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December 2016

Principal's Message

We have just wrapped up the busy month of November. Although we had the fall break to enjoy, there were many activities to take part in. Including Rocks and Rings, Remembrance Day Assembly, and intramurals to name a few.

During the last couple of weeks, in alignment with anti-bullying week, Ms. Maier has been leading classes in grades five to nine through the blanket exercise. The blanket exercise actively teaches students about the Canadian history and current relationship between indigenous and non-indigenous people. For more information on the blanket exercise please visit www.kairosblanketexercise.org.

November also saw the wrap up of volleyball season for all four of our junior high teams. We are extremely proud of our Wolves, not only for their play, but for how they represented our school at various games and tournaments. Thank you to all of our coaches and parents for the support you provided the students. With the end of volleyball, it signals the beginning of basketball season as tryouts are in full swing. We look forward to a terrific season of play.

On Wednesday, November 30th our Junior High report cards were sent home, and the new Elementary Communicating Student Learning report cards were available online. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the academic or behavioural progress of your student, please contact their teacher. For all of our elementary parents and guardians, please take a moment to complete the following survey, www.bit.ly/CSL16-17, as your feedback on the report card is extremely important.

Also, please remember to RSVP for our Christmas Festival occurring on Thursday, December 8 from 6:30-8:00pm. We are looking forward to celebrating with you and your family. The theme this year is Christmas Around the World. Children will be provided with a passport when they enter the school, which they can get stamped as they travel around to different classrooms and enjoy the various activities. We look forward to seeing you all there!

One of my families favourite activities during the month of December is to travel around Sherwood Park and surrounding areas to look at all of the lights and decorations that people have put up. We love the awe, wonder and beauty it provides, but what we truly enjoy is just spending time with each other. Whatever your family traditions or beliefs are during this season, I would encourage you to take moments from your day to enjoy time with your family and friends.

May this season truly be a season filled with peace and joy!

Ryan Marshall

Lakeland Choir

The Lakeland Ridge Choir performed at the Festival of Trees on Friday November 25th, 2016. Mrs. Rice & Ms. Li were so proud of the students. Special thank you to the Parent Action Society for funding this amazing fieldtrip.



Counsellor's Corner

The holiday season brings about excitement with lights, decorations, and time with family and friends. It is also a time of year that can be very stressful and busy. With all the hustle and bustle of the season, the need for time management and setting priorities are crucial. Research has shown that families who spend quality time together have a stronger emotional bond and enhances communication among family members.

It is helpful to make an effort to schedule time in the busy calendar for quality time and family activities. Some ideas of activities include holiday baking, go for a walk together to enjoy lights in the neighborhood, build a snowman, create holiday cards together, sit down for breakfast as a family, or cozy up together with a good book or a board game. There are also many holiday activities/festivals and light displays in Sherwood Park and Edmonton that your family can visit. These are all great activities that do not involve electronics or screen time. Participating in family activities such as these for even 20 minutes a day can promote academic growth and learning for children as well as promote emotional well-being. With all of the demands of our regular schedule, plus the added stress of the season, it is important to be intentional in your time management. "Family time" doesn't have to require a lot of pre-planning or need to take a great deal of time. It is a great opportunity to ensure that your family is connecting and creating new memories.

Kenda Cruikshank

Student-Led Math Tutoring – December

December has arrived and so have report cards! Being proactive about your math grades will improve your future report cards. If you need some extra help in Math, Mrs. Moravec runs a Student-Led Math tutoring program for grades 3-9 at lunch in her classroom, Room 231. Bring your lunch and some math to work on. Check the calendar on the Announcements Board for days tutoring is available in December. Look forward to seeing you there!

December Habit 2 – Begin with the end in mind

Look ahead to know what the finish line looks like!

Tip of the month:

Set a goal! Once you have set a goal, take the steps to achieve your goal. One step at a time in the right direction will bring you closing to crossing your finish line.

How do you set a goal? Be SMART about it:

Specific – don't overwhelm yourself with too big of a goal

Measurable – ask yourself "How will you know you have met your goal?"

Action-orientated – take steps to reach your goal

Realistic – ask yourself "Can I achieve this?"

Timely – plan ahead to stay on top of your goal!

Library News

Our library learning commons is looking for parent volunteers to help with shelving books. If you love organizing and are available for an hour or two per week, please contact Ms. Lake at trisha.lake@eips.ca. Thank you!

Kindergarten Registration Starts Soon!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2017? If so, it's almost time to register for Kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration opens for the 2017–2018 school year on **Jan. 16, 2017**. To register, bring your completed [Student Registration Form](#) to the school you're enrolling your child in along with proof of your child's name, residence, date of birth and citizenship. If you're planning to register for Kindergarten at SouthPointe School, the new school in Fort Saskatchewan opening in the 2017–2018 school year, you can submit a registration form to any elementary school in Fort Saskatchewan. The school will make sure your registration package is delivered to the principal at SouthPointe School.

To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online toolkit to make the transition as smooth as possible. The kit includes information on registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, how to find your designated school, transportation and more. Find it by visiting www.eips.ca/programs-services/kindergarten.

