

Lakedell School

NEWSLETTER

Welcome Back To School!

My name is Stacey Fiveland and I have big shoes to fill as the new Lakedell School Principal, as Donald Teplyske begins to enjoy his retirement. We wish him all the best!

It was absolutely wonderful to see all of the students back in Lakedell School after the summer break! I am constantly in awe of the spirit of welcomeness whenever anyone walks through these doors! I have appreciated their patience, as well as your patience as I learn everyone's names!

Speaking of welcoming! I welcome all parents and guardians to please call me or come in to meet with me (you might want to call ahead on this one) if you have anything at all you would like more information on, ideas for our school, or questions or concerns you would like to share with me. If we can assist you, we certainly will! And if we can't, we will do our best to get the information requested at a later date.

Adam Kanso will be joining Mrs. Jensdottir and the grade 5/6 class as they prepare to transition while Mrs. Jensdottir is on maternity leave. We welcome him to our school as well.

If last week is an example of what the rest of the year will be, then we are going to have a fabulous year! I look forward to the great school year that 2023 - 2024 at Lakedell School will be!

Sincerely,

Stacey Fiveland

Paper copies of Calendars will be placed in the agendas monthly. If you would like paper copies of the Newsletter please contact the office

Did you know?

A school handbook came home within your child's class agenda book. Please review it, and if you have additional questions, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Staff In Our Building

- Stacey Fiveland, Principal
- Vivian Smith, Administrative Assistant
- Laura Lowther, Kindergarten (0.5), Inclusion Coach (0.25) and Literacy Teacher (0.25)
- Stephanie Kelly, Grades 1 & 2
- Cathy Wyley, Grades 3 & 4
- Anna Jensdottir, Grades 5 & 6
- Tammy Southern, Educational Assistant
- Lyric Labrie, Educational Assistant
- Kandice Wynia, Family School Liaison Worker
- Warren Washburn, Indigenous Support Worker
- Peyton Schneider, Mental Health Capacity Builder
- Terrie Stewart, WRPS Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP)
- Debbie Van Den Brink, Custodian

**UPCOMING EVENTS!
CHECK THE CALENDAR ON
THE FOLLOWING PAGE
FOR DATES & TIMES**

- Welcome Back to School - Family Scavenger Hunt & Meet the Staff - (hot dog, chips, and juice provided)
- Rod Drebert Run
- Orange Shirt Day Presentation
- Terry Fox Fundraiser

Our FSLW, Kandice Wynia is currently away, but we are lucky to have someone equally as knowledgeable and experienced as Connie Slevinsky covering her position until she returns.

Lakedell School Website - our website is being updated to the most recent information. Please find access to key weblinks for parents on it!

www.lakedellschool.ca



September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			30 Welcome Back!	31 Kindergarten (K) 1st Group Staggered Entry	1	2
3	4 No School Labour Day	5 Kindergarten (K) 2nd Group Staggered Entry	6	7 Kindergarten (K) Whole Class	8	9
10	11 BBQ, Scavenger Hunt & Meet the Teacher (4 - 7pm)	12 K	13	14 K	15 Firedrill	16
17	18	19 K	20 Rod Drebert Run Grades 3 - 6	21 K Orange Shirt Day Presentation	22 No School for students PLC Day	23
24	25	26 K Terry Fox Run 2pm	27	28 K	29 No School National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	30

A MUSICAL OPPORTUNITY COMES TO LAKEDELL!

Register by clicking on the Google Form Link:

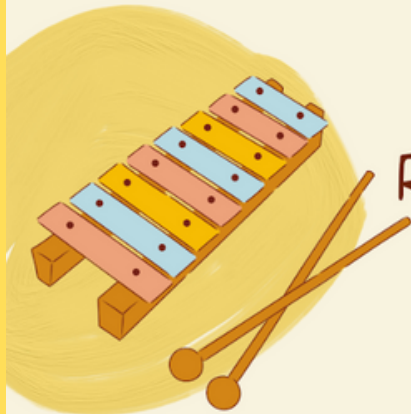
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AFTER SCHOOL MUSIC WITH MS. ROBERTA

**WEDNESDAYS
SEPT 13-DEC 13TH
3:45-4:45P.M.**



Register by Sept 8th
with google forms.
Link provided
separately.



