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This past weekend we were treated to some beautiful weather. Hopefully, plenty more sunshine and warm temperatures are on the way. The next month and a half will be extremely busy as we near the end of the school year.

In April, we hosted our Kindergarten Information and Junior High Information evenings. We had a terrific turnout for both and had a chance to connect with new and current families.

Our grade six and nine students wrote their 'Part A' ELA PAT in early May. They will be writing the remaining PATs in June. The PATs are a great opportunity for students to demonstrate their knowledge of the curriculum. Good luck to all of our grade six and nine students!

Beginning June 1, Lakeland Ridge will have a *NEW* website. Our homepage will look different and it will be easier to find and access information. Lakeland Ridge School serves approximately 765 students and we want to ensure that all of our families know where to find timely information about what is happening in their child's classroom as well as events taking place at school. There will be a "Staff Directory" section which will list the names of all staff. From this page, parents will be able to email teachers directly or see what is happening in their child's classes. Teachers will either update information directly on their page or provide parents with information on how to access the different platforms they may be using. By moving to this system, our hope is that parents can simply access the teacher's page to see what is happening in their child's class. This will replace the 'eteacher page' which few teachers use. Staff will be asked to update the information regularly. In addition, there will be an 'Athletics' section which will provide parents with up to date information about sports and events. Parents are encouraged to check our school website regularly for up to date information.

Due to the provincial election and change in government, budgets are being sent out later than usual to schools. We anticipate that school budgets will be smaller for next year, but we are not sure of all the details at this time. Schools in EIPS will not receive their budgets until the very end of May. I am confident we will be able to work within the timelines, but it means that our staffing season timelines have been condensed. We will be hiring one grade 6 teacher and plan to hire a few junior high teachers to cover maternity leaves and to meet the needs of our increasing junior high enrollment. However, these decisions will be made based on the budget that we receive. We will do our best to keep you up to date as information becomes available.

For more information, please visit the school website.  
Sincerely,

Jeff Huculak M.Ed.  
Principal

## **Classroom Configuration & School Staff for 2019-20**

We anticipate that we will have approximately 780 students for the 2019-20 school year. This is an increase from our current enrolment of 761. We continue to see a growth in our junior high numbers and a slight decrease in the elementary population.

We plan to have two kindergarten classes and two grade 1 classes next year. This is a reduction of one class in both kindergarten and grade 1. We expect to continue to have three classes from grades 2 – 6. As mentioned, we will see an increase in the number of classes in junior high. We anticipate having four classes in grades 7 and 8 and three classes in grade 9.

Staff are in the process of creating balanced class lists. Prior to the start of the school year, teachers will be contacting parents to let them know which class their child will be in. Parent requests can be emailed to the principal at [Jeff.Huculak@eips.ca](mailto:Jeff.Huculak@eips.ca) by no later than June 7. We will do our best to accommodate all requests, however, we cannot make any guarantees.

We are currently working on the junior high timetable and will not have our timetable ready until late June. However, we plan to let next year's grade 7, 8 and 9 students know which options they will

have next year in late June. Below is a list of elementary staff and their tentative assignments for 2019-20 school year. Some teachers will teach different groups of students. For example, there is a possibility that students in grade 5 will have Mrs. Brownlee for math, Mrs. Cutforth for science and Mrs. Verbitsky for social studies. Sometimes changes to staffing occur during the summer or early in the school year. As a result, these assignments are tentative and subject to change.

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
Kindergarten – A & B	Biermann, Debbie
Grade 1-1	Cooksley, Susan
Grade 1-2	Sheridan, Amanda
Grade 2-1	Beecroft, Kali
Grade 2-2	Hale, Kali
Grade 2-3	Wlos, Lori
Grade 3-1	Baker, Mike
Grade 3-2	Deatcher, Irene
Grade 3-3	Mackney, Michael
Grade 4-1	Breen, Erin
Grade 4-2	Cohn, Jill & Horricks, Kim
Grade 4-3	Travis, Kay
Grade 5-1	Brownlee, Crystal
Grade 5-2	Cutforth, Lindsay
Grade 5-3	Verbitsky, Gen
Grade 6-1	Carnahan, Mylinda
Grade 6-2	Kokotailo, Carla
Grade 6-3	Vacant

### **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 2019-2020 school year has already begun and having the most accurate information will enable us to schedule all of our students according to enrolment numbers. Thanks in advance!

### **Come out and Celebrate our Athletic Awards!**

On Wednesday, June 5 we will be recognizing our student athletes in an afternoon assembly for all junior high students beginning at 12:45 pm. Holding the awards presentation during the day allows student athletes, volunteers, and intramural participants to be recognized in front of their peers. All parents are invited to join us for the awards assembly. Parents of awards recipients will be notified mid-May once student award recipients have been finalized.

## Gr. 6 and Gr. 9 PAT

Information with dates for both grade 6 and grade 9 were sent home earlier this month.



Grade 6 Parent  
Info Letter - 2019.pdf



Grade 9 PAT Parent  
Info Letter - 2019.pdf

## Jr. High Option Forms

Jr. High Option forms were due Friday May 10. As our Admin works on placing students in options for next year more information will become available. Please see the links for the options available.



Lakeland Ridge  
Junior High Grade 7



Lakeland Ridge  
Junior High Grade 8



Lakeland Ridge  
Junior High Grade 9

## End of Year Celebration – Grade 6

The grade six classes will be ending the year with a Movie – Lunch – Spray Park Celebration! On June 25 the students will be viewing the new Toy Story 4, followed by lunch at the Sherwood Park Mall. We will end the day, in the sunshine, by making lasting memories at Broadmoor Lake Spray Park. The Parent Action Society has provided a donation towards this celebration.

## Grade 9 Farewell - Under the Big Top

**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.

### Tickets:

Due to limited seating capacity in the gymnasium, each grade nine student will have access to a maximum of six guest tickets. Tickets for each guest are \$5.00, with no cost for the student's ticket. The Parent Acton Society has helped cover the cost of the night with a generous donation. This charge for guests will assist us to offset the remaining expenses of the evening. If families are unable to pay but would like tickets, please contact Mr. Huculak.

Tickets for guests must be purchased through the parent portal, students account. Tickets are available starting May 27 through to May 31. A maximum 6 guest tickets per student will be available. Any remaining tickets will be made available June 4 to families who would like more than the maximum of 6 tickets, on a first come, first served basis. Instructions for purchasing guest tickets are as follows:

- Log into PowerSchool
- Go to student fees
- Click on Gr 9 student
- Click box open Farewell form
- Complete form/click ok, this will then add cost to shopping cart – one form per ticket, can be completed a maximum of 6 times
- Pay tickets on students account in order to complete the purchase (If you sign out before you pay for tickets they will disappear)

There is no physical ticket, please retain your receipt as your ticket. Please note tickets are only available ONLINE – no cash sales.

**Dress:**

Although we do not have a specific dress code for the evening, students are encouraged to dress for a semi-formal junior high ceremony. We discourage students and families from purchasing expensive Grade 9 Farewell attire or accessories.

**Parent Involvement:**

The event cannot be a success without the assistance of parents. Parents are needed to assist with: creating decorations, food, set-up/decoration of gym, clean-up after the event, taking photos of students for the slideshow, helping students with speeches, and assisting with printing the program. If you can assist with any tasks, please contact Mrs. McKay by email at [caroline.mckay@eips.ca](mailto:caroline.mckay@eips.ca).

**Ceremony:**

The ceremony will begin at 7:00 p.m. with the entrance of the grade nine students and will include speeches from invited dignitaries, students, and staff. There will also be a presentation of a completion certificate to each student, a photo slideshow, and a performance by a group of students. Families will have opportunities to take pictures during the ceremony, as well as before and after.

