



Lakeview News

Lakeview Public School

NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back ! We hope that everyone had a relaxing summer and that everyone is ready for another exciting year of learning.

We also would like to give a warm welcome to all the students and their families who are new to Lakeview this year. We look forward to meeting you at our Open House later in September.

Our monthly newsletter is packed with lots of helpful information to help parents know what is going on at the school. Also, to keep up-to-date on the happenings at Lakeview, the public calendar found on our website is updated daily with any events that are going on and you can check it at any time. Check the calendar regularly, as it is a live calendar and changes can happen at any time.

I look forward to working with you this year.

Have a great September!



Early Release Day

An Early Release Day is scheduled for Friday, September 13th. Students will be dismissed at 12:10 p.m.. Transportation will run approximately 3 hours earlier than usual.

Student Agendas

The cost of student agendas this year will be \$5. Our expectation is that every student will learn to use the agenda effectively and that parents will sign the agenda on a daily basis. A partnership of students, parents and educators is vital to the learning success of students. Working together with open, honest communication will help to build a strong home-school partnership and will ensure that we can nurture, educationally stimulate and support our most valuable resources, our children.



Forms, Forms & More Forms

You will notice that your student will be bringing home numerous documents during the first week of school. These forms contain important information that will help the school and your home prepare for the upcoming school year. We hope that you will give them your careful attention and quickly return completed forms to school if needed. Thank you for your attention and cooperation in these important matters.

Is your child insured for medical or dental costs in case of an accidental injury? The District School Board of Niagara does not provide medical payments coverage for students. If you have no other coverage, it is recommended that parents/guardians purchase this coverage to ensure that medical or dental costs are covered in case of accident. [Insure My Kids Student Accident Plan](#) forms have been provided to each student to assist you in getting coverage.

School Visitors

All visitors to our school should enter through the main front doors and report to the office immediately upon arrival. ***A visitor is anyone who does not work here or attend school here.*** If you are picking up your child early for an appointment, we ask that you wait at the office for your child. If you are one of our valuable volunteers, we will ask you to sign in at the office and wear a volunteer identification badge. **Parents picking up or dropping off their children at the beginning or the end of the school day are asked to wait outside as the halls easily become crowded at these times.** We would also ask that when the bell rings at 8:45 a.m. in the morning and teachers come out on duty that parents move off of the playground area so that teachers have a clear view of our students and can focus all of their attention where it belongs.

These measures are in place for the safety of our children and we ask that you recognize our concern if we stop you and ask where you are going and how we might help you.

School Organization

Lakeview Staff 2019-2020

Administration:

Mr. B. Blake	Principal
Mrs. P. McIntee	Vice-Principal
Mrs. J. Dykstra	Secretary
Mrs. T. Purnell	Secretary a.m.

Teaching Staff:

Mrs. E. Komadoski / Miss D. Saporito	JK/SK
Mrs. C. Leystra	JK/SK
Mrs. J. Lobb / Ms. C. Beaulieu	JK/SK
Mr. D. Pierce / Ms. T. Maroney	JK/SK

Ms. M. Belzil	Grade 1
Ms. B. England	Grade 1/2
Mrs. L. Versteeg	Grade 1/2
Ms. M. Ashton	Grade 2/3
Mrs. B. Gaspic	Grade 2/3
Mrs. M. Bake	Grade 3/4
Mrs. K. Bridges	Grade 4/5
Mr. D. Shanks	Grade 5
Mrs. A. Esau	Grade 5/6
Mrs. S. Scott	Grade 6
Mrs. C. Fraser	Grade 6/7
Mr. M. Davidson	Grade 7
Mrs. M. Knerr	Grade 8
Mr. R. Michel	Grade 8
Mme C. Ciantar	Core French
TBD	Core French / Prep
Mrs. J. Thorpe	Primary Prep
Mrs. S. Hellinga	Library/Prep
Mrs. E. Storrington	Learning Resource Teacher
Mrs. J. Bohonos	Learning Resource Teacher/Instructional Coach

Support Staff:

Ms. K. Latam	Educational Assistant
Mrs. J. Klompmaker	Educational Assistant
Mrs. M. MacMillan	Educational Assistant
Ms. G. Stancati	Educational Assistant
Ms. T. Colavecchia	Youth Worker
Mrs. A. Crooks	Custodian
Mrs. C. Shandala	Night Custodian
Mrs. T. Tenbrinke	Night Cleaner
Mrs. L. Chen	Night Cleaner
Mrs. M. Pellizzari	Lunch Supervisor
Mrs. D. Easterbrook	Lunch Supervisor

Class Organization

The classes have been organized according to the number of students we had registered in each grade the week before school began. Due to movement of students over the summer, new registrations on the first day of school and the primary class size cap mandated by the Ministry of Education, **re-organization may be necessary over the next two weeks** and some movement of students and staff may occur. We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

Careful consideration is given to the composition of each class. We look at balancing gender, abilities and levels of independence, along with looking at maturity, friendships, and behaviours.



Bell Times

Supervision on the yard begins at 8:45 a.m. in the morning. Students should not arrive at school prior to 8:45 a.m. unless they are participating in a school activity.

Grades K-8

9:00	Entry
9:00	Instructional Block 1
10:40	Nutrition/Activity Break
11:20	Instructional Block 2
1:00	Nutrition/Activity Break
1:40	Instructional Block 3
3:20	Dismissal

Attendance Procedures



At the District School Board of Niagara, one of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all students arrive safely at school each day.

This year, our school will be using the SafeArrival system for parents to report student absences. We believe you will find this procedure to be quick, easy, and convenient. This system will reduce the time needed to verify student attendance, allowing staff to quickly respond to unexplained absences.

With the Safe Arrival system, parents will be able to report daily absences, and even schedule absences by:

Using your mobile device. Simply download and install the **SchoolMessenger** app (BLUE) from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>). The first time you use the app, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.

Using the SafeArrival website, at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. The first time you use the website, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.

Calling the toll-free number **1-866-606-5567** to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

We will use the **SchoolMessenger Communicate** automated notification system to contact parents whose child is absent when the absence was not reported in advance. The automated notification system will attempt to contact parents at multiple contact points until a reason is submitted for the absence. If our system is unable to reach the designated contacts, office staff will follow up.

If you report your child's absence in advance using the SafeArrival toll-free number, website or mobile app, you will not receive these notifications.

If you have not provided us with an email address, you may do so by contacting the school secretary by calling 905-945-5427. 24 hours later, you will be able to set up your account by visiting the SafeArrival site via the Report Absence button, available on our school website.

Beginning September 3, please report absences in advance using SafeArrival instead of sending notes or calling/emailing the school. That day, staff will also begin using SafeArrival notifications to let you know if your child is absent (if the absence hasn't been reported in advance).

You can also find more information about SafeArrival if you click the Report Absence button found on our school website.

**Your child's
safety is our
priority!**



Arrival & Dismissal Procedures

As you are aware, school zones and parking lots are VERY congested during arrival and dismissal times so it is imperative that we have safety procedures in place. We appreciate your cooperation in helping to ensure the safety of every person during these busy times. The following procedures will be in place:

1. No students will be permitted in the parking lot without an adult. Please do not ask your child to meet you at your vehicle unless you are using the Kiss & Ride lane.
2. In the morning, if you enter the back parking lot between 8:45 and 9:00 a.m., you will be directed into the Kiss & Ride lane and will have to wait in line to leave the parking lot area.
3. There is very limited parking available at the school. Please park in designated spots only. PLEASE NOTE: The area along the west side of the driveway to the parking lot is NOT a parking area.
4. Staff are out on duty at 8:45 a.m. so you can drop your child off and carry on with your day. If you are dropping your student off, please use our Kiss & Ride lane. There will be 3 drop-off spaces in front of the entrance gate. Please remain in line and follow the directions of the staff. Be sure that your children are ready to hop out of the car when you stop so that you do not hold up traffic in the parking lot. It is safest if children exit your vehicle on the passenger side only.
5. Children who walk to school should cross with the crossing guard and follow the sidewalk around to the back of the school. Students should not be using the front doors to enter the school unless they are late. If you have business at the office or with a teacher, you are most welcome to use the front doors but the children MUST use their regular door.
6. Please allow your children to go to the school yard by themselves. This is an excellent opportunity for them to develop independence and confidence. Children will be dismissed through their regular doors at the end of each day so that they may meet younger siblings at the primary doors or you, the parents, in front of the school. Parents who have made prior arrangements with the office or teacher may have the children wait at the office.
7. Please note that supervision begins at 8:45 a.m. in the morning. Students should not be arriving at school prior to supervision time.

We strongly encourage families to walk to school together rather than drive. This will save gas, improve fitness rates and will help to protect the environment, but most importantly, will be a safer mode of travel for our youth.



CROSSING GUARD

TOWN OF GRIMSBY

Office of
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS



160 LIVINGSTON AVENUE
P.O. BOX 168
GRIMSBY, ONTARIO L3M 4G3
TELEPHONE: 905-945-9634
FAX: 905-946-6010
PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO.

CROSSING WITH THE CROSSING GUARD SAFELY

To enhance safe and active travel to school in our community, we strongly encourage our school families to use the services of the School Crossing Guards provided. The added value of School Crossing Guards at key crossing locations, is the addition of the necessary 'adult judgment' to help ascertain weather conditions, road conditions, distance and speed, gaps in traffic, turning traffic, distracted driving in determining when children can be safely escorted across the street.

When crossing with the Guard, we ask that children dismount their bicycles and scooters and walk them across the crosswalk. Wait for the Guard to indicate it is safe to cross the roadway once he/she is assured the traffic has stopped. Do not follow the Guard directly onto the roadway.

Drivers - including cyclists - must stop and yield the whole roadway at pedestrian crossovers, school crossings and other locations where there is a crossing guard. **Only when pedestrians and school crossing guards have crossed and are safely on the sidewalk can drivers and cyclists proceed (MTO legislation as of January 1, 2018).**

Please keep in mind that School Crossing Guards are serving the community, under all weather conditions when school is in session. We understand people can be a little rushed during the day, however, the safety of the children and their crossing guards are the #1 priority and everyone is required to follow the laws applicable under the Highway Traffic Act.

If you have any questions, concerns or would be interested in being a Crossing Guard, please feel free to contact Lauren Lowther. Head Crossing Guard by telephone at 905-912-2515 or by email at lloewther@grimsby.ca.



Bus Transportation



This year, there will be many buses that will be bringing students to Lakeview. These buses use the laneway in front of the school. **This laneway is for buses ONLY.** Students who arrive at school by bus should exit the bus and immediately follow the sidewalk around to the back of the school. Each bus will have a letter to identify which bus the student should be on. Please be sure that your child is familiar with this letter as buses will not always arrive in the same order for pick-up at the end of the day. Students who take the bus will need to ensure that they proceed quickly to the bus loading area at the end of the day.

Should changes need to be made to your child's pick-up or drop-off location, please understand that this process will take a few days.



Picture Day

Our school picture day is scheduled for Thursday, September 19.



Instrumental Music

The DSN instrumental music program starts up again this September. This program is offered to all students from Gr. 4-8 and is a convenient, affordable way to learn an instrument. Brochures were distributed in June or information is available at the office.

Medical Information

Taking Medication at School

If your child must take medication at school, the District School Board of Niagara has policies and procedures which must be followed. An Authorization of Administration of Oral/Topical Medication form must be completed by the parent and doctor and the medication must be in the original prescription container. Please check with our office for more information.



Allergy Alert

Some of our students have life-threatening allergies to nuts and nut products. When you are packing your child's food for nutrition breaks, please take extra care to ensure that the foods are nut-free. Help us to ensure the health and safety of all our students.



Emergency Medical Information Forms

Please make sure that the office and your child's teacher are aware of any significant health issues that may be cause for concern throughout the school day. Should your child require a Plan of Care form (for prevalent medical health conditions such as diabetes, anaphylaxis (life-threatening allergies), asthma, epilepsy etc.), please notify the office immediately so that we can send one home for you to complete. Having this up-to-date information is critical for your child's safety.

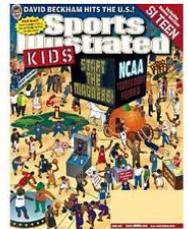
Lakeview School Council

All parents are welcome to come to our School Council meetings. The School Council is an important part of our school, offering input into decisions that are made at our school. The Council usually meets bimonthly in the early evening. The first meeting will be September 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Please support this important fundraiser which will be used to subsidize student trips and student resources.

Magazine Fundraising Campaign

Hope you haven't renewed those magazine subscriptions yet! Orders for new subscriptions or the renewal of old ones can be done through our magazine fundraising campaign which will kick off soon! More information to follow.



OPEN HOUSE

Please plan to attend our Meet the Teacher Open House Thursday, September 19 from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.. Students and parents are invited to tour the school, meet the staff and enjoy some pizza. There will be no cost, but donations will gladly be accepted.

