



# Lakeview Public School

NEWSLETTER

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## From the Principal's Desk

It goes without saying that we are ALL looking forward to spring and the warmer weather ahead!

We would like to take this opportunity to share with our parent/guardian community how committed we are to ensuring student success. Teachers work diligently to support students in their academics and social/emotional development. We have been working together to enhance the learning environment here at Lakeview. As a board focus, staff have been receiving professional development on the topics of equity, inclusion and anti-racism.

Thank you to all our Lakeview families who have been diligently using the COVID-19 School Screening tool before sending their child(ren) to school. To address our collective responsibility to follow public health and Ministry of Education requirements known to be effective in combatting the transmission of COVID-19, we are again requesting that **all parents/guardians wear a mask, social distance and avoid gathering and socializing with other parents and staff when on school property.** As well, to ensure the safety of our students, we ask that you **do not bring your dog(s) on to school property.**



Between newsletters, please check the Lakeview school website, lakeview.dsbni.org, for the most current information!

Thank you!

### Important dates:

April 2—Good Friday, April 5—Easter Monday

April 6—Autism Awareness Day (wear blue)

April 12 to 16—Spring Break (no school)





*April 6 is Raise the Flag for Autism Awareness Day.*

*Staff and students are encouraged to wear blue to show their support. Lakeview will raise the flag for Autism.*

## School Council News

We have held two virtual school council meetings so far this year. Minutes from the meetings are available on the school website: [lakeview.dsbn.org](http://lakeview.dsbn.org).

Please join us virtually for our next meeting **Tuesday, April 27 at 6:30p.m.** Email [lav@dsbn.org](mailto:lav@dsbn.org) for an electronic invitation.

**Everyone is welcome to attend!**

## Accessible Parking at Lakeview

Did you know that 1 in 7 people in Ontario have some form of disability?

No matter what type of disability, these individuals are eligible to accessible parking spaces. Often they come across situations when an accessible parking space is occupied by someone without an Accessible Parking Permit, or when the access aisle, the striped area beside the parking space, is blocked by an adjacent car.

### How you can help?

Show that you #RespectTheSpace by being mindful of accessible parking spaces and **do not park in an accessible parking space without a valid permit.**

# Grade 8 Graduation



Mark this date on your calendar! Our Grade 8 Graduation is scheduled for Wednesday, June 23, 2021.

Although we don't know quite yet what this may look like this year, we are looking forward to sharing this milestone in your child's life.

## Classroom Placement 2021 -2022

As we plan for our 2021-2022 class organization, it is important for us to know if any students will not be returning to Lakeview, or if there are new families moving into our area. If you are aware of either of the above possibilities, please let the office know as soon as possible by calling and leaving a message (905-945-5427) or sending an email to [lav@dsbn.org](mailto:lav@dsbn.org). This information will assist us in our planning for September by minimizing surprises and disruptions for class organization.

When we form classes, a great deal of consideration goes into the placement of students to provide the best possible academic and social environment. Some of the factors considered include: social maturity, organizational skills, learning style, ability to work independently, academic ability, class dynamics as well as attitude toward and commitment to school work. We all want what is best for the children at Lakeview School. We do expect to have a number of split classes next year. Every year, we receive numerous requests from parents to keep their child in a straight grade class rather than a split. These requests will not be considered.

If you have a specific request about your child's placement for the coming school year, **please submit it by email to [lav@dsbn.org](mailto:lav@dsbn.org) by Friday, May 14th.** Parental requests will be considered in conjunction with the factors listed above, although we cannot guarantee that requested placements will be fulfilled. Our goal is to provide a learning environment in which all of our students will be most successful.

# Niagara Region Public Health

## School Health Newsletter

### For Parents



### COVID-19 Updates

For information regarding schools and COVID-19, including screening, symptoms, prevention and protection measures, visit <https://www.niagararegion.ca/health/covid-19/reopen/schools.aspx>.

If you have general COVID-19 questions, you can also speak with a health care professional seven days a week 9:15am to 4:15pm 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074, press 7.

### Vaccine Rollout

For more information on distribution and eligibility, please visit [Niagara Public Health COVID-19 Vaccination](#).

### April is Oral Health Month!

Public Health recommends that children's teeth should be brushed twice daily for two minutes with a pea sized amount of fluoride toothpaste to prevent cavities. Children under the age of three should have their teeth brushed by an adult, using a rice grain sized portion of fluoride toothpaste until the child can spit out. Parent and caregivers with children under six years should apply the toothpaste to the toothbrush and supervise to ensure proper brushing.

For more information, visit [https://www.niagararegion.ca/living/health\\_wellness/dental/prevent-cavities.aspx](https://www.niagararegion.ca/living/health_wellness/dental/prevent-cavities.aspx)

### School Dental Screening Updates

Due to COVID-19, