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## From the Principal's Desk January



Happy New Year! It's hard to believe that we are already half-way through January. Students are off to a great start, as they settle back into school routines. I hope all of you had a restful break and had the opportunity to spend some quality time with family and friends.

The purpose of this newsletter is to make you aware of some important information about events happening within both the school and division.

First, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our students and staff for their effort with our annual Christmas concerts. Our students in grade 1-6 wowed us with "We Wish you a Beachy Christmas" at The Park Church and our kindergarten students put us in the Christmas mood with some wonderful Christmas songs near the end of December. Our students did a marvelous job! Thank you to all staff and parent volunteers who helped out. The concert was a perfect way to get us all into the Christmas spirit and close out 2019!

I am very proud of the efforts of Lakeland Ridge families, as they went above and beyond to make Christmas a bit better for those in need. Students and staff collected new mittens and socks for Hope Mission. Our school also collected food for families and raised \$1352.85 at our Christmas concert for the Strathcona Food Bank. We continue to encourage our students to get involved in activities that help our community. Thank you to all Lakeland Ridge families.

Please read the remainder of this newsletter as there are a lot of things happening in both our school and division. You will find much of this information in this newsletter, including important information on how to register your child for next year.

I encourage parents to visit the school website and check their child's "Teacher pages" regularly for the most up to date information.

For more information, please visit the school website at: <https://www.lakelandridge.ca/>

Sincerely,

Jeff Huculak M.Ed.  
Principal



# All about LLR

Look how we are growing  
in 2019-20!

## Literacy & Numeracy Initiatives

- ✓ Levelled Literacy Intervention - small group instruction for students who require a boost to get to grade level in reading.
- ✓ Instruction through Reader's and Writer's Workshop
- ✓ Classroom & mobile grade level libraries
- ✓ Math benchmarking assessments - identifying areas of growth for students at-risk in math
- ✓ Literacy & Numeracy bulletin boards to display student work, along with contest boards

You can be sure to us see reading in all the cozy spots throughout the school. We also love working with all our math manipulatives!

## Connect with us



Here are the different ways you can connect with us as a parent:

- Participate in School Council and/or Parent Action Society
- Welcome Back BBQ and Meet the Staff evening
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Assist with Hot Lunch
- Classroom or library volunteer
- Attend field trips
- Assist with coaching
- Attend Christmas Concerts and Performing Arts Musicals
- Attend ECS & Jr. High Information Nights

We value our parents as partners. Actively participating in our school community is so important to us!

## Need more information?

Check us out at:

- [www.lakelandridge.ca](http://www.lakelandridge.ca)
- Facebook: Lakeland Ridge School
- Subscribe to School Messenger notices
- Twitter: @LakeLandRidge
- PowerSchool Parent Portal
- Instagram: @lakelandridgeschool



## Quality of Education at LLR

### Provincial Achievement Tests



LLR has a very high participation PAT rate:

- 97% completion a rate in grade 6, compared to 91% in the province
- 96% completion rate in grade 9, compared to 89% in the province



In ELA, 95.7 % of gr. 6 students and 88% of our gr. 9 students achieved the acceptable standard.



In gr. 6 math, our students showed the greatest strength in the Number and Patterns and Relations strands.



In science, 98% of our gr.6 students and 89% of our gr.9 students achieved the acceptable standard.

## Leadership Opportunities

- We are a **Leader in Me** school and follow the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People
- We **choose** to act in ways that make our school and community better
- We create **opportunities** through:
  - Buddy classes, assemblies, buddy benches, & FLEX afternoons
  - Kindness Week, Pink Shirt Day, Orange Shirt Day, Elder Wilson visits
  - Linking Generations and local charities
  - Student Lighthouse Team, Art Club, Track Team & Running Club, intramurals, Tech Crew, Library Crew, Green Team, Jr. High Athletics, Performing Arts, SAGA and many more groups

**THINK**  
Be Positive

**MINDSET**



**SAFE & CARING**



**SPEAK UP**

We keep safety in mind with:

- Emergency Preparedness, Bus Safety Week, Kiss n' Go drop off lanes
- Presentations: online safety, healthy relationships, vaping & substance use
- Partnership with Mental Health Capacity Builders

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## **Lakeland Ridge School Education Plan**

Educational planning is an essential part of ensuring all students have opportunities to acquire the knowledge, skills and attitudes they need to be responsible citizens in an ever-changing world. We would like to remind parents that our School Education Plan is available on our website. Our school goals at Lakeland Ridge include:

**Goal 1:** Improve student achievement in literacy

**Goal 2:** Improve student achievement in numeracy

**Goal 3:** Promote and strengthen positive school culture and enhance relationships within the school

Lakeland Ridge staff continue to work on improving their practice and finding ways to meet the needs of all students. We truly care about all our students and want all students to experience success.

### **Improve Student Achievement in Literacy (Goal 1)**

We have made a huge investment in literacy over the last year. We purchased new literacy resources for our teachers as well as numerous “high interest” leveled reading books for students in an effort to support reading and writing in our school. This year, teachers have incorporated Reader’s Workshop in their classes. Our EIPS literacy consultant has been working with teachers and has been in classes modeling lessons and providing feedback.

### **Improve Student Achievement in Numeracy (Goal 2)**

We have made a concerted effort to focus on numeracy and are very excited about what we have planned for this year. Our EIPS numeracy consultant has been working with teachers and has also been modeling lessons and providing feedback. Staff have worked hard to create common vocabulary that students use and ensure that they are doing their best to meet each child at their academic level.

### **Promote and strengthen positive school culture and enhance relationships within the school (Goal 3)**

This year we kicked off our school year with a Welcome Back BBQ. It was a great way to welcome new Lakeland Ridge families to our “pack”, as well as welcome back families. Lakeland Ridge School is fortunate to have such a committed group of parents who go above and beyond to support school initiatives and do whatever they can to enhance the educational experiences for our students. Attending School Council and/or Parent Action Society meetings and volunteering are just few ways that parents get involved with our school. Thank you to all our parents and volunteers who help out at school. We appreciate your support!

## **Accountability Pillar Survey**

As an annual check-up on the education system, the Accountability Pillar provides an opportunity for Alberta Education and school authorities to ensure that we are equipping students for success.

The Accountability Pillar uses a set of 16 indicators. Data on these indicators consists of surveys of students, parents and teachers on various aspects of education quality, student outcomes such as dropout and high school completion rates, and provincial assessments of student learning.

From mid-January to the end of February, Alberta Education will be conducting the annual Accountability Pillar Survey.

- In January, parents of students in grades 4 and 7 will receive a survey from Alberta Education.
- In February, students in grades 4 and 7, as well as all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school.

All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with your school. In addition to English and French, the parent survey is available in Chinese, Punjabi, Arabic, Blackfoot, Dene, Cree, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog and Urdu.

Your participation in the survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving, so we encourage you to return your survey promptly.

Survey results will be available to school authorities in May 2020 and will be reported publicly as part of their 4-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports.

## **School Fees**

We believe in the importance of including 'Parents as Partners' in education and want to ensure that you have an opportunity to have your say regarding school fees. Teachers select field trips that they feel will be beneficial for students and that are aligned with the Alberta curriculum. They work hard to ensure that we receive the best value for our dollar. All fees are "cost recovery", meaning that the school does not make money from supervision or field trip fees. Planning for next year has already begun. In mid-December we sent out a message to all families regarding school fees for the upcoming year. The message included the 2019-20 school fees and let parents know that we would be discussing school fees at our January 14<sup>th</sup> School Council meeting. Thank you for those of you that braved the cold weather and came out that evening. At the meeting school fees were discussed including fees for field trips, course fees and noon hour supervision. We do recognize that everyone is busy. Therefore, if you were unable to attend the School Council meeting but would like to discuss school fees, please contact the school. School administration will use the feedback provided to help determine fees for 2020-21, which will then be shared at the February school council meeting, posted to our website and sent to families via link through email.

## **Kindergarten and Returning Student Registration**

All student registrations for the 2020-21 school year—including kindergarten registration, returning student registration and new student registration—will take place online beginning **Feb. 1, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.** All necessary links will be added on the Division website at that time (for kindergarten and other new student registrations) and all current families will receive an email with the link and instructions (for returning student registration). Lakeland Ridge School will have closed boundaries next year.

