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After experiencing the coldest February in the last 40 years and the fifth coldest in the past 139 years, I am happy that February is now over. We are already into March and before you know it Spring Break will soon be here.

First, I want to thank all of you for making me feel so welcome since arriving at Lakeland Ridge four weeks ago. As always, there is a lot happening at Lakeland Ridge School.

In early February, I had the pleasure of attending all three performances of Willy Wonka Jr. that Wolves Drama put on. Lakeland Ridge had over 90 students in grades 6 – 9 that were involved in this year's production. Our students were simply amazing! Under the direction of our Drama teacher, Ms. Dahl, students spent five months preparing for the production. This involved practicing their lines and rehearsing two to three times a week and on Saturdays. What's just as amazing, is that it was a student-designed and run play, meaning that our students made the

props, costumes and sets. Many of our students also served as technicians running the lights and sound as well as other technology. I would like to acknowledge Lakeland Ridge parents for driving their children to and from rehearsals and of course driving their children to Festival Place when buses were cancelled. I want to recognize Ms. Dahl for the countless hours she spent working with students. We also had numerous parents and grandparents involved in sewing costumes, making props and volunteering their time. We appreciate your support! On a side note, I was even lucky enough to get my very own pair of Oompa Loompa socks😊!

Our girls' and boys' junior and senior basketball teams are having a terrific year thus far. Our senior girls placed first in the Bev Facey tournament a couple of weeks ago and are undefeated. All of our teams are gearing up for play-offs. Good luck to all our players and coaches!

Congratulations to the Elementary Track team. They competed at the Running Room Games in February. The Boys A team and both the Girls A and B teams have qualified for the Quarter-Finals. We are proud of all our track athletes. Way to go wolves!

On Tuesday, Mrs. Janke and I had the pleasure of attending the Linking Generations Family Meet and Greet event. It was wonderful to witness the relationships that are being built with our students and seniors in our community. Thank you to all students and families who came out to the event.

Thank you to all of our families who attended our Parent Teacher Conferences. Report cards will be made available online through PowerSchool at 3:00PM on Monday, March 18.

Planning and preparation has already begun for the next school year. Returning Student Registration closed on February 28. We are currently in the process of determining the number of classes that we will have at each grade level. This work will continue through March and staffing decisions will be made beginning in April and will hopefully be finalized in June. I will keep you apprised of information as it becomes available.

I hope you all have a restful Spring Break!

Sincerely,

Jeff Huculak M.Ed.  
Principal

### **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 2019-20 school year has already begun and having the most accurate information will enable us to provide a more accurate schedule for our students.

## **Upcoming Information Nights**

In preparation for the 2019-20 school year, Lakeland Ridge will be hosting 2 information nights:

### **1. Junior High Information Night – Thursday, April 11 – 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

This evening is geared towards families where the student is either entering grade 7 and/or are new to Lakeland Ridge School and entering Junior High. Both parents and students are invited to attend.

### **2. Kindergarten Information Night – Wednesday, April 24 – 6:30 -7:30 p.m.**

This evening is for any of our families that have a student starting kindergarten next year. The night will begin in the gymnasium, then head to the kindergarten classrooms and end with a school tour for any of our new families. We would ask that only parents attend this evening.

## **Grade 9 Farewell**

The Grade Nine Farewell Celebration will be held at Lakeland Ridge School in the Kona gym on Friday, June 14 at 7:00 p.m. The doors will open for the evening's events at 6:15 p.m. There will be opportunities for families to take pictures, before the ceremony begins, from 6:15 p.m. until approximately 6:45 p.m. A ceremony rehearsal will be held beginning period 5 on June 14th. All students are expected to be present for the rehearsal.

Information will be going home today with all Grade 9 students.

## **Save On Foods and Sobeys**

A big shout out to our local Save On Foods and Sobeys! They have been donating a box of fruit every week to the school for our students and staff to enjoy. Thank you Save On and Sobeys!