COST

**\$10 per class, total
\$120 for 12 classes**



Please contact Ms. Roberta with any questions that you have as the school may not have the answers.

Please contact her by emailing
Singingberta@gmail.com
or by finding her on Facebook

Lakedell After School Music Program

This program will be for grades 1-6 and will take place Wednesdays after school from 3:45-4:45. We will be learning basic music skills such as rhythm reading, note reading, instrument techniques and adding movement as well as singing in a fun environment (based on the ORFF music method). My name is Roberta Koelmans-Cameron and I have over 17 years of experience teaching music in school and privately.

Check out my webpage for more info:

<https://mwmr.my.canva.site/>

We will be meeting from September 13th until Dec 13th (following the school schedule).

Cost is only \$10 per class and the number of classes is 12. The total cost is \$120 to be paid before Sept 29th.

Cash or e-transfer to singingberta@gmail.com

LAKEDELL SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

AND

LAKEDELL SCHOOL PARENT FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Welcome to all new and returning Lakdell School Families! The Lakedell School Parent Council and Lakedell School Parent Fundraising Committee is looking forward to this school year and welcome all families to get involved. We do our best to provide experiences and opportunities to all students throughout the school year. Activities such as swimming, skiing, Alien Inline, playground equipment & meals have been supplied to students at no charge over the past few years. This is only possible through volunteerism and fundraising efforts.

We encourage your family to get involved by attending a meeting, volunteering at upcoming fundraising events. There will be open positions on the parent council executive due to students moving on to grade 7. If you are interested in any of the volunteer positions or how to get involved please reach out to the school 780-586-2415.

Our first meeting will be October 3, 2023 at 4 pm at the Lakedell School. Please come out and join us. Babysitting is available during the meeting.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Watch for details on the following:

Grandview Haunted Barn - Fall 2023
volunteers needed

Bear Tracks Ice Melt Fundraiser - Fall 2023

Meals by Moms - Volunteers needed

West of the 5th Poker Run - February 2024
- Volunteers needed!

If you are new to
Lakedell School
please opt in!!!

Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of “Y” or “Yes” to our school’s short code number:

For **CANADA-BASED** numbers: **978338**

For **US-BASED** numbers: **61569** (see next page for QR code)

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with “Stop”.

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge™, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.



*if your number is Canada-based.

Opt-In from
your mobile
now!



Just send “Y” or
“Yes” to
978338.

(For Canada-based numbers).

*Terms and Conditions – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See schoolmessenger.com/txt for more info.

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please sign up!!!

Frequently Asked Questions

SafeArrival for Families FAQ

What is SafeArrival?

SafeArrival is an absence management system that improves student safety and makes it easy for you to let the school know about your child's absence.

You are asked to report your child's absence in advance whenever possible using one of these convenient methods:

SchoolMessenger app (free)

1. Provide your email address to the school.
2. Get the app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>).
3. Tap **Sign Up** to create your account.
4. Select **Attendance** from the menu, and then select **Report an Absence**.

Web and Mobile Web: go.schoolmessenger.com

1. Provide your email address to the school.
2. Go to the website.
3. Click **Sign Up** to create your account.
4. Select **Attendance** from the menu, then select **Report an Absence**

Interactive Toll-free Phone

1. Call the toll-free, interactive telephone system.
2. Follow the instructions to report an absence.

Absences can be reported in advance:

- 24 hours/day
- 7 days a week
- For any school day in the school term
- Up to the cut-off time on the day of the absence.

Whenever an absence is reported or updated, you will receive a confirmation notice by email and/or text message (assuming you have provided your contact information to the school).

