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**June 2016**

### **Principal's Message**

I recently attended the Pride of Strathcona County Awards, recognizing outstanding contributions and achievements of county residents. Two Lakeland Ridge School parents received this honour, Michelle Lyster and Bridgett Hardy-Crytes. Michelle is the parent of a kindergarten student and an active member of our school's Parent Action Society. She was recognized as the president of the Sherwood Park Curling Club, whose League Executive received the Outstanding Group Award for their revitalization of the Glen Allan Curling Club, increasing membership and work to bring the 2016 Grand Slam of Curling's Champion Cup to Sherwood Park.

The top award at the Pride of Strathcona Awards Ceremony, the Mayor's Award, was presented to Bridgett Hardy-Crytes. Bridgett is the mother of a grade one Lakeland Ridge student. Mayor Roxanne Carr said of Bridgett, "We've all seen Bridgett out there somewhere as a piper, Safety Bear, or the Red Turkey during Read-in-Week where she visited 20 Strathcona County schools". As president of the RCMP Pipe Band, Bridgett has volunteered more than 300 hours this past year. Some of that time included piping at Lakeland Ridge School's Remembrance Day Ceremony and coming dressed as the Red Turkey during Read-in-Week.

An individual receiving the Pride of Strathcona Award for professional achievement spoke about a woman he had met when working in Manitoba. She had suggested he move to Sherwood Park because "rich people lived there." He told the audience he had indeed found richness here, richness in the people and their passion for serving. What he said struck me, as it speaks to the richness of those who invest their time and talents in helping others and who share their abundant energies in service. Bridgett and Michelle are among those who volunteer so freely of their time and talents because they know what it means to live well, belong, serve and celebrate. We are proud of you!

This week at the Drama Awards, three former Lakeland Ridge students, Jill Wilson, Maddie Christopher, and Nicole James, helped present the awards and a number of former Lakeland Ridge drama students attended to celebrate the accomplishments of our junior high students. I want to commend those high school students who volunteered countless hours to assist our student, giving so freely of their time and talents to help their siblings, friends, and their former school.

I also attended the Wake-A-Thon last weekend which ran from Friday at 7 pm to Saturday at 7 am. Mrs. Cutforth organized an amazing 12 hours of activities and many parent volunteers to supervise, two even stayed with Mrs. Lindsay Cutforth for the entire twelve hours! Our junior high students were exceptionally well behaved and, although tired by Saturday morning, had a great time.

Lakeland Ridge is an amazing school with students, parents and staff that make us all proud. Have a wonderful June and a restful, relaxing summer. It's been a great year!

Sincerely,  
Dr. Karla Satchwell  
[Karla.Satchwell@eips.ca](mailto:Karla.Satchwell@eips.ca)

## **Counsellor's Corner**

An important part of having a successful day at school or work depends on healthy eating and making nutritious choices that fuel our minds and bodies. For children and adolescents, healthy eating is crucial to healthy growth and development. Students pay attention to what adults are eating so parents and teachers should be aware that they are modelling important choices. Mornings can be challenging in many households trying to get the family out the door with a healthy breakfast in their belly (or school bag) and a well-balanced lunch for later. Meal planning and mindful grocery shopping are crucial to having the right foods in the house.

Alberta Health Services has a wealth of information on their website with ideas and tips for healthy breakfasts, snacks, lunches, and dinners. As well, there is a 'Healthy Food Checker' which is a quick and easy tool that uses nutritional information to place food into one of the following categories: choose most often, choose sometimes, or choose least often. The 'Healthy Food Checker' is simple to use and these are categories that children and adolescents can understand and use to ensure a healthy choice of foods every day. Have your child use the "Healthy Food Checker" to input some of their favorite foods to see what category they fit into. It's also simple to use when grocery shopping to ensure you are making healthy choices of foods to put in the fridge and pantry.

Check out these AHS websites for more information:

<http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/nutrition/Page12598.aspx>

<http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/info/nutrition/HealthyEating/m/he/foodchecker.htm>

Mrs. Kenda Cruikshank

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## **2016/2017 Homeroom Placements - Last Call**

There are a number of factors that will help teachers and administrators determine class compositions for the 2016-17 school year as we attempt to design the most conducive environments for students learning. If parents have specific requests that they'd like us to consider for class placements for the 2016-17 school year, please email Principal Satchwell as soon as possible at [karla.satchwell@eips.ca](mailto:karla.satchwell@eips.ca) or submit a letter to the office.