**Following the Ceremony:**

Following the ceremony, there will be a small reception for all students and guests in the Mukluk gym until 9:00 pm. Students, family members, guests, and staff will have an opportunity to “mix and mingle” and enjoy some snacks and beverages. There will also be a formal area available during this time for individual and small group pictures if desired.

Please feel free to contact the office at 780-416-9018 if you have any questions.

**Elementary Track Team**

Our season has come to an end and the track team finished on a very high note! For the 14th year in a row, Lakeland Ridge came away as CHAMPIONS at the Elk Island Invitational Relay competition. Our track wolves competed against other elementary schools in Elk Island Public Schools. Each team placed in either first, second, third, or fourth. Well done wolves!

We are so proud of our athletes for their dedication and perseverance this season. Thank you parents for your support of our team. We are looking forward to next season and welcoming a new group of runners coming into grade four.

### **LLR Fun Run Club**

The LLR Fun Run Club would like to recognize and thank all of the following local community business's for their donations to our group!



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### **Volunteer Lunch**

On May 10, we held our *Annual Volunteer Appreciation Lunch* to say 'thank you' and recognize those who have helped us this year. We had approximately 50 people who joined us for lunch. Many others could not make it due to work or other various commitments, but we do appreciate everyone's gift of time. You make our school a wonderful place to be!





## Lakeland Ridge School New Website Coming

Lakeland Ridge will be launching a new website June 1. Please watch for new exciting changes coming soon!

## Leader In Me

During the month of May, the Student Lighthouse Team is hosting a blanket and towel drive for our Cash 4 Care charity "Paws in Need". Gently used items can be brought to the school and placed in the bins by the office. We are also collecting any toys, food and general supplies for dogs and cats. June 5<sup>th</sup> will be our last collection of Cash 4 Care change. Help us to surpass our goal of \$4000. Thank you for your generous support.

## School Council Report

The final School Council meeting of the school year will be held Tuesday, May 21 at 6:30pm in the school library. Babysitting is provided. Agenda will be posted to the school website once it is confirmed.

As a thank you to our wonderful staff at Lakeland Ridge, the School Council with the support of the Parent Action Society, will be hosting an appreciation luncheon for school staff on June 13<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for some parents to help out by providing a few small food items for the luncheon. If you would like to help out, please follow the link below to let us know what you can help with.

<http://www.luckypotluck.com/potluck/LLR2019StaffAppreciationLuncheon>

If you have any questions or concerns, or have something you would like addressed at the next meeting, please don't hesitate to email me at [llrschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:llrschoolcouncil@gmail.com). Thank you!

April Childs, School Council Chair

## Parent Action Society Report

It is hard to believe we are getting near the end of the school year. We have had a great year so far and I am excited to see what the next few weeks bring us.



## **Casino**

Great news! We have our next casino date. This is an opportunity to earn close to \$20,000 in 2 days by working at the Camrose Casino. Our dates are Dec 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. The first thing we need is a Casino Coordinator, who will be responsible for the paperwork and overseeing the volunteers. We will be hiring a casino advisor so you will have someone helping it all go smoothly. We will also need volunteers for bankers, cashier, count room, chip runners, etc! If you want to be involved send me an email at [llrpaschair@gmail.com](mailto:llrpaschair@gmail.com).

## **Next Meeting Date**

Our next meeting is May 28 at 6:30pm in the library. All parents are invited to attend. This meeting will be deciding and forming a very important committee. Over the past few years we have been working on an update to our library. The first phase was the gathering area outside the library. We are ready to tackle the second phase!

Phase 2 will be a transformation of the inside to a Learning Commons. This will be a big undertaking that will require a dedicated committee. If you are interested in planning fundraisers, helping with grant applications, making decisions surrounding the Learning Commons please come to this meeting. If you are unable to make the meeting but want to be involved email me at [llrpaschair@gmail.com](mailto:llrpaschair@gmail.com) and I will make sure you are connected with the committee. Without volunteers this project will not happen.