## **Library Learning Commons News**

We are very pleased with the success of our February book fair fundraiser. Thank you to our community for your generous support. Based on our sales, we earned over \$1200 worth of Scholastic books from the fair as well as \$1500 in cash commission to be used for new materials for the library learning commons.

A big thank you to all of the student volunteers who ensured the fair was such a great success!

## School Council

February's School Council Meeting was held on February 12th. Thank you to everyone who attended. Meeting highlights included discussions on the new curriculum, updating the Lakeland Ridge School website and school fees.

The School Council would like to thank all parents who helped out with the staff appreciation potluck held during Parent-Teacher Conferences. The food was delicious and there were a lot of happy staff, so thanks again to those who contributed to the event!

The next School Council Meeting will be Tuesday, March 12 at 6:30pm in the school library. Babysitting is provided. The agenda will be posted to the school website once it is confirmed. If you have any questions, concerns or things you would like addressed at the meeting, please don't hesitate to email me at [lrschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:lrschoolcouncil@gmail.com).

April Childs  
School Council Chair



## The Student Lighthouse Team and Cash 4 Care

On the first Wednesday of each month, we collect change through our CASH 4 CARE program.

**Total collected as of February 28 = \$2799.70    Thank you Wolves!!!**

We are currently collecting food and pet supplies for *Paws in Need*. We have collection bins set up outside the office. You are welcome to donate new and gently used items. Many animals will benefit from your kindness and generosity.

Paws in Need is a small, local non-profit animal rescue that is dedicated to helping dogs, cats and other pets that are in need. They rescue stray, homeless dogs and cats from many different situations. All of the rescues brought into care are placed in foster homes where they are rehabilitated whether it be for health reasons, training or much needed TLC before they can be adopted into their forever homes. They believe all dogs, young and old, deserve a second chance.



The student Lighthouse team has been very busy over the last few months. They ran a stuffy drive for the month of January. Lakeland showed kindness and caring by donating MANY new and gently used stuffies. The response was overwhelming! The stuffies were donated to our animal charity Paws In Need, County Clothes Line and Victim Services. Thank you to everyone that donated



For the month of February the Student Lighthouse Team created a Giving Tree based on the book by Shel Silverstein. Thank you to all students, staff and families that donated to our giving tree.

The grade 1 and 4 classes worked together to make animal toys for our Giving Tree. Thank you to the families who donated fabric to this project. The students worked collaboratively and the end project is a win-win for all.

Mrs. McKay's Fashion 8 class created 22 dog bone toys to also add to our Giving Tree.



We are excited to present our Giving Tree full of animal toys, pet beds, food, leashes, collars and so much more to our charity Paws In Need.

**Way to go Wolves showing Kindness to ALL Kinds!**

**Kindness is contagious!** Members of the Student Lighthouse Team participated in a random act of kindness the week of Parent Teacher Conferences. Students baked and packed bundles of cookies for all staff members at the school.



Students and staff have embraced our month of kindness and shown great leadership and proactive thinking. Here at Lakeland we always think Win – Win!

## **2018-19 Yearbook**

Be sure to check your student account on the Parent Portal to see if you have ordered the Yearbook to your cart to ensure you are on the list for the 2018-2019 yearbook. Orders will not be accepted after March 15, 2019.

## **Student Drop Off**

There is NO student drop off or stopping permitted in the bus lanes on Crimson Drive. Those lanes are a school bus zone and our school buses need to remain on schedule to get EIPS students to school on time.

Also, please respect the “Kiss and Go” zone located in the drop off lane in front of the school. There is signage indicating that there is NO PARKING from 8:15-9:15am and from 2:30-3:30pm. Please do not leave your vehicle unattended during this time. If you need to park, please use the designated stalls in our parking lot.

## **Saving for Your Child's Education**

It's no secret, post-secondary education comes with significant costs. In fact, many families wonder how much they need to save and how soon they need to begin. To help get started, the Government of Canada offers families two education savings incentives.

