however orders must be placed by phone to do so (online system can only accept one code per order). Certificate orders will be taken online on the hot lunch ordering site on a first-come, first-served basis - watch for details (a note will go home with students).

Paint Nite Success

Our first Paint Nite fundraiser was a success - thank you to all who purchased tickets to this sold out event. A post-event survey indicates interest in doing more Paint Nites next year.

Annette Hubick
Chair, Lakeland Ridge Parent Action Society

Boundary Exemption Request Process Closes April 14

If you would like to register your Kindergarten to Grade 12 child in Elk Island Public Schools at a school other than their designated school in the 2016-2017 school year, you must **apply to do so by April 14, 2016**.

All interested families must fill out a Boundary Exemption Request Form and submit it directly to their requested school. The Boundary Exemption Request Form, along with additional information about the boundary exemption request process, can be found by visiting www.eips.ca/schools/boundaries/boundary-exemption-request-process. Final decisions will be made by April 22, 2016.

Boundary Exemption Requests will not be accepted after the April 14 deadline.

NOTE: Students already accepted into their non-designated school do not need to reapply.

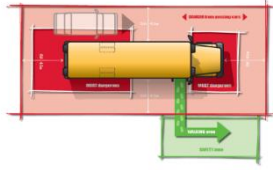
A Big *THANK YOU* To All Of Our Volunteers

On behalf of the Board of Trustees at Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS), please accept our heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers within our Division who help make our schools and programs so successful. Whether it's assisting at an athletic event, organizing a bottle drive for a school trip, or delicately cutting out poppies for a Remembrance Day celebration, the impact our volunteers have within our school community is profound. It's also an incredible learning opportunity for our students. By seeing people give their time and gifts within our schools, our students mirror that behaviour within their own lives.

In recognition of National Volunteer Week, which runs April 10-16, we extend our thanks and celebrate the hundreds of volunteers across EIPS who provide countless hours of dedication within our schools.

It is volunteers like you who make our schools a better place to be.

Trina Boymook
Chair, Board of Trustees



Bus Safety Tip: Stay clear of the Danger Zone

Did you know there's an area around each bus called the Danger Zone? There is. It's the area around the bus - 4.5 metres on all sides - where students, people, or objects are not easily seen by a bus operator. It's important all students stay outside this area at all times. An easy way to tell if you're outside the Danger Zone is to simply take five giant steps - as big as you can make them - back from the road. Staying this far away from the road, before boarding and when getting off the bus, helps keep everyone safe. Thank you on behalf of EIPS Student Transportation



ElkFest screens short-films created and produced by EIPS students

ElkFest returns for its fourth year with a full slate of films created and produced by students from Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS). **You are invited** to join the festivities and support our aspiring directors in grades 7 to 12 as they showcase their short films on the big screen at the Ardrossan Junior Senior High Theatre on April 28, 2016.

The shorts will be presented in five categories that include: documentary, animation, music video, narrative drama or comedy, and the 48-hour film. The screenings will follow a fun awards reception, where winners from each category are announced and cool prizes doled out.

ElkFest is a unique event that's inspiring and something the whole family can enjoy. **Save the date, April 28, 2016**, and join EIPS for its fourth annual ElkFest. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and tickets are free!



On St. Patrick's Day, Grade One students made Leprechaun traps. Unfortunately, the Leprechaun was too sneaky to catch. He sure made a mess of the rooms, though.



Toronto Drama Trip

On a cool, dark March morning, and by morning I mean 4:00 am, twenty-three junior high school students from Lakeland Ridge School headed off to Toronto for a 4 day whirlwind drama extravaganza. Accompanied by two ridiculously handsome and responsible teachers and two beautiful and even more responsible parent volunteers, the students embarked on their journey of learning, laughter and literature.



Day one saw our weary travelers arrive in Toronto and were whisked off to an amazing workshop put on by Shakespeare in Action. The students had fun challenging each other with colourful expressions from Shakespeare's time, learning about Iambic Pentameter and creating a modern rap from one of Shakespeare's monologues. Afterwards they travelled to the CN Tower to do a little sightseeing and picture taking.

Day two arrived early and the fearless pack of drama wolves went off to the Famous People's Players theatre for a show, workshop and lunch. The performance was impressive and the students really enjoyed getting hands on with the puppets used by this amazing group of performers. The pizza lunch was greatly appreciated as was an opportunity to hear about the history of this inspiring group from the founder, Diane Dupuy.

After a quick stop at the Ripley's Aquarium, the group was then off to the Royal Alexandra Theatre, the oldest theatre in North America, for a tour of this amazing facility prior to the night's performance. Feeling a little peckish, they found sustenance at the Hard Rock Café, where the staff did an incredible job feeding all of them in record time, thus ensuring there was ample time to shop for the odd hoodie before heading back to the theatre. The performance that night was incredible and the students even had an opportunity to meet with some of the actors after the show to discuss what it takes to become a successful actor and how they prepared for their shows.