If there are events, fundraisers or ideas of how we can contribute to the school, email them to [llrpaschair@gmail.com](mailto:llrpaschair@gmail.com)

Michelle Lyster  
LLRPAS Chair

## **Mental Health Capacity Builder**

Vaping has taken society by storm. What began as a harm reduction and smoking cessation idea, has developed an entire culture around it. Is the steady increase in youth use of e-cigarettes a cause for concern or is it all just harmless vapour?

Find out more about:

- Who's using vapes and why?
- What are the regulations?
- What are the health effects of vaping?
- Nicotine, addiction and the developing brain
- Strategies for addressing the issues with youth

**DATE:** May 23, 2019

**TIME:** 6-7:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Lakeland Ridge School

**COST:** Free

**This session is for adults and youth**

**Register at:** <https://www.strathcona.ca/recreation-events/festivals-and-events/event-calendar/?trumbaEmbed=eventid%3D132154149%26view%3Devent%26-childview%3D>

## THANK YOU! Driver Appreciation Day was May 6

On May 6, we recognized and thanked our school bus operators for keeping the safety of our students their first priority. On behalf of **Lakeland Ridge School** *THANK YOU* to all of our school bus operators for a job well done.

### Little Elk Island Adventure: Registration

Elk Island Public Schools is once again running Little Elk Island Adventure, a fun and informative program for first-time school bus riders.

Annually, Student Transportation offers the Little Elk Island Adventure to new riders and their parents. The program's aim is to help ease any anxieties a family may have about riding the bus before even starting school. Through a series of activities, riders learn about: school bus safety, danger zones, tips on boarding and how to sit properly on the bus. After that, both the children and parents hop on the bus to practice what they've learned and then venture out on a short ride.

The Little Elk Island Adventure is for first-time school bus riders entering the 2019-20 school year. Sessions and times are available at these locations:

Location	Date	Time
A.L. Horton Elementary	August 20	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 20	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 21	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 22	2 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 22	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 26	9 a.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 26	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 28	6 p.m.
SouthPointe School	August 27	2:30 p.m.
SouthPointe School	August 27	6 p.m.

*A.L. Horton Elementary is located at 5037 48 Ave, Vegreville*

*EIPS Central Services is located at 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park*

*SouthPointe School is located at 11 SouthPointe Blvd., Fort Saskatchewan*

[Register Now](#)

**Space is limited and pre-registration is required.**

More information regarding busing for kindergarten students is available at: [www.eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq](http://www.eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq).

### 2018-19 EIPS Parent Survey Results Report

The results are now available for the 2018-19 EIPS Parent Survey conducted in March. Thank you to all families who took the time to share their feedback with the Division. The survey included 21 questions related to the three priorities outlined in the EIPS [2018-22 Four-Year Education Plan](#):

- Priority 1: Promote growth and success for all students
- Priority 2: Enhance high quality learning and working environments
- Priority 3: Enhance public education through effective engagement, partnerships and communication

The overall Division results represent 3,713 responses from parents and guardians across the Division. This was an increase in responses from 2,918 in the previous year.

The feedback gathered will help our school and the Division measure its progress toward meeting the priorities and goals outlined in the EIPS 2018-22 Four-Year Education Plan and develop strategies to better serve students and the wider community moving forward.

Complete Parent Survey results for the Division are available by visiting [www.eips.ca/about-us/planning-and-results/parent-survey](http://www.eips.ca/about-us/planning-and-results/parent-survey).

Lakeland Ridge's Parent Survey results are available by visiting

<https://www.lakelandridge.ca/download/173407>

### **Student Transportation: 2019-20 registration is now open**

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2019-20 school year? If so, make sure your child is registered so Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) can plan routes and send your child a bus pass before the first day of school.

All students who indicated needing transportation services through the pre-enrolment process are now registered. Families registered will receive tentative route schedules and invoices by the end of the month—fees are due June 30, 2019.

For those students who didn't indicate needing transportation service through the pre-enrolment process and want to now register, simply contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151 or email [st@eips.ca](mailto:st@eips.ca).