- *Canada Education Savings Grant*: The government contributes up to 20 per cent on the first \$2,500 in annual personal contributions to a Registered Education Savings Plan.
- *Canada Learning Bond*: Available for eligible children from low-income families born in 2004 or later. The government provides an initial payment of \$500, plus \$100 for each year of eligibility, up to age 15, for a maximum of \$2,000—personal contributions are not required.

Once that child enrolls in post-secondary education—an apprenticeship program, trade school, college or university—the money saved can be used to pay the associated expenses. These include tuition, housing, transportation, textbooks, equipment and supplies. So, while it's never too late to begin saving, just a small contribution each year can translate into substantial saving later.

For more information visit the Government of Canada's [Education Savings](#) website

## **Mental Health Capacity Builder**

Moving Through Family Restructuring – parents helping children move through separation and divorce

Build upon your strengths as a parent and learn skills and strategies to support your children's well-being and best interests through separation and divorce

Topics covered at this workshop:

- Co-parenting
- How to talk to your children
- Coping with feelings and emotions
- Finding positives and feeling empowered throughout the process
- Understanding impacts on children

DATE: March 20

TIME: 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Family and Community Services

FOR: Parents and caregivers of school aged children

FREE! Learn more and register at [www.strathcona.ca/parentsupport](http://www.strathcona.ca/parentsupport)