The **returning student registration process** for all current EIPS students who are returning in 2020-21 takes place **Feb. 1-29, 2020**. On February 1, at 9 a.m., all current EIPS families will receive an email with the link to complete the Returning Student Registration Form available through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#).

If your child currently attends school within EIPS and is returning next year, you will go through the returning student registration process to confirm your child's enrolment in a school for the upcoming school year using the online Returning Student Registration Form. At that time, families indicate the school their child plans to attend and apply to attend a non-designated school, if applicable.

**To be considered for enrolment in a non-designated school in the upcoming school year, families must make that request during the returning student registration process.** Acceptance at a requested non-designated school is based on available space. Some EIPS schools have [closed boundaries](#) because of high enrolment numbers and are not accepting registrations from non-designated students. As stated above, Lakeland Ridge School will have closed boundaries next year.

*NOTE:* All requests to attend a non-designated school or out-of-boundary program for returning students in grades 1-12 must be completed during the returning student registration process to be considered for the next school year. The only exception: students who move into the Division from outside the geographic area, or another community within the Division, following the deadline. The Division will contact all families who apply to attend a non-designated school to advise of the outcome during the week of March 9-13, 2020.

## Parent Teacher Conferences

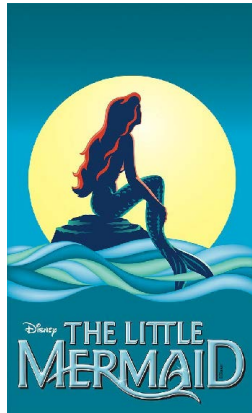
Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday, February 11 and Wednesday, February 12 from 4:15pm to 7:51pm.

Detailed information will be sent home on Monday, February 3 with instructions on how to sign up for interviews

## Book Fair & Library News

The **Book Fair** will take place during the week of Parent/Teacher Conferences, February 5th - 18<sup>th</sup>. Book fairs are run as fundraisers for our library collections, so please come out and support the fair!

## Wolves Drama Presents: The Little Mermaid



Lakeland Ridge drama is proud to present a magical sea story of adventure, romance and comedy! *The Little Mermaid* is a timeless tale of a young princess who is drawn to a life different from her own. Young Ariel is a headstrong princess who longs for life on land. Though many obstacles stand in her way, she faces them with the help of her many sea friends and finds love along the way. Come and let us entertain you with the timeless story and songs of a beloved Disney Classic.

When: January 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Where: Festival Place

Time: 7:00 PM

Tickets can be bought from Ticket Master, Festival Place. All tickets are general seating.

## **Save-On Foods**

A big shout out to our local Save On Foods (on Lakeland Drive) and Sobeys (on Baseline)! 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!

## **Raising Dough: COBS**

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.

## **Year Book**

Be sure to check your student account on the Parent Portal to see if you have added the Yearbook to your cart to ensure you are on the list for the 2019-20 yearbook. Deadline to order is March 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **School Council**

The next School Council meeting is Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

## **Parent Action Society**

The next Parent Action Society meeting is Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

## **Inclement Weather**

With the winter season well underway, we want to remind parents to dress children appropriately for the weather when getting ready for school or the bus. The weather often changes unexpectedly throughout the day, so please select suitable outerwear and ensure your child is prepared for changing conditions.



If inclement weather conditions occur, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will advise parents of any bus cancellations using various communications tools including: automated-telephone messages, alerts posted on [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca) and school websites, Twitter, Facebook, local radio stations etc.

Decisions regarding bus cancellations are guided by EIPS administrative procedures that states: “school bus service may be suspended when...Environment Canada reports a temperature of -40 C.” Other reasons for suspending or delaying school bus services include adverse weather and poor road condition. When school bus services are suspended, schools will remain open to students. EIPS believes parents have the right and responsibility to make choices for their children based on their beliefs and perceptions of safety during times of inclement weather.

For more information, contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151.

## **Beach/Under the Sea Day**

Please note that we have moved our **Beach Theme day** from Monday January 20 to **Thursday January 23**. Hopefully it will be a little warmer on Thursday.

Please remind your students that although we are dressing like it is tropical outside, they need to bring appropriate clothing to wear for recess and if you are attending the field trip to The Little Mermaid.