Additional information regarding Lakeland Ridge Kindergarten program, can be found on our school website at www.lakelandridge.ca

NOTE: To be eligible for Kindergarten in the 2017–2018 school year, children must be five years old on, or before, Dec. 31, 2017.

Boundary Exemption Request Process

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) boundary exemption request process for the 2017–2018 school year takes place from February 1 to April 7. The boundary exemption request process is the only time of year EIPS students—in Kindergarten to Grade 12—wishing to attend a non-designated school in the upcoming school year can apply to do so. Interested families must fill out a Boundary Exemption Request Form and submit it directly to their requested school.

The Boundary Exemption Request Form—available as of Jan. 9, 2017—and additional information about the boundary exemption request process, schools with closed boundaries and frequently asked questions can be found by visiting www.eips.ca/schools/boundaries.

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

Final decisions will be made by April 12, 2017.

Winter Break

Lakeland Ridge School will close for the winter break on December 23, 2016 and will reopen on January 9, 2017.

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) Central Office will be open January 3-6. 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 Break

Closed	December 26 - January 2
Open	January 3 - 6 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 9, 2017. 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

With 2016 now winding down and the winter break just around the corner, I want to take this time to extend warm holiday wishes to all our students, staff and families. On behalf of the Elk Island Public Schools Board of Trustees, we hope you and your loved ones have a wonderful holiday season with happiness that follows you throughout the New Year.

We look forward to seeing everyone back to school on Monday, Jan. 9, 2017.

Thank you and best wishes,

Trina Boymook
EIPS Board Chair

Attendance Boundaries: New School in Sherwood Park

Thank you to all the parents, students, staff and community members who took the time to complete the online survey concerning the first phase of the boundary-update process for

northeast Sherwood Park. The Division is currently reviewing the information collected to help inform its process as it develops attendance-boundary options for the new school in Davidson Creek and surrounding area. In the new year, the Division will again ask for your feedback regarding the proposed boundary options. Stay tuned to www.eips.ca for updates.

Share your Thoughts: Report card survey

Elk Island Public Schools is asking all of our families to complete a brief survey regarding the new CSL elementary report cards currently being piloted at our school. The Division wants to fully understand:

- how well the achievement-level categories are defined in the report card
- if users find the digital report card easy to access and navigate
- what aspects of the report card users like
- what aspects of the report card can be improved

Please take a moment to complete the five-minute survey. Your feedback will help the Division as it moves forward with the implementation of the new CLS elementary report card. The website is, www.bit.ly/CSL16-17, the survey closes **Jan. 8, 2017**.

Noon Hour Supervision

We are looking to hire a noon hour supervisor. Have fun working 1 hour a day with great students! Hours are 12:00PM-1:00PM daily. If you are interested please stop by the school office and pick up an application.

School Council Report

School Council continues to enjoy good and engaged attendance at our meetings. November's meeting highlights included a tutorial on the new elementary report card, highlights of LLR's accountability pillar results and the opportunity to hear from our new principal, Mr. Ryan Marshall, about his philosophy, priorities and approach.

We were very pleased that Mr. Marshall responded so quickly to parents' concerns about the lunch eating time by adjusting the bell schedule. I know the extra five minutes has made a difference in reducing the amount of food that my kids bring home in their lunch bags.

SC vice chair Lyndsay Arndt, members of school administration team and I met with the owner of Icon Photography to discuss concerns that several parents had brought forward regarding quality. Icon was very receptive and agreed to several strategies to improve positive outcomes for next year:

- Guarantee that two senior photographers will be taking the photos.
- Incorporate the use of parent volunteers to "prep" students while in line for their photos.
- Provide a short instruction sheet that parents may choose to complete. E.g. "fix my kids hair/don't touch my kid", show teeth/don't show teeth (if possible—kids do have minds of their own ☺).

In the fall, the EIPS board holds meetings with all schools (in groups) to discuss their previous year's results and their current year's plans. Parents are invited to attend and I was glad to attend LLR's on November 28th. LLR was grouped with three other elementary-junior high schools from the division. It was interesting to hear the similarities and differences between the schools that are most "like us," and their approaches to achieving their goals and addressing concerns. I appreciate that EIPS trustees take this approach to learning about the schools and students upon whom their decisions impact instead of just relying on a composite numbers report for the whole division.

The next School Council meeting is at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 25, 2017.

The annual meeting calendar is now finalized. You can find out when we'll be talking about what, with the caveat that sometimes other topics come up. You will find it in the School Council section of the LLR website.

Wishing you a happy holiday season with an abundance of all the things that truly matter.

Annette Hubick Chair, LLR School Council, llrschoolcouncil@gmail.com

Parent Action Society Update

Hot Lunch Update

The hot lunch survey was answered by 125 people. This is an amazing response! Thank you to all who took the time to send us your thoughts. From the feedback, the decision has been made to continue to offer hot lunch every other week. The survey also garnered many suggestions for vendors. Terri is researching those options to determine what will work for our school. Hot lunch continues to be a success at Lakeland Ridge because of its parents and volunteers. Thank you to all!

