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## Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year. It has been an exciting start-up to the school year with over 150 new students joining our Wolf Pack. An extra welcome to all of our new students and families.

Coming back to school can cause a variety of emotions in students and parents. Some students are excited to see their friends again, to learn new concepts, and expand their skills, while others may feel a bit nervous about what lies ahead. Parents feel similar emotions. Some parents are thrilled to get back into a regular routine and see their children return to school, while others have shed a few tears as they see their child enter the school door. Whatever emotions your family have felt to start this school year, it is our desire to make this the best possible year for our entire school community!

Thank you to all of our parents who were able to attend Meet the Teacher Night on September 12. The night provided a chance for parents to hear what is happening in the school, as well as meet their child's teacher(s). If you were unable to attend, please know that our staff are always open to communicating with you and talking about ways to support and encourage your child.

We would like to welcome the following staff to our school:

Mrs. Lori Wlos – 2-2  
Mr. Michael Mackney – 3-1  
Mrs. Darcey Spalj – 4-1  
Mrs. Sabrina Weller – 4-2 (PM), 1-1 (AM), 3-1 (AM)  
Mrs. Carla Kokotailo – 5-2  
Mrs. Amy Lovell – 6-2  
Ms. Laura Dahl – Junior High Social and Drama  
Ms. Kristin Oleksyn – Junior High Math and Science  
Ms. Jennifer Ference – Assistant Principal

The following staff are not new to our school, but are teaching a different grade this year:

Mrs. Kay Travis – 6-1

September is a full month with many activities planned. Our first week of school saw all of our students spend time learning about being a leader through the Leader in Me program. I would encourage our parents to talk with their child about what they learned throughout the week. Volleyball, cross country and our elementary fun club are already in full swing. Some of the activities still to come are:

Linking Generations Information Session on September 18  
Parent Council Meeting at 6:30pm on September 18  
Elder Wilson is visiting our school on September 19  
Picture Day on September 20  
Parent Action Society Meeting at 6:30pm on September 20  
Terry Fox run on September 21  
Junior High Academic, Athletic and Fine Arts Awards night on September 26

We are thrilled to be hosting a movie night on September 28. Thank you to our Parent Action Society for funding and planning this event. We invite all of our parents and students to join us in the Kona and Mukluk gym for the showing of Guardians of the Galaxy and a silent auction. The movie will begin at 6:30 PM.

I hope everyone has a terrific year. Please know that if you ever have a question, concern, or just want to chat, please drop by for a visit, or give me a call.

## Junior High Awards

Our annual junior high awards ceremony will take place on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Kona Gymnasium. This event celebrates the academic, sports, and drama achievements of students in the 2017-2018 school year. We will be recognizing students for achievement in individual subject areas as well as merit, honor & distinction recipients. Students receiving awards will be notified by September 17<sup>th</sup>.

## School Picture Day



School photos for ECS A – Grade 9 will be taken on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. **ECS Track B** photos will be taken of Tuesday September 18<sup>th</sup>. Please mark this date on your calendar. Retakes are booked for Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

We are looking for parent volunteers to help on school picture day to help organize students. If you have time in the morning or afternoon to help, please email Mrs. Shrimpton at [Jennifer.Shrimpton@eips.ca](mailto:Jennifer.Shrimpton@eips.ca). Thank you.



## Library Learning Commons News

We are so excited to start a new school year in the Library Learning Commons! We opened for classes on Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, after signing out textbooks for the first few days. Students will come to exchange books as a class once per six-day cycle and are welcome to individually exchange books more frequently if they would like.

We would be very grateful to hear from any **parent volunteers** interested in helping out in the library learning commons. We particularly need help with shelving books. If you love books and enjoy organizing things, it is a fun way to spend an hour! Please email [trisha.lake@eips.ca](mailto:trisha.lake@eips.ca). Or pop into the Library Learning Commons to introduce yourself!



## Don't get a Ticket....

There has been an increased police presence around the school to ensure students are safe on their way to and from school. Police have handed tickets out for the following:

- Stopping in the bus lane
- Failure to come to a complete stop
- Speeding

A reminder that when a vehicle turns left onto Crimson Drive from the parking lot before 4pm, parents may be ticketed as there are cameras. Please help to keep our students safe.