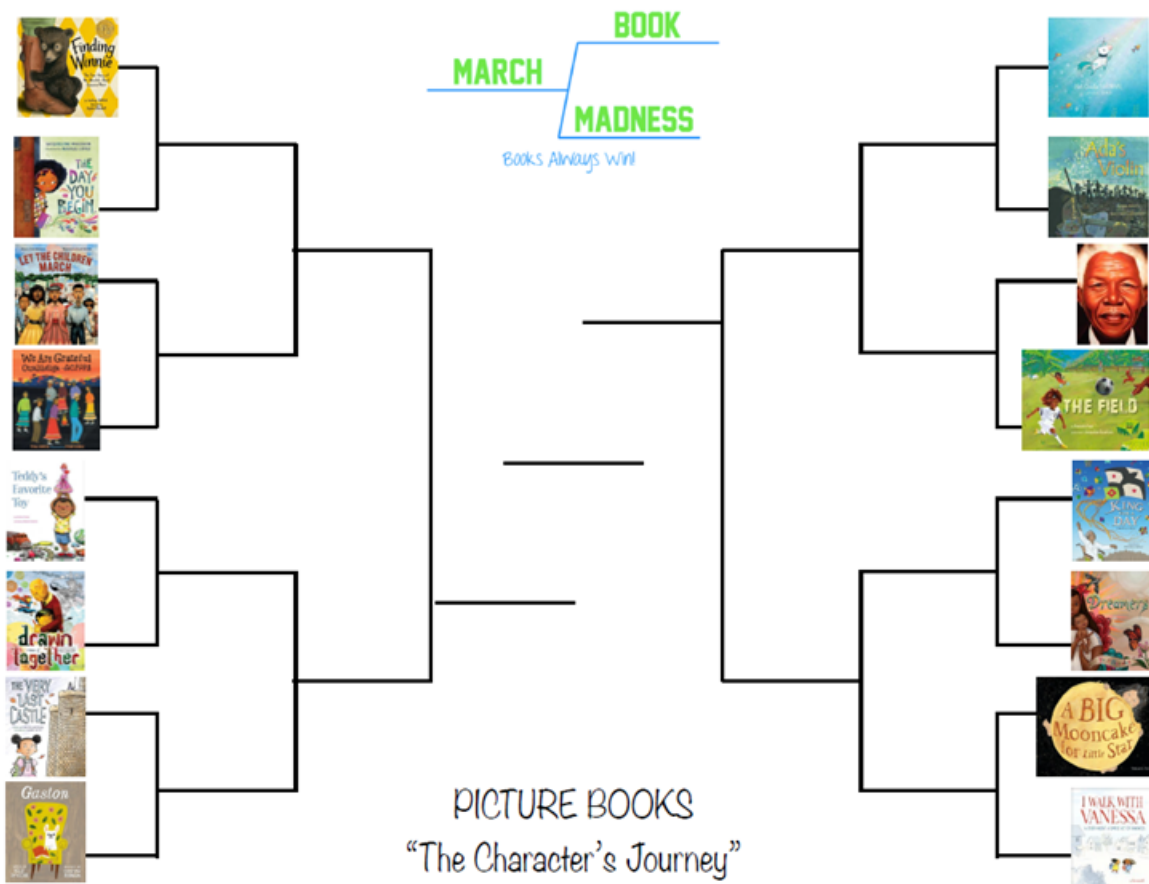


## Literacy Corner

When you are walking down the hallways you will see carts of books at each grade level area. These books were bought at the end of last year and are finally organized and ready for kids to use. It is an exciting time for the kids to have new titles to read.

For the month of March the students will be participating in March Book Madness. This is a competition for books. There are 16 books that are going up against each other. For the first 8 days the students will listen to two books a day and vote on which one they liked. All participating classes will register their votes and the winners will move on in the bracket. By March 21, a winner will be announced! Here is the bracket:





Ask your child each day which book won and follow along.

Susan Cooksley

## Kindergarten Registration is Now Open!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2019? If so, it's now time to register for kindergarten. To register, simply complete the online registration form at [www.eips.ca/kindergarten](http://www.eips.ca/kindergarten).

To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online toolkit—available at [www.eips.ca/kindergarten](http://www.eips.ca/kindergarten)—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.

Additional information regarding kindergarten can be found on our school website at [www.lakelandridge.ca](http://www.lakelandridge.ca)

## **Have your say! EIPS Parent Survey Opens March 11**

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) wants to hear from you. Make sure to complete the 2019 Parent Survey—open from March 11-29.

Annually, EIPS conducts a parent survey to gauge its progress toward meeting the goals and priorities outlined in its Four-Year Education Plan. Families are asked a series of questions about their experiences with EIPS and the school their child attends, the overall performance of the Division, the quality of education being provided to students and areas for improvement. The survey feedback helps the Division develop new strategies to better serve students and the wider community.

Plus, new this year, the survey includes questions about cellphones and personal devices. Your feedback will help the EIPS Board of Trustees develop a policy about cellphones and their use within the classroom.

### **VISIT [WWW.EIPS.CA](http://WWW.EIPS.CA) TO TAKE THE SURVEY**

Survey opens March 11, 2019

Survey closes March 29, 2019

*NOTE:* The survey is anonymous and only takes a few minutes to complete. If you want to share the experience of more than one child attending an EIPS school, simply complete the survey again

## **Next Step Continuing Education Summer School and Youth Camps: Registration opens March 11**

**Summer School:** Open to students entering grades 10-12 with more than 25 credit courses, there are lots of ways to get ahead. Students can earn high school credits, upgrade marks and finish pre-requisite courses.

*Courses include:*

- CALM, Physical Education 10, and Extreme CALM and Physical Education 10 combined
- English, math, social and all the sciences at the 10-, 20- and 30-levels
- Film Production
- Work Experience

**Summer Youth Camps:** Open to participants in grades 5-9 from sports to babysitting, campers enjoy a fun-filled program while also making friends and learning new skills.

*Camps include:*

- sports
- cooking and baking
- babysitting
- Handball—new

Registration opens on March 11.

## **Watch for Thin Ice**

Elk Island Public Schools, along with our community partners, want to remind families about the dangers of thin ice during this time of year. Depending on changing temperatures, ice can form and melt to varying degrees on outdoor bodies of water. Please remind your children about the dangers of thin ice, to obey all posted signs and to take the proper care to remain a safe distance from the ice.

For more information on ice safety, visit [www.lifesaving.org](http://www.lifesaving.org).