Upcoming Fundraiser – Little Caesar's Pizza Kits

Once everyone is back from Christmas break, PAS will be holding another fundraiser. This time we will be offering Little Caesar's Pizza Kits for sale. More information will be coming so stay tuned!

Grant Money Received

Last spring the administration and PAS of LLR submitted a grant request as part of the Community Initiatives Program. I am happy to report that we have received \$10,000 of grant money (to be matched by PAS). The details of what we will be putting this money towards will be discussed at the next PAS meeting.

Money well spent!

Lately, PAS has allocated money to the following activities:

- Bussing students to the Festival of Trees at the Shaw Conference Center to perform
- Bringing in an artist in residence who will be at the school for a week interacting with all the student (more information will come out in the new year on dates and scope)

There are exciting things ahead for PAS in the new year. Decisions need to be made regarding the best use of the casino and grant funds. If you want your voice heard, join us Monday, January 16 at 7pm.

If there are events, fundraisers or ideas of how we can contribute to the school, email them to llrpaschair@gmail.com.

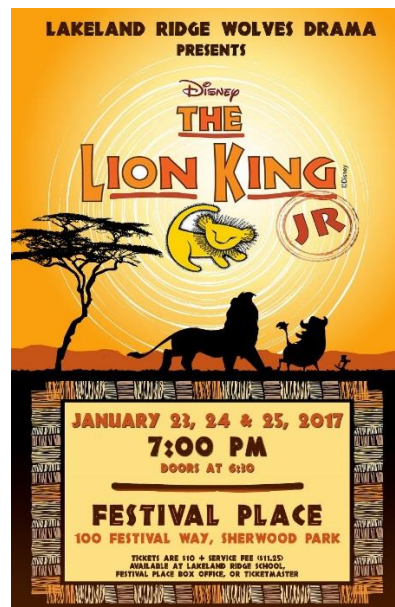
Michelle Lyster LLRPAS Chair

Wolves Guitar & Band

1. We will be doing a class exclusive **Wake-a-thon** on **December 9** from 7pm until December 10, 7am. All Wolves Guitar and Band students are expected to attend, as there will be extended music rehearsal, team building activities, and other games organized for the duration of the Wake-a-thon.

Thank you to parents who have already signed up to volunteer! If you haven't received an e-mail from me about the event, or if there is a change of plans and you couldn't volunteer anymore, please contact me as soon as possible.

2. Of course, don't forget our **Wolves Winter Concert!!** It's on Wednesday, **December 21, 2016**, 6:30pm at the Mukluk Gym. Musicians please arrive by 6:00pm for warm up. Wear a black shirt and a nice pair of jeans. Festive accessories optional.



Looking for a great family night out? Perhaps a Christmas gift for family, friends etc.? Look no further. Lion King Jr. hits Festival Place Jan 23-25th. The shows start at 7:00PM and ends at approximately 8:40PM. There are 3 different casts so each night's performance will be different than the other.

Tickets are available for purchase;

- At the school office for \$11.25 each (cash, cheque payable to Lakeland Ridge, debit) through to January 20/17 upon availability
- Ticketmaster for \$11.25 + **Ticketmaster Service Fee**
- Festival Place Box Office \$11.25
- Online through the Parent Portal from Dec 1/16 through to January 10/17. Tickets purchased online up to and including December 18/16 will be distributed to students on December 19/16. Tickets purchased online December 19 through to January 10 will be distributed to students January 13/17.

The discount deal of 3 for \$30 (1 ticket for each of the 3 evening performances) evening ticket package is only available at the school.



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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 Day 4	2 Day 5 Newsletter	3
4	5 Day 6 Hot Lunch	6 Day 1 Linking Generations	7 Day 2 Cash4Care Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal	8 Day 3 Christmas Festival 6:30-8:00	9 Day 4 Guitar/Band Wake a Thon	10
11	12 Day 5 Grade 6 DARE Grad	13 Day 6 Hot Lunch website opens	14 Day 1	15 Day 2	16 Day 3	17
18	19 Day 4 Hot Lunch	20 Day 5 Hot Lunch website closes Linking Generations	21 Day 6 Band Concert 6:30	22 Day 1	23 Day 2 Locker Clean Out	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Christmas Break					



January 2017

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Christmas Break					
8	9 Day 3 Classes Resume Hot Lunch (Boston Pizza)	10 Day 4 Linking Generations	11 Day 5 Cash4Care Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal	12 Day 6	13 Day 1	14
15	16 Day 2 Kindergarten Registration Begins	17 Day 3 Linking Generations Evening Visit	18 Day 4	19 Day 5 Dress Like a Lion King Character or Disney Character	20 Day 6 Newsletter LLR Jr. Basketball Tournament	21
22	23 Day 1 Hot Lunch (Panago)	24 Day 2	25 Day 3 Parent Council Meeting (6:30)	26 Day 4	27 Day 5	28
29	30 Day 6	31 Day 1 2 nd Semester Begins	Feb 1 Day 2	Feb 2 Day 3	Feb 3 Day 4	