## Stay Informed

We know that there is a lot happening at Lakeland; therefore, it is so important for us to keep students and families informed. Here are the best ways to stay informed:

- Sign up for Synervoice emails. Synervoice is used to give important information out quickly! If you haven't yet subscribed, simply visit [www.eips.ca/contact/synrevoice](http://www.eips.ca/contact/synrevoice)
- Check the school web site regularly at [www.lakelandridge.ca](http://www.lakelandridge.ca). The web site includes important information like the calendar, upcoming events, newsletters, email contact for the staff, and "e-teacher" pages for students and their families to access information about their learning. It is kept updated regularly, and provides a wealth of information to help you.
- Read the newsletter. Our school newsletter comes out early every month. It can be read one of 2 ways:
  1. School Website (preferred method) go to [www.lakelandridge.ca](http://www.lakelandridge.ca)
  2. Email - go to <http://bit.ly/2xuUlrz> to sign up.
- Parents of students can also check the PowerSchool Parent Portal for information about their child's progress and attendance. If you need more information about using PowerSchool, please call Mrs. Janke in the office.
- Follow us on Facebook and Twitter

AND if in doubt call and ask – Its always best to get information from the source!

## Drama Parent Information Meeting

As we begin a new year with a new teacher heading our drama department, there may be some questions and concerns about this year's program. Ms. Dahl will be having a parent information meeting on Tuesday, September 18th from 5:30-6:30 pm in room 240, for all of those interested. We will discuss plans for this year as well as volunteer opportunities for parents!

**Admazing Savings (Formally known as Student Union Ticket Packs) ARE BACK at Lakeland!**

The Admazing Savings coupon book sale is back at Lakeland Ridge! These coupon books contain over \$20,000.00 in savings and only cost \$25.00. These are quite popular and families are often searching for places to purchase them. **Our school receives \$10.50 from every book sold!!** We encourage you to take orders for your family, friends, coworkers/neighbors etc. Your child will receive an order form by September 14th. If you should require an additional form please contact the office. Orders will be due September 21st (phase 1) and September 28th (phase 2). Books will be delivered the following week.

**Calling All Grades 6-9 Students & Parents Who Want to Get Involved in Lakeland Ridge Drama!**



The Lakeland Ridge Drama program will be performing Willy Wonka Jr at Festival Place February 4-6, 2019. All students in grades 6-9 are welcome to be involved in the production as an actor or as a technician. In addition, we will be looking for parents who are interested in helping with the production (set construction, costume creation, supervision, etc.). Your child does not have to be involved for you to help out with the production.

Please contact [laura.dahl@eips.ca](mailto:laura.dahl@eips.ca) for more info.



**Orange Shirt Day - September 28**

Four years ago, Williams Lake, British Columbia hosted a memorial event for the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) School. Former students were given a chance to share their memories from their time at residential schools, and the community took a step toward reconciliation by acknowledging and honouring their experiences.

One student, Phyllis, told a story of having her brand new orange shirt taken away on her first day of residential school. The poignancy of her tale has inspired schools in British Columbia, and across Canada, to put on orange shirts of their own to celebrate reconciliation in their own communities. **Orange Shirt Day happens this year on September 28**, and is an opportunity for teachers, students, parents, and other community members to wear an orange shirt and open up a discussion on all aspects of residential schools.



## Milk Cards

Milk Cards are now available for purchase! The cost for a milk card is \$10 dollars for 8 milks. Milk will be available for students starting September 19<sup>th</sup> and milk cards will expire June 2019.

## Raising Dough

Each time the families of Lakeland Ridge School purchase a product at COBS Bread, (Lakeland Ridge branch), and they mention Lakeland Ridge School, COBS staff will process 5% of the total sale back to Lakeland Ridge School.

## Student Medication and Medical Concerns

If a parent/guardian requests that their child be administered medication while at school, he/she must complete a "Medication/Personal Care Request and Authorization" form. The completed form and medication should be brought to the school's main office. This form needs to be completed for every change in medication and dosage. Non-prescription drugs such as acetaminophen, cold remedies, and inhalants may not be administered to students without the signed consent forms.