## EIPS DIVISION CALENDAR 2019-20

Regular School Day

Early Dismissal for Students

First Instructional Day (Semester 1 & 2)

No School - Statutory Holiday

No School for All Students and Staff

No School for Students  
- Professional Learning/Operational Day

### Important Dates

- Aug 29** Professional Learning Day
- Aug 30** Operational Day
- Sept 2** Labour Day - Stat.
- Sept 3** Classes Begin
- Oct 11** Professional Learning Day
- Oct 14** Thanksgiving Day - Stat.
- Nov 1 - 8** Diploma Exams
- Nov 11** Remembrance Day - Stat.
- Nov 11 - 15** November Break
- Nov 15** Day-in-Lieu: Parent Teacher Interviews
- Nov 29** Professional Learning Day
- Dec 23 - Jan 3** Christmas Break
- Dec 25** Christmas Day - Stat.
- Dec 26** Boxing Day - Holiday
- Dec 27** Christmas Floater Day - Holiday
- Jan 1** New Year's Day - Stat.
- Jan 6** Classes Resume for Students
- Jan 13 - 30** PAT/Diploma Exams
- Jan 31** Second Semester Begins
- Feb 6 & 7** North Central Teachers' Convention
- Feb 14** School Closure Day
- Feb 17** Family Day - Stat.
- Mar 6** Professional Learning Day
- Mar 27** Day-in-Lieu: Parent Teacher Interviews
- Mar 30 - Apr 3** Spring Break
- Apr 6** Classes Resume
- Apr 1 - 9** Diploma Exams
- Apr 10** Good Friday - Stat.
- Apr 13** Easter Monday - Holiday
- May 15** Professional Learning Day
- May 18** Victoria Day - Stat.
- Jun 10 - 26** PAT/Diploma Exams
- Jun 21** National Indigenous Peoples Day - no exams
- Jun 26** Last Instructional Day
- Jun 29** Last Operational Day

### AUGUST 2019

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10	11 Day 5 Grade 3 Basketball Practice 3-4	12 Day 6 Parent Council 6:30 Grade 6 Basketball Practice 3-4	13 Day 1 Grade 3 Basketball Practice 3-4	14 Day 2 Grade 6 Basketball Practice 3-4	15 Day 3 Grade 6 Swimming at Kinsman Pool	16 Grade 4-6 Running Room Track Meet
17	18 Day 4 Hot Lunch Report Cards Available on line at 3:00PM	19 Day 5 Linking Generations Visit Party Program Field Trip PAS Meeting 6:30	20 Day 6 Grade 3 Swimming at Kinsmen Speech Competition 12:45 -2:45 Jersey Day!	21 Day 1 Locker Clean-up Grade 1 Dance 2:15-2:45	22	23
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Spring Break						



# April 2019

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31 <div>Spring</div>	1 Day 2 Hot Lunch 6-1 Legislature Trip	2 Day 3 Linking Generations Visit	3 Day 4 Cash4Care Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal	4 Day 5 Grade 1-1 John Walter Museum Grade 3-1, 3-2 Ukrainian Village	5 Day 6	6
7	8 Day 1 6-2 Legislature Trip 3:30 PM Track Team Klondike Relays butterdome	9 Day 2 Parent Council Meeting 6:30pm (Library)	10 Day 3	11 Day 4 Grade 1-2 and 1-3 John Walter Museum Grade 3-3 Ukrainian Village Jr. High Information Night 6:30	12 Day 5	13 Grade 6 Basketball Tournament
14	15 Day 6 Hot Lunch	16 Day 1 Linking Generations Visit Elder Wilson Visit	17 Day 2	18 Day 3 Assembly Dress like your favorite animal Day!	19 Good Friday – School Closure	20
21 Easter Sunday	22 Easter Monday School Closure Hot Lunch Website Opens	23 Day 4	24 Day 5 Kindie Open House 6:30 6-3 Legislature Trip	25 Day 6	26 Day 1	27
28	29 Day 2 Hot Lunch Website Closes Birch Bay Grade 6 Trip Hot Lunch	30 Day 3 Linking Generations Visit				