Day three found our intrepid drama kids heading off to a Second City workshop where the students played a little penguin tag, learned the keys to good improv and had an opportunity to hone their skills through a series of excellent drills and skits. We had an all too quick stop at the Hockey Hall of fame; where the students posed for a group picture with the Stanley Cup, followed by an evening of dinner theatre at Medieval Times. It was a celebratory evening that saw one of the students get an early birthday present, their Green Knight won the tournament, and then he anointed a Lakeland Ridge student "Queen of Love and Beauty".

Day four came all too quickly, but before heading home the students were treated to a brief tour of the Art Gallery of Ontario and some free time to explore the gallery on their own. The group had a couple of hours for shopping at Toronto's Eaton Centre. The trip home was a quiet time to reminisce with each other before reuniting with their beloved families for Easter.

As you can tell, this was an incredible experience filled with excellent activities and sights second to none. The students were absolutely fantastic and the workshop presenters and hotel staff all commented on how wonderful they were. A special thank you must go out to Mrs. Christopher and Mrs. Hoffman for accompanying the students and teachers on the trip, because without their help

this trip would not have happened. Lastly a huge thank you to Dr. Satchwell and Mr. Tuckwood for their willingness to help make this trip a reality!

Sincerely,

Mr. Murphy & Mr. White





April 2016

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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				Spring Break		
3	4	5 Day 5 Hot Lunch Linking Generations Visit Klondike Relays	6 Day 6 Cash4Care Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal	7 Day 1	8 Day 2 Newsletter	9
Spring Break						
10	11 Day 3	12 Day 4	13 Day 5 Hot Lunch Order Opens Online	14 Day 6 Fire Drill Boundry Exception Process Closes	15 System PD Day - No School	16
17	18 Day 1 Hot Lunch	19 Day 2 Tornado Drill Linking Generations Visit	20 Day 3 Math Contest	21 Day 4	22 Day 5 Klondike Rag Assembly	23
24	25 Day 6 Last day for VIP Concert Raffle PAC Meeting 6:30pm (Library)	26 Day 1 EIPS Badminton Finals Spring Concert 6:30 pm at SCA	27 Day 2 Habit 6 Assembly Hot Lunch Order Deadline	28 Day 3 Volunteer Lunch	29 Day 4	30



May 2016

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2 Day 5 Hot Lunch Gr.6 Birch Bay	3 Day 6 Linking Generations Visit	4 Day 1 Class Pictures Cash4Care Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal	5 Day 2 Pitch-In Day	6 Day 3 Gr.1 Arbor Day Newsletter	7
8	9 Day 4 Junior High Orientation 6:30pm	10 Day 5 Gr.9 PAT - ELA Part A Kindie Info Evening 6:30pm	11 Day 6 <div>Outdoor Ed 8 Camping Trip</div>	12 Day 1 Gr.6 PAT - ELA Part A	13 Day 2 System PD Day - No School	14
15	16 Day 2 Hot Lunch LLR Track Meet	17 Day 3 Linking Generations Celebration Lunch	18 Day 4 Fine Arts Assembly Cash4Care Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal	19 Day 5	20 School Closure Day	21
22	23 Victoria Day - No School	24 Day 6 EIPS Track Meet @ SAP	25 Day 1 Cash4Care Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal	26 Day 2 EIPS Track Rainout Date	27 Day 3	28
29	30 Day 4 Hot Lunch PAC Meeting 6:30pm (Library)	31 Day 5				



June 2016

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 Day 6 Cash4Care Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal	2 Day 1 Junior High Zone Track Meet	3 Day 2 Newsletter	4
				Outdoor Ed 7 Camping Trip		
5	6 Day 3	7 Day 4 Band Concert 6:30pm	8 Day 5	9 Day 6	10 Day 1 Bring on Summer Carnival	11
12	13 Day 2 Hot Lunch	14 Day 3	15 Day 4 Gr.6 PAT - ELA Part B	16 Day 5 Gr.6 PAT - Math	17 Day 6 Gr.6 PAT - Science Gr.9 Farewell 7pm	18
19	20 Day 1 Gr.6 PAT - Social Gr.9 PAT - Science	21 Day 2 Aboriginal Day	22 Day 3 Gr.9 PAT - Math	23 Day 4 Gr.9 PAT - ELA Part B Gr.7 & 8 LA Exam	24 Day 5 Gr.9 PAT - Social Gr.7 & 8 Social Exam	25
26	27 Day 6 Gr.7 & 8 Science Exam Gr.9 at SAL	28 Day 1 Gr.7 & 8 Math Exam Last Day of School	29	30		