

LAKEDELL SCHOOL "Inspiring Discovery, Learning and Success Together"



Principal's Report to School Council January, 2024



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Important Dates, Information & Feedback Sought!

- Consultation Meeting THIS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17th AT 6:00 PM. Please attend for more information, ask questions, give your opinions and ideas on the possibilities being discussed, or offer suggestions! Sign up for these meetings is found here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLScs1iT1EamTguuQNIZV8eQbo-lvK9FpXyLwp4q5FbSk9VCALg/viewform.
- Feedback is sought! Principals have been asked to gather feedback in relation to the following items:
 - The 2024 2025 School Calendar please take a look at the <u>proposed calendar</u> for the 2024 - 2025 school year and give any feedback that you may have by emailing or calling.
 - At November's Parent Council Meeting, Administrative Procedures were shared that were being revised. If you would also like to give your feedback on the Administrative Procedures attached if you haven't already had the opportunity, please read and again email or call as we would like to hear your thoughts! You will notice that some of the APs are highlighted. These highlights indicate parts that will be revised or possibly removed from the AP. Some will have revisions indicated as possible rewording. Others are further in the Draft/revision processes. If there is any confusion, please don't hesitate to reach out and we can figure it out together.

- AP 177 Draft
- AP 178 Draft
- AP 219 Draft
- AP 316 Draft
- AP 317 Draft
- AP 407 Draft
- Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools has created a Sports Council to help organize events during the school day promoting sport in our division. A Basketball Tournament between schools has been scheduled and Grades 4 - 6 boys and girls have begun practicing after school. We will attend the boys basketball tournament put on at Falun School, January 25th, followed by a trip to Queen Elizabeth School for the girls tournament on January 26th. More details and information will be shared with those students in relation to specific play times.

Celebrations & Acknowledgements

Our students shared a phenomenal Christmas Concert for those who were able to attend. The feedback and comments received were very positive from our community! Special thanks to all of the volunteers who made the Concert and later the Countdown to Christmas Activity Days such a success! Thank you for all of the donations for the basket items as well as the wooden bells for students to paint and decorate! Used as draw prizes for the last day of our Activity week, students were delighted to take them home to use as a decoration! Allowed to race down the hallways for "one-time only" for Whole School Bingo, crafting with two special seniors and their younger helpers from our community, listening to story presentations from a visit by Mr. Teplyske, our RCMP Community Resource Officers, and a whole pile of fun crafts and movement opportunities on our activity provided many opportunities for learning, creating, and school connection! A special thanks to families unable to volunteer for having the patience and organization to help your children participate in our theme days! We know and understand that lives are busy, time is precious, and that is what makes us grateful for the community in which we live. The way we can support each other in all that we do!

The Cheer team is excited about getting closer to their competition dates! Ms. Labrie and the volunteers have done an excellent job seeking donations and in their preparation for their competitions! Ms. Labrie has a plan to thank everyone who has donated to our program!

On The Education Side of Things and Coming Up

We have approval to complete a **Music Case Study with Robert Khoelman's-Cameron** that allows us to provide students with some experiential learning with music two periods per week until May 6! We are excited to see the impact that having a specialized music teacher will have for our school!

Jenille Leibel was also hired as an Educational Assistant using Jordan's Principle funding. A big welcome back to having her on staff at Lakedell School!

Progress Reports will be published on February 5th. Please check your PowerSchool regularly to check how your child is progressing, and please contact the classroom teacher with any questions or concerns.

During our PLC Days we have been busy working as a staff in the mornings using a Collaborative Response Model to improve student learning and opportunities and then enhancing our joint teacher efficacy through further collaboration and professional development in the afternoons. This helps us to set up Sprints which are specific, intentional, targeted interventions with an individual or small groups of students that may need more focus and support to achieve a curricular objective.

We are excited to be holding a contest for our students for the development of "YAL" buttons! What is YAL you are wondering? YAL represents the words YOU ARE LOVED and we are planning to reproduce one button from each grade to give to students to share a positive message with someone so that they know they are loved! The idea will be that once a button has been worn for awhile, it could be given to someone else when they need it, passing on the love from Lakedell School! We are hoping that in passing on positive thoughts and messages to others, we can share the sense of community and spirit of the Lakedell Community!

Volunteers Needed

Now that the weather is ice-making weather, volunteers are still needed for making and maintenance of our ice rink. Over the break, a parent was able to supervise a load of water onto it, and was looking into seeing where we might attain more loads of water when the severe cold snap hit. Please contact the school if you are able to help with getting the rink ready and its maintenance so that we can pass on your number to our volunteer coordinator.

The Poker Rally is fast approaching and it is an event that provides our community schools with much needed funding for some of the extras that all students benefit from. If you are able to sign up to volunteer, please use this link: https://volunteersignup.org/KF4TH.

As always, we thank you for all of your support in being our key partners in education! If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to provide your feedback on key items, please do not hesitate to contact the school at (780)586-2415, or email me at stacey.fiveland@wrps11.ca.

Sincerely,

Stacey Fiveland Principal, Lakedell School