If your child has a dangerous anaphylactic allergy to a particular substance, parents/guardians must complete an "Emergency Anaphylactic Allergy Alert" form. Parents/guardians are advised that the preferred location for the storage of Epi-pens and inhalers is in fanny packs worn by the student. If parents prefer that Epi-pens and/or inhalers be located in alternate locations, they must specify this on the form and sign the request. For the well-being of students, Elk Island Public Schools requires parents to complete medical forms on an ANNUAL basis and for every change in medication and dosage. If you require a form for medication, allergy alerts, or anaphylaxis please either fill out the appropriate form found on our website or contact Mrs. Shrimpton in the office to have one sent home with your son/daughter.

## Lunch Information



Elementary students in grades 1 to 6 eat lunch in their classroom with lunch supervisors provided. Each classroom has a microwave for students to use. Due to the high demand on our microwaves and the limited time in which to warm up lunch items, we would appreciate it if all items are cooked at home therefore only needing a short warm-up. Grades 7 and 8 students will eat their lunch in classrooms upstairs while grade 9's eat in the gathering area. They are also provided with microwaves for quick heat ups. Please note: The school does not supply utensils, so please send all required forks and spoons.

### Lakeland is "Nut-Aware"

In an attempt to make our school environment safe for all students, staff and visitors, Lakeland Ridge has a "Nut-Aware" strategy. Lakeland Ridge Staff would appreciate your help to maintain a safe community by keeping, all nuts and nut products out of school lunches, snacks, and

birthday treats ect; this includes peanuts, walnuts, cashews, almonds and all other tree nuts. Please read all food product labels carefully. We appreciate your help to make the school safe for every student. Lakeland Ridge has many students who suffer from severe nut allergies. Even trace amounts of a problem food can cause a life threatening anaphylactic reaction. As part of our nut aware strategy and in accordance with EIPS Administrative Procedures, there are procedures in place for life threatening allergies including - an individual medical plan, communication plans for staff, staff training and emergency response procedure.

## **Parents/Relative Visiting During School Hours**

ALL parents and/or relatives who volunteer or visit in the building or on the grounds are required to check in at the office (and pick up an ID tag) before going to your child's classroom or activity. We make this request for the safety and well-being of all of our students. Our staff and children need to know that every adult in our facility and on the grounds is someone that they can trust. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **Volunteers in Schools**

With a responsibility of protecting all of the students in its care, Elk Island Public Schools has a volunteer procedure which states that all volunteers, regardless of scope, will be required to annually sign a form including a declaration that they do not have a criminal record or a child welfare record, as well as agreeing to a confidentiality undertaking. Volunteers who have an increased level of personal contact with students, such as a coach or supervisor on an extended (overnight) field trip will also be required to complete an application form and provide the results of a criminal record check. The fee for the criminal record check is waived for all EIPS' volunteers. EIPS values and appreciates the efforts of all volunteers.

## **Friendly Reminder to Parents**

Please ensure that your child knows where he or she is to go at the end of the day and how they are to get there (bus, walk, being picked up). A good way to help your child with this information is to put a note in the agenda. This lets your child know where to go, and also helps teachers and other staff members ensure your child is going to the right place at the end of the day. Thank you for helping us keep your child safe. In some cases, parents are phoning the school daily to have messages passed along to students, but this too can cause undue anxiety for children as they wait for word from parents. As the school office is a very hectic place, especially at the beginning and end of the day, a child will not receive the message. This could mean your child is in an unsupervised and possibly unsafe situation after school.

## **No Child Without**

In our ongoing effort to provide safe and caring schools for our students, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) has completed its registration in the *No Child Without* program and all eligible schools, including Lakeland Ridge, are now enrolled. *No Child Without* is a joint program of the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation and the Lions Club of Canada. Through this program, registered children receive 24-hour MedicAlert coverage free of charge between their fourth and fourteenth birthdays. *No Child Without* waives all initial registration fees and ongoing membership costs during these years.

If your child has a serious medical condition or allergy and would benefit from MedicAlert services, please contact the school to obtain a program information pamphlet. You can then enroll in *No Child Without* by calling 1-877-282-5378 or online at [www.nochildwithout.ca](http://www.nochildwithout.ca). If your child is already registered with MedicAlert and you would like to enroll specifically in the *No Child Without* program, you must sign up by telephone at the number above.