## **Grade Nine Farewell - Information and Request for Parent Volunteers**

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 Wednesday, June 1. Formal invitations will be sent out through e-vite Friday, June 3. A reminder that guest tickets for the ceremony will be available for order between June 3 and June 10. Each guest ticket is complimentary. Should you have any questions about this year's celebration, please contact Janine Moravec.

## **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.

## **Lost and Found**

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

## **Junior High Final Report Card Pick Up**

Junior high final report cards will be available for pickup on Wednesday, June 29 between 10:00-11:00 am.

## **Band Update**

Wolves Band Concert will be on Tuesday June 7 at 6:30 pm in the Kona gym. This event is FREE and all are welcome to enjoy some live music by our bands! We look forward to seeing you there!

A reminder to all band members: Please arrive the band studio in your Band T-shirts and your instruments by 6:00 pm on Tuesday evening.

Interested in renting your instrument for the summer? Please see Ms. Li to get a rental form.

## **Athletics Update**

Congratulations to all our student athletes this year. We are so proud of our wolves and were amazed by their efforts and accomplishments. Our annual athletics awards will be held on June 14 at 1:30 pm to celebrate the achievements of our wolves. Parents are invited to attend this event, so please join us to congratulate our students and teams.

## **Library News**

Library books and materials are due on **June 10**. Thank you to all of our wonderful library volunteers! In addition to some great parent volunteers, we have had many amazing students who have dedicated their time to helping in the library as part of our Library Leadership Crew. They did a fantastic job!

## **Textbooks**

A reminder to junior high students that textbooks are due on the date of each PAT or final exam (June 20-28). The fee for any lost or damaged books is the replacement cost of the textbook. Charges for these items will be added to your student account. For students not returning in September, the last day to pay your account will be August 30, 2016. Outstanding balances will be sent to collections in September.

## **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.

## Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Update

Since the May Meeting was postponed, the next & final meeting of the school year will be on Monday, June 13 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

### Extra Hot Lunch Added on June 24

We have added one additional hot lunch FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ONLY on Friday, June 24, 2016 because it is track and field day. If you would like hot lunch for your child that day, place your order at <https://lakelandridge.hotlunches.net>, which will be open June 6-17, 2016.

Thank you again to Terri Ackroyd who donates countless hours to the organize and manage the hot lunch program - both a great fundraiser and a much-enjoyed treat for students (and parents ... who doesn't like to skip lunch-making duty ☺).

### Survey

PAS will be sending out a short electronic survey the week of June 6. Please take a few minutes to respond - parent input is invaluable to PAS when making decisions for the 2016-17 school year.

### Changes to Bylaws

At the May 30, 2016, Special Meeting, members voted to amend the bylaws. Some key changes were:

- Eliminating the requirement to serve on board for one year before serving as Chair. *We did not want to have this key position vacant by limiting it to just a few people or if a previous board member was not willing or able to serve as Chair.*
- Excluding only administration and teaching staff from being voting members and serving on the board (note: their exclusion is required by government regulation). *Currently, all staff, including lunch supervisors, educational assistants, etc., cannot be members, many of whom have been excellent PAS supporters/volunteers but have had no say in how the Society operates. We rectified that.*
- Moving elections from May to be held in conjunction with the AGM in October. *Not only will this make the AGM more relevant and "attendance-worthy," it's human nature that people are more likely to step up and get involved at the beginning of "the season." **This means the term of the current board of directors has been extended until the AGM in October 2017.***

### Funding Decisions

At the May 30 meeting, PAS provided funds for:

- Grade 9 farewell
- Year-end staff appreciation lunch (PAS is funding the "main course" and parents will be providing the sides )
- Leader in Me annual licensing fee
- Hot lunches for our newest members of the wolf pack from Fort McMurray on Monday, June 13.

### Panago Pizza Party Winners

202 Panago pizza certificates were purchased, raising \$808. Three classes tied for most certificates sold and Panago (Baseline) is generously providing the pizza party prize to all three winning classes. On Tuesday, June 7, the following classes will be enjoying pizza for lunch.