If you don't report your child's absence in advance, the automated notification system will try to contact you (using your communication preferences if you have set them up in the SchoolMessenger app). This may include push notifications to the app, email, SMS text messages, or phone calls. You will be asked to provide the reason for your child's absence immediately. You may do so using the phone line, website or mobile app.

If an absence is not explained within approximately 20 minutes of the time that the school starts the notification process, school staff will follow up to make sure that your child is safe. If you try to explain an absence using SafeArrival, but are then told that it is past the cut-off time, please contact the school directly.

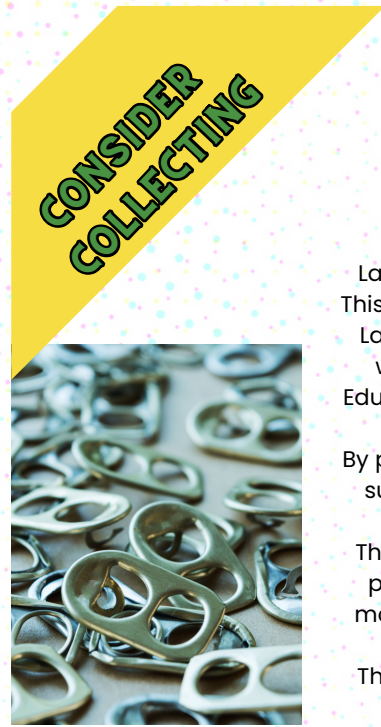
If you don't want to receive notifications when your child is absent, be sure to report your child's absence in advance.

If you do receive notifications of your child's absence, be sure to provide the reason as quickly as possible, using one of the methods listed above or during the phone call notification itself.



We want to invite the Lakedell School families to participate in the Wetaskiwin Co-op School Equity Program, which allows schools to earn equity on purchases.

Lakedell's number is **82415** and at the till, customers at all Wetaskiwin Co-op locations have the option to use that membership number. The equity earned from each of these purchases will be calculated based on Wetaskiwin Co-op's fiscal year, November 1st – October 31st and 100% of the equity earned will be paid out to the school. Thank you for your support!



PULL TAB PROJECT FOR CHILDREN WITH DIABETES

Lakedell School will be collecting pull-tabs again. This project is sponsored by the Lions Club of Pigeon Lake who converts the tabs collected into dollars which are managed by the Pediatric Diabetes Education Centre at the Stollery Children's Hospital in Edmonton.

By pulling the tabs, you can help a parent to buy life sustaining diabetes equipment and supplies for their child!

The local schools in our area will be collecting the pull-tabs to see which school has collected the most by weight and the winner will receive a prize from the Lions Club of Pigeon Lake.

Thank you for making a difference to the children and families struggling with Diabetes.

Bus & Absence Routines



You will notice signage in the parking areas and laneway of the school; please observe them to maximize student safety.

To reduce morning congestion in front of the school—and to avoid bus-car-truck conflicts—we want parents to drive into the second entrance (by the ice rink), 'drop' their children at the east end of the school, and then proceed out the 'main' entrance. We are hoping this will reduce the number of parent vehicles that are sometimes 'in the way' of the buses.

Please do not drop-off your children before 8:20. Thank you for your cooperation!

As always let us know when your child is going to be absent; use the SafeArrival WRPS app, text the teacher, call the office or write a note in the agenda the day before. We need to know that your child is not going to be at school.

If you are making changes to the bus routine (for example, your child is going to a friend's house) you must tell us. We will not arrange a bus change based on your child's say so. If you are picking up your child at the end of the day, please wait at your vehicle until the buses depart; Your children will be dismissed to you once you are recognized. It helps if you step out of your vehicle so that we can see your face.

It is so important for children to arrive 'on-time' for school. **Teachers begin formal teaching at 8:45, but prior to that students have the opportunity to practice reading, writing, and math skills, and to get organized for the day. When children habitually arrive later than 8:30, their learning is impacted.**