More information about *No Child Without* is available at [www.nochildwithout.ca](http://www.nochildwithout.ca), by contacting the school office at 780-416-9018, or from EIPS' Communication Services department at 780-417-8225.

## Parent Action Society Update

Welcome to another great year at Lakeland Ridge School!

As you're marking up your busy calendars, here are a few important dates to be aware of:

- **September 12 at 7pm** - Meet the Teacher night. This will be held in the gym and you will have an opportunity to meet your child's teacher as well as other staff and parents.
- **September 20 at 6:30pm** - First PAS meeting of the year. Recap last year and plan for next year. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- **September 28 at 6:30pm** - Movie Night. This will be a free admission night that will include a silent auction. If you know of anyone we should connect with for donations please reply to this email and I will pass the suggestion along to the organizers.
- **October 23 at 6:30pm** - PAS AGM. We would love to see you there!

You should have all received the Hot Lunch newsletter. If you have not seen it or need a quick reminder. The website for ordering is [lakelandridge.hotlunches.net](http://lakelandridge.hotlunches.net). You will need to create a new account and use the access code **LRHL**. The deadline for orders is **Monday, September 18!!**

Hot lunch is our biggest fundraiser of the year. For a school our size, this program takes many people to run smoothly. If you are able to help out in any way (from hot lunch coordination to helping organize volunteers to helping distribute lunch) we would love to have you! The other 2 fundraisers we have planned include **ADmazing Coupon book** sales (in September) and **Little Caesars Pizza Kit** sales (in February).

And finally, there are a number of ways to connect with other parents within the LLR family. One of those ways is through the **Lakeland Ridge School Parent Facebook Group**. You can join at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/156715651067377>.

As always, if you have any suggestions for the year, pass them along!

Michelle Lyster  
Chair, LLR PAS





## Enhancing Literacy and Numeracy

As part of Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) ongoing efforts to enhance the literacy and numeracy of students in all grade levels, the Division is once again administering the STAR 360 and Math Intervention/Programming Instrument (MIPI) assessment tools in the 2018-19 school year. The tools focus on literacy and numeracy, are digitally based and offer an opportunity for students to demonstrate their learning. The goal: to provide timely information to teachers, help enhance classroom instruction and ensure student learning needs are identified.

In September and May, EIPS students in grades 1 through 12 will complete the STAR 360 assessment, which evaluates reading comprehension. The assessment takes approximately 20 minutes and can be taken on any digital device. Also in September, students in grades 2 through 10 will complete the MIPI assessment, which is a mathematic screening tool used to inform teachers about a student's math skills. For students in grades 7 through 10, the MIPI takes approximately 50 minutes and for students in grades 2 through 6 it takes approximately 20 minutes. The results of each offers the teacher a clearer picture about a student's learning needs and helps determine if subsequent instructional planning is required.

The scores of the assessments are not used towards a student's grade and there is no need to study ahead of time. Both simply provide the teacher with information to better understand where each student is in terms of reading comprehension and mathematic ability. If, after analyzing the results, it's determined a student can benefit from extra support, the teacher will contact the family to discuss possible support strategies.

For more information about the Division's STAR 360 and MIPI assessment tools, contact Deb Barron, the Director of Learning Supports, at 780-464-3477.

## Quick Facts: EIPS buses are all equipped with video surveillance

Did you know each EIPS bus is equipped with video surveillance? The video surveillance and equipment helps:

- ensure the safety of all students, drivers and property; and
- deter from destructive acts.

On a regular basis, EIPS Student Transportation reviews the video recordings, in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIP). The recordings assist the department with monitoring student and driver conduct, and may be used as evidence in a disciplinary matter.

For more information about the collection, use and disclosure of personal information, contact the EIPS FOIP co-ordinator at 780-464-3477.

## Caregiver Education Series

The Division, in partnership with Strathcona County and Elk Island Catholic Schools, is hosting a series of caregiver information sessions focused on ways to support youth mental health. The free sessions provide parents, caregivers, teachers and community members with information about challenges that can impact children and adolescents. Some of the session topics include: dealing with anxiety, teenagers and technology, cannabis, understanding depression and self-injury, test anxiety, building executive functioning skills, and limit setting.