Winning classes: 1-2 Mrs. Cooksley/4-2 Mr. Baker/6-1 Mr. Murphy

### Ticket Packs on Sale in September

Student Union Ticket Pack is no longer in business, but many of its ex-employees have teamed up to start ADMazing Savings Ticket Pack. Same concept, same win-win opportunity - PAS raises funds and families save money. Watch for details when your students return to school.

### Thank you, Synergizers

Whether you organized a fundraiser, helped out at hot lunch, attended meetings, served on the board, volunteered at the casino, worked on the bylaw review or supported fundraisers with your wallets, PAS extends a big thank you to all! Without the collective parent support of both time and money, we could not achieve our purpose: to contribute classroom and program resources that would otherwise not be available in order to improve and enrich the educational experience of our children.

### Heat in the Portable Classrooms - What Can Parents Do?

It's no secret to any parent/guardian of current and past grade 3 & 4 students (and their teachers!) that the portable classrooms get extremely hot in the spring and fall. Temperatures are often 5-10 degrees higher inside the portables than outside, reaching 30C-35C on hot "summer" days. This creates a far from ideal teaching and learning environment. Lights are off, several fans are running, complaints of dehydration, lethargy, headaches and lack of focus abound. Sometimes classes are moved to the library, common area or outside to escape "the furnace." Most times, they just suffer through it. While portables are hot by nature (poor insulation and ventilation systems), the placement of the ones at LLR (direction, placed on the tarmac instead of grass) exacerbate the effect.

For the past couple years, LLR School Council has been advocating to Elk Island Public Schools for the installation of air conditioning units in the portables. EIPS's current stance is that IF parents pay for the units (\$35,000), the division will pay for the increased maintenance and utility costs. PAS does not have this amount of money in its coffers, and there is debate as to whether the Society should fund this type of expenditure even if it did have the money. We have explored the band-aid solution of purchasing portable a/c units for those classrooms; however EIPS's facilities department has declined their approval due to concerns over security, insufficient electrical capacity and the risk of triggering heating from the boilers.

This year, PAS will be getting a boost to its bottom line once it receives its proceeds from last January's casino. Alberta Gaming prohibits the use of casino funds for infrastructure expenses like a/c units however, we've been advised we can make an appeal based on the case of the significant impact a/c could make to the learning environment at the school. To that end, **PAS will be sending out a survey to gather parent, student and teacher feedback on their experiences with temperatures in the portable classrooms.** This feedback could also be useful when applying for other grants. NOTE: even if Alberta Gaming agrees to allow this type of expenditure, it does not mean that PAS would do so - that would still be up for a vote. The purpose of this exercise is to determine viable options.

On a positive note, the advocacy work by LLR School Council and Parent Action Society has resulted in getting this issue on the EIPS radar. The division is currently undergoing an assessment of portable conditions throughout the entire division to determine if and what action is required on this issue. We are pleased that EIPS is responding to our concerns and that there is a possibility that, where warranted, school communities throughout the division could benefit from our efforts. However, this process could take months or years to yield any results for Lakeland Ridge and we have no way of knowing if the end result will be a/c units for our portables. What we do know is that students and staff will continue to suffer from extreme heat and its impact on the quality of their education experience. This is why parent leadership will continue to advocate and explore solutions.

How can you help?

1. Respond to the PAS survey on temperatures in portables (coming soon)
2. Write/email to the EIPS board trustees

If you do write to the EIPS trustees, we'd appreciate a copy.

Thank you in advance,

Annette Hubick  
Chair, Lakeland Ridge Parent Action Society

### **Fort McMurray Families**

This spring, we have had 25 Fort McMurray students attending Lakeland Ridge School, displaced from their homes and community due to the wild fire that continues to burn. I must say that I have been so proud of our students, families and staff as they have embraced the opportunity to welcome



new students and their families to our school. Parents provided school supplies, donated diapers, toiletries and took them to the relief centres, provided cash that was donated to the Red Cross for relief efforts and provided fun and entertainment at a luncheon we held during our Professional Development day on April 13 for families and students from Fort McMurray in our school. The picture below is of a dance team (two members are current Lakeland Ridge students). These beautiful young women attended the luncheon, providing goodie bags to the students who were there and applied glitter tattoos to those interested. It is in the small acts of kindness that we are reminded of the human connection between us all.

to assess the damage. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with you as you face the challenges to come.

