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My name is Jeff Huculak and I am honored to serve as the principal of Lakeland Ridge School. I hope you all enjoyed your summer and had an opportunity to rest and relax with friends and family. I would like to welcome everyone to a new school year and briefly introduce myself to our new Lakeland Ridge families. It's great to back!

I am married and live in Sherwood Park. My wife, Carrie, is also a teacher and we have two children, Aiden – eleven years old, and Gabriella – nine years old. We also have a puppy named Oakley.

I graduated from the University of Alberta in 1998 with a Bachelor of Elementary Education Degree and received a Diploma in Secondary Mathematics in 2002. In 2009, I earned my Master's Degree in Educational Leadership through the University of Portland.

This is my twenty-second year in education. I spent the first fourteen years with Edmonton Public Schools where I served as a teacher, curriculum coordinator, and assistant principal. I joined Elk Island Public Schools in 2012 and have served as the principal of Bruderheim School, Pine Street and Lakeland Ridge.

Lakeland Ridge was a busy place this summer, as we were one of the schools that hosted Summer School, as well as a few volleyball camps. This meant our custodians had to work extra hard to complete the cleaning of our school in a shorter period of time. Thank you Elmer, Ronnie and to the rest of the custodial staff for taking the time to get our school looking its best.

I want to share some highlights about a few improvements and purchases we made for this upcoming school year. Some of these improvements include:

- Removed 'half walls' in fifteen classrooms to maximize space
- Upgraded wireless presentation system in both the Kona and Mukluk gyms
- Installed a new projector in the Kona gym
- Replaced the projector bulb in the Mukluk gym and performed other maintenance
- Relocated the score clock to the corner of the Kona gym
- Purchased 34 new Chromebooks
- Purchased 3 new Spin bikes for the fitness room
- Purchased new tables and chairs for division one

August 29 and 30 were the first two operational days of the school year for staff. During this time staff took part in professional learning, attended meetings, and worked in collaborative teams. Both days were very productive and provided staff with a great start to the new school year. In addition, some of our staff also attended a 4-day Lucy Calkins' workshop last week, which focused on Reader's Workshop.

This year we will be hosting a Welcome Back BBQ on Wednesday, September 11 from 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm. This will also serve as our Meet the Staff night. Information regarding this event can be found in this newsletter.

I am looking forward to a productive year working with students, staff, parents and the Lakeland Ridge community. I also look forward to seeing all of you at our Welcome Back BBQ!

Sincerely,

Jeff Huculak M.Ed.
Principal

LLR Staff and Welcome BBQ

We would like to welcome new staff to Lakeland Ridge as well as those staff who are returning from a leave. We also have a few teachers who will be teaching a different grade this year:

Staff that are new to the Wolf Pack or returning to Lakeland Ridge.

- Mrs. Beecroft – Grade 2 (Returning from a Maternity leave)
- Mrs. Cutforth – Grade 5 (Returning from a Maternity leave)
- Mrs. Chapman – Grade 6
- Mr. Simpson – Division 2 music, Junior high band and English (Covering for Ms. Li while she is on maternity leave)
- Mrs. Rowan – Junior high math (Covering for Mrs. Moravec she while she is on maternity leave. Mrs. Rowan will begin teaching in October. Ms. Oleksyn will be covering for Mrs. Rowan until she begins at Lakeland Ridge.)
- Mrs. Little – Educational Assistant

We also have a few teachers who will be teaching a different grade this year:

- Mr. Helwig – Grade 4
- Mrs. Travis – Grade 4
- Mrs. Brownlee – Grade 5
- Mrs. Kokotailo – Grade 6

Welcome Back BBQ and Meet the Staff Night – Wednesday, September 11 from 4:30pm – 7:00pm

This year we will be kicking off our school year with a Welcome Back BBQ on Wednesday, September 11 from 4:30pm – 7:00pm. This is a great opportunity to meet staff and visit your child's classroom. We recognize that families are very busy and want to honour your time. Therefore, there will be no formal program for the evening. Families are invited to visit their child's classroom, speak with their son's/daughter's teacher(s), meet school staff and enjoy some great food. Our School Council will have information describing how you can get involved in school events. All Lakeland Ridge families are welcome to attend. We hope to see you there! Please fill out the "Meet the Staff BBQ RSVP" form (attached) and return it to school with your son or daughter.

Junior High Awards

Our annual junior high awards ceremony will take place on Wednesday, September 25 at 7 pm in the Kona Gym. This event celebrates the academic achievements of students in the 2018-19 school year. We will be recognizing students for achievement in individual subject areas as well as merit, honor & distinction. Students receiving awards will be notified by September 18.

School Newsletters /Information

Communication between the school and home is extremely important. Lakeland Ridge School serves approximately 798 students and we want to ensure that all 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. To find information about what's happening in your child's classroom, click on the 'About' tab at the top of the page and visit our 'Staff Directory'. There you will find information about staff and a link, should you wish to send them an email. Teachers will either update information directly on their page or provide you 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. Staff have been asked to update the information regularly. In addition, we have created 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. We will not be sending out monthly newsletters this year. However, we will continue to use School Messenger.

School Picture Day



School photos for ECS Track B – Grade 9 will be taken on Thursday, September 12. **ECS Track A** photos will be taken on Monday, September 16. Please mark this date on your calendar. Retakes are booked for Wednesday, October 16.

LLR Personal Communication Device Policy

In alignment with [Elk Island Public Schools' Personal Communication Devices Board Policy 24](#), effective September 1, 2019, Lakeland Ridge has established a Personal Communication Device (PCD) Policy. Personal communication devices (PCDs) are any personal digital devices that connect to the internet through WiFi, cellular network or other mobile devices.