Visit the [Division calendar](#) to see all scheduled caregiver sessions.

## Improving Home-School Communication

To enhance communication between families and schools, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) has developed a how-to guide entitled, "Communication Protocol for Schools." Topics include appropriate channels to use, standard formats and structures, timing and sequencing for regular and ongoing home-school communication, and ways to bring forward questions or concerns. Additionally, the manual offers useful tools and resources schools and families can use to enhance face-to-face meetings, emails and any social media efforts. The "Communication Protocol for Schools" is available at [www.eips.ca/download/40981](http://www.eips.ca/download/40981).

## Sync the School Calendar to Your Personal Calendar

Did you know you can sync the school calendar to your own personal calendar? You can. Just visit [www.lakelandridge.ca](http://www.lakelandridge.ca) and click on one of the following calendar options you want to subscribe to:

- Add to Google Calendar
- Subscribe to Calendar (Outlook)
- Download iCal

*NOTE:* Using a mobile device, these options are located above the calendar. Using a computer, these options are located below the calendar.

Once you click on the calendar option you want to subscribe to, follow the instructions. Within seconds, your personal calendar will contain all of **Lakeland Ridge School** important dates including holidays, school-closures days, planned activities, events and more.

## Pay School Fees Online!

School fee information for the 2018-19 school year is expected to be posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal by the end of September. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. To access your fee information, simply log in to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) and go to "Student Fees." There you can view your fees and pay them online using Visa, MasterCard or INTERAC Online—when available from your financial institution.

Don't forget to log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal regularly throughout the year. Fees are often added to your child's account to cover the cost of various school activities such as field trips, class projects, athletic-team fees and more. Additionally, junior high and senior high fees can change as courses are added and deleted—the course change deadline is **Friday September 21, 2018**.

If circumstances exist where you are unable to pay your student fees you can apply to have [fees waived](#) by submitting an [Application for a Waiver of Fees](#). The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2018.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines visit [www.eips.ca/schools/fees](http://www.eips.ca/schools/fees). Alternatively, contact Cathy Eyben at **Lakeland Ridge School** at 780-416-9016.

## Stay Connected: Subscribe to our news

As of the 2018-19 school year, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is moving to a new service provider for sending phone and email notifications to families, School Messenger. Families won't notice much of a difference—all email subscription are being transferred so, there is no need to re-subscribe.

If you're new to EIPS and want to start receiving Division news and update, or just want to review your subscription information, visit [www.eips.ca/contact/subscribe](http://www.eips.ca/contact/subscribe). Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) requires the Division to have direct consent before engaging in electronic communication with its families. Only those who have subscribed to receive emails will get information about Division and school-related news, such as newsletters, information about upcoming events, parent and community engagement opportunities, important school-based updates and more.

**NOTE:** Even if you're not subscribed, you will continue to receive emails regarding emergency situations and financial matters. Those who received notifications about high school attendance will also continue to receive those messages



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2	3 Labour Day - No School	4 Day 1	5 Day 2  Cash for Care Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal	6 Day 3	7 Day 4	8
9	10 Day 5 Hot Lunch Website Opens	11 Day 6	12 Day 1 Meet the Teacher Night (7:15)	13 Day 2	14 Day 3 Newsletter	15
				<b>EIPS Sr. Volleyball Tournament</b>		
16	17 Day 4 River Watch – Gr. 9 Hot Lunch Website Closes	18 Day 5 Linking Generations Info Session School Council 6:30 PM	19 Day 6 EIPS Cross Country Meet	20 Day 1 ICON School Picture Day PAS Meeting 6:30 PM	21 Day 2 Terry Fox Run	22
				<b>EIPS Jr. Volleyball Tournament</b>		
23	24 Day 3	25 Day 4	26 Day 5 EIPS Zones Cross Country Jr. High Awards 7:00	27 Day 6	28 Day 1 Orange Shirt Day Movie Night	29
				<b>Outdoor Ed 8 Camping Trip</b>		
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