We know our Fort McMurray families will continue to struggle as they have the opportunity to visit their homes or what is left of them in the next few weeks as the province provides restricted access

## **Excellence in Teaching Semi-Finalist**

We were recently informed that Bonnie Edgecombe has been selected as a semi-finalist for Excellence in Teaching, following a rigorous selection process. Award recipients are honoured at a reception, dinner and awards presentation in June. We wish Mrs. Edgecombe continued success in this selection process.

## **Enrollment and Budget Update**

Currently, we are projecting 731 students for the school year 2016-17. This year's September 30 count was 737. 731 is only a projection, as we know families will move into and out of our school boundary over the summer. Currently we project 65 students in kindergarten, 63 students in grade one, 59 students in grade two, 79 students in grade three, 85 students in grade four, 75 students in grade five, 78 students in grade 6, 70 students in grade seven, 85 students in grade eight, and 72 students in grade nine.

Enrollments help determine our school's budget allocation and since our budget was just submitted in May, parents might like to know that Lakeland Ridge School received almost 4.5 million dollars for the upcoming school year. These funds support 35.4 teachers, counsellors and administrators making up 82% of our budget and 13 support staff including office, library and educational assistants making up 14% of our budget. That leaves 4% of our budget to cover anticipated expenditures for text books, library subscriptions, photocopying, supplies and materials, physical education equipment, art supplies, equipment, furniture, computers, and amortization of capital expenditures such as our school's bus, video surveillance system, storage shed, etc.

Things can and probably will change over the summer as students move in or out but at this point in time, this is our school's enrollment and budget snapshot.

## **New Report Cards for Lakeland Ridge School's Elementary Students in 2016-2017**

Lakeland Ridge is pleased to announce implementation of the Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) new elementary report cards for the 2016-2017 school year. Developed by EIPS and piloted by eleven elementary schools this year, the report cards are designed to enhance communication about student progress in grades 1 to 6.

In 2014, EIPS established a Communicating Student Learning committee, made up of parents, teachers, administrators, trustees, and central office staff. Using feedback from close to 1,000 parents and 400 principals and teachers, the committee has developed an innovative reporting system focused on student achievement in academic outcomes and learner attributes.

Teachers will continue to assess all areas of the current programs of studies. However, student learning will be reported using a five-point numeric scoring scale. Teachers will communicate student achievement in clear, parent-friendly language for each subject providing personalized information about each student in relation to learner attributes, areas of strength, areas for growth, and next steps. The current Excellent, Proficient, Acceptable, Limited (EPAL) scale will no longer be used.



## Student Transportation: 2016-2017 Registration is now open

If your child will take a bus to school during the 2016-2017 school year, please make sure to register as soon as possible. Families currently accessing transportation will soon receive tentative route schedules and invoices. Transportation fees are due by **June 30, 2016**.

If you have questions about registration, invoicing, or if your child isn't currently registered for bus service and you'd like to access transportation for the 2016-2017 school year, please contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151 or email [st@eips.ca](mailto:st@eips.ca).

**NOTE:** Student Transportation is open all summer, so if you have any questions about registration or invoicing please contact EIPS' Student Transportation at 780-417-8151 or by using the online contact form at [www.eips.ca/contact](http://www.eips.ca/contact).



### Little Elk Island Adventures: 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. The children, and parents, then hop on the bus to practice what they've learned and adventure out on a short ride.

The Little Elk Island Adventure is for **first-time school bus riders** entering the 2016–2017 school year. Sessions and times are available at these locations:

Location	Date	Time
EIPS Central Office	August 23	5 p.m.
EIPS Central Office	August 23	6:30 p.m.
EIPS Central Office	August 24	5 p.m.
EIPS Central Office	August 24	6:30 p.m.
EIPS Central Office	September 2	10:30 a.m.
Fort Christian/Fort Elementary	August 25	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 this year's Little Elk Island Adventure, visit <http://goo.gl/forms/cJIUleWobq>.

More information regarding busing for Kindergarten students can be found at: [www.eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq](http://www.eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq).



## Summer Office Hours

Lakeland Ridge School will be closed from June 30 - August 23. The school will reopen on August 24 at 8:00 am. If you have school-related questions or concerns while the school is closed you can contact the principal at [karla.satchwell@eips.ca](mailto:karla.satchwell@eips.ca) or Central Office at Elk Island Public School - the office will be open all summer to complete year-end activities and prepare for the 2016-2017 school year

### EIPS Central Office Summer Hours (July and August)

Open Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm  
Phone 780-464-3477  
Address 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park

### Statutory Holidays

Closed Friday, July 1 Canada Day  
Closed Monday, August 1 Heritage Day

*NOTE:* Student Transportation will also 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.