Students in Kindergarten through Grade 6 are not allowed access/use of a PCD at school at any time during regular school hours including morning and lunch breaks. If devices are brought to school, they are to remain in student lockers or backpacks.

Students in Grades 7 through 9 are not allowed access/use of a PCD at school at any time during regular school hours except during morning break (between periods 2-3) and during the second portion of the lunch hour (12:14 - 12:37). Devices that are brought to school are expected to stay in student lockers at all times except during the two aforementioned breaks.

The full policy can be accessed on the Lakeland Ridge website.

Lunch Information



Elementary students in Kindergarten to grade 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. We would like to let our grade 7 and 8 students and families know that beginning this year, students will be eating

lunch in the Mukluk gym. Students will be able to interact with their grade 7 and/or 8 peers while visiting at tables, along benches, or if they choose on the floor. Students expressed that they would like to have more flexibility with who they visit with during the eating portion of lunch. Last year, students ate their lunch in specific groupings and classrooms. We hope that by having all grade 7 and 8 students in one larger space, students will have a broader choice in who they would like to create and maintain different connections with. Our grade 9 students will continue to eat as a group in the Gathering Area during this time. We would also like to remind students and families, that students are not permitted the use of personal devices during the eating portion of lunch break. Please note: The school does not supply utensils, so please send all required forks and spoons.

Nut AWARE School



We are proud to be a nut aware school. Because nuts can cause severe, life-threatening reactions in some of our students and staff, we ask that you do not send food items that contain peanut butter/peanuts/all tree nuts and sesame seeds. Thank you for helping us provide a safe environment for all in our school community.

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.

School Council

Welcome back to another year at Lakeland Ridge School. The first meeting of the School Council for the 2019-20 school year will be held on Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30pm in the Library Learning Commons. Babysitting will be provided for parents wishing to attend.

What is School Council? School Council is a group of parents, teachers and administrators who collaborate for the betterment of the school and our community. Every parent or guardian of a student at Lakeland Ridge School is automatically a member of the School Council and are encouraged to attend meetings. Each year, Lakeland Ridge Parent Council does many things to enhance learning opportunities for all students in the school. There are many important things happening, and this is an excellent way to be involved in the life of the school. I invite each parent to attend and have input into the school and the activities we plan. I promise that you won't be made to join any committees or commit to anything more than you want!

This first meeting will be the Annual General Meeting and an election for the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary for 2019-20 will be held. Please see the [Lakeland Ridge School Council By-Laws](#) for the duties of each position and if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to email at llrschoolcouncil@gmail.com.

April Childs
Chair, Lakeland Ridge School Council

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 10 at 7:30pm – First PAS meeting of the year. Recap last year and plan for next year. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

September 11 - Meet the Staff BBQ Bottle Drive – Bring your empties and we will use the money to modernize the library learning commons.

Please watch for PAS AGM date in late October! We would love to see you there!

Tomorrow you will be receiving the Hot Lunch newsletter! The website for ordering is **lakelandridge.hotlunches.net**. Everyone will need to create a new account and use the access code **LRHL**. The deadline for orders is **Friday, September 13!!** 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!

There are a couple other fundraisers we have planned include a **Bottle Drive** (Meet the Staff BBQ), a **Casino** (Dec 17/18 in Camrose) and **Little Caesars Pizza Kit** sales (in February). Keep watching for more info on these!

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

Pay School Fees Online!

School fee information for the 2019-20 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 if courses are added and deleted.

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, 2019.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines visit www.eips.ca/schools/fees. Alternatively, contact Cathy Eyben at **Lakeland Ridge School** at 780-416-9018.

Leader in Me 7 Habits Week

As a part of our character education programming, we have been happy to be a Leader in Me School for the past 8 years. The Leader in Me focuses on teaching students all about 'The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People'. Over the next week, our K-6 students will work on 'The First 7 Days' in which they will focus on specific habit lessons. Our junior high students will participate in the 7 Habits Workshop all day Wednesday, September 4. Programming will focus on immersing students in the language and strategies of living the 7 habits. Can you see the leader in me?

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.



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.

Orange Shirt Day - September 30

Five 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 30**, 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 will now be available for purchase online starting September 16 in your parent portal. Any milk cards purchased online after 8:00 AM on a school day will not be available until the following school day. The cost for a milk card is \$10 dollars for 8 milks. Milk will be available for students starting Tuesday, September 24 and milk cards will expire June 2020. Students are still welcome to purchase milk cards in the office.

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.

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.

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.

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. 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, by contacting the school office at 780-416-9018, or from EIPS' Communication Services department at 780-417-8225.

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.


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 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.



We're Hiring!

Have fun working one hour a day!
Work with great students!

Noon Hour Supervisors
1 hour per day
(11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.)

Full-time (5 days/week)

If you are interested call the school at
780-426-9018 or drop in to discuss the possibilities!



September 2019

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1	2 Labour Day - No School	3 Day 1 Newsletter sent home and published online	4 Day 2 Hot Lunch Newsletter goes home Cash for Care Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal	5 Day 3	6 Day 4 Hot Lunch Website opens	7
8	9 Day 5	10 Day 6 School Council Meeting 6:30 PM PAS Meeting 7:30 PM	11 Day 1 Meet the Staff BBQ (4:30-7:30)	12 Day 2 ICON Picture Day	13 Day 3 Hot Lunch Website Closes	14
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