For more information about EIPS Student Transportation visit [www.eips.ca/transportation](http://www.eips.ca/transportation).

*NOTE:* Fees can be paid online using the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) or in-person at the Student Transportation office—683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park. The office will remain open during the summer months operating during the same hours as the EIPS Central Services office.



# May 2019

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 Day 4 Cash4Care Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal	2 Day 5 EIPS Track Meet @ SAP Gr 4-6 Kindie Group A – Telus World of Science	3 Day 6 Gr.1 Arbor Day Kindie Group B – Telus World of Science	4
5	6 Day 1 Hot Lunch Bus Driver Appreciation Day Just DanceGr 6-9	7 Day 2 Gr.9 PAT - ELA Part A Pajama Day Wolf of the Month Lunch	8 Day 3 EIPS Track Meet Gr. 4-6 Rain out Date Disney Day	9 Day 4 Gr.6 PAT - ELA Part A Gr. 2 Telus World of Science Gr.7 OED Camping	10 Day 5 Volunteer Lunch (12-1) Crazy Hair day Gr.7 OED Camping	11
12	13 Day 6 Hot Lunch Gr. 4-1 Smeltzer House	14 Day 1 Gr. 4-2 / 4-3 Smeltzer House English 7/8 @festival Place	15 Day 2 LLR Jr. High Track Meet @ SAP Howler Online	16 Day 3	17 PD Day School Closure Day	18
19	20 Victoria Day - NO SCHOOL	21 Day 4 Drama 7,8,9 – Festival Place School Council Meeting 6:30PM (Library)	22 Day 5 EIPS Jr. High Track Meet @ SAP Gr. 5-2 Elk Island Park Elder Wilson Visit	23 Day 6 Gr 8/9 OED Trip 4:00 Vaping Workshop 6-7:30 Linking Generations Visit	24 Day 1 Gr 8/9 OED Trip Gr 5/6 EIPS Jr. High Track Rainout Date Gr.5/6 MP Day	25 Gr 8/9 OED Trip 5:00
26	27 Day 2 Hot Lunch	28 Day 3 Linking Generations Celebration Lunch *Last Visit Class Photo Day PAS Meeting @ 6:30	29 Day 4 Class Photo Day Kindergarten A Gr.4 Mayor's Walk	30 Day 5 Gr. 5 Elk Island Park	31 Day 6 Gr. 2 Strathcona County Museum	



# June 2019

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
						1
2	3 Day 1 Hot Lunch	4 Day 2 Junior High Zone Track Meet	5 Day 3 Cash4Care Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal Color Night 12:37- 1:54	6 Day 4 Crazy Sock & Sunglasses Day	7 Day 5 Howler Online	8
9	10 Day 6 Hot Lunch	11 Day 1 Wolf of the Month Lunch	12 Day 2	13 Day 3 Lighthouse Team Lunch 11:30-2:50	14 Day 4 Gr.9 Farewell 7:00 Gr. 1 Zoo	15
16	17 Day 5 Gr.6 PAT - ELA Part B Hot Lunch Gr. 2 Ukrainian Village	18 Day 6 Gr.6 PAT - Math Gr. 4 Strathcona Wilderness Center	19 Day 1 Gr.6 PAT - Social Gr. 9 PAT – Math Gr. 5-1 Fort Sask Museum	20 Day 2 Gr. 6 PAT – Science Gr. 5-2 & 5-3 Fort Sask Museum	21 Day 3	22 Fun Run at Broadmoor Lake Park
23	24 Day 4 Gr.9 PAT - Social Grade 1 and 2 Math Day Grades 3-6 Track meet Hot Lunch	25 Day 5 Gr.9 PAT - ELA Part B Grade 6 Movie / Spray Day Gr. 1 & 2 Spray Park	26 Day 6 Gr.9 PAT - Math Gr. 5 Swimming Grade 1 and 2 Fun Day Kindergarten Graduation 12:45	27 Day 1 Gr.9 PAT - Science Last Day of School Elementary Report Cards online	28 Jr. High Report Cards online	29