## Software Upgrade Notice for Online payments

If you are currently using a computer with the operating system Microsoft Windows XP, Microsoft Windows Millennium, or earlier versions, you will want to be aware of a new security upgrade that takes effect July 1, 2016. Encryption securities around the world are being upgraded on that date. The upgrade will improve security for all online banking and online purchasing systems. If you are using an operating system less than Microsoft Windows 7, you will no longer be able to use online banking or online purchasing tools including the Division's online payment system, ACORN.

If you are using an operating system that came out earlier than Microsoft Window 7, please upgrade your computer's operating system to conduct any online banking or purchasing. *NOTE:* The security upgrade doesn't affect Apple users.

For more information visit <https://support.cloudflare.com/hc/en-us/articles/205043158-PCI-3-1-and-TLS-1-2>.

## Alberta Birthday Flag

As part of this year's Alberta Birthday Flag Contest, students throughout Alberta are invited to vote for an Alberta flag they like most. The winning flag will be flown each year on September 1 to celebrate Alberta's Birthday Celebration Extravaganza. For more information, or to vote, visit [www.rancheeducation.com/flag-contest/](http://www.rancheeducation.com/flag-contest/). Alternatively, email [happybirthdayalberta@gmail.com](mailto:happybirthdayalberta@gmail.com).

## **Tools for School: Now taking orders**

Lakeland Ridge has once again partnered with the United Way for the 2016-2017 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. This spring, the Tools for Schools program also supplied back packs for our displaced Fort McMurray families.

If you are a parent, or know a parent, who needs access to the program, please contact the school directly. We will respectfully distribute the backpack to your child at the beginning of the 2016-2017 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 will be located at various businesses in the community during the summer months, including Staples and Central Office at Elk Island Public Schools. All supplies donated within our community will be invested back into education in our region.

For more information about Tools for School, contact Sherry Janke at Lakeland Ridge at 780-416-9018 or call our Central Office at 780-464-3477.



### **HUGE Shout-out to Nitza's Pizza**

The Leadership classes would like to recognize and thank Peter, owner of Nitza's Pizza on Wye Road, for the very generous donation of 105 personal sized pizzas for all the students who participated at the 2016 Wake-a-thon this past weekend. Thanks so much Nitza's!!!!!!

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- Cooking
- Gramp Camps
- Get Messy with Art
- Mad Science
- Extreme Babysitting
- Minecraft
- LEGO
- Drone Mania
- Ultimate Videos
- Make a Video Game

- Golf Lessons
- Summer Slammers Basketball
- Summer Spikers Volleyball
- Sherwood Park Volleyball

**Register online today!**



Visit [www.eipscontinuinged.ca](http://www.eipscontinuinged.ca) for all summer school programs.



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- Minecraft
- LEGO Films & Stop Action
- Ultimate Videos
- Make Your First 3D Video Game
- Summer Slammers Basketball
- Summer Skikers Volleyball
- Sherwood Park Volleyball Camp

**Program options also available to current Grade 9's:**

- Extreme Film Studies
- Extreme Audio/Music Technology
- Extreme Graphic Design & Photography
- Career & Life Management
- Physical Education 10



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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 Library Materials Due	11	
12	13 Day 2 Hot Lunch PAC Meeting 6:30pm (Library)	14 Day 3 Athletics Awards 1:30pm	15 Day 4 Gr.6 PAT - ELA Part B	16 Day 5 Gr.6 PAT - Math Lakeland Has Talent 1pm	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 Staff Appreciation Lunch Jr High Locker Cleanout	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 SS Exam Gr.3-6 Track Meet Hot Lunch (Gr.1-6)	25	
26	27 Day 6 Gr.7 & 8 Science Exam Gr.9 at SAL or BFH	28 Day 1 Gr.7 & 8 Math Exam *Last Day of School	29 No School Report Card Pickup 10-11am *Last Operational Day for Staff	30			

**Back to School Important Dates:**

August 29  
August 30  
Sept. 7  
Sept. 13

Junior High Welcome & Orientation at 2pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Day of School  
Early Dismissal  
Meet The Staff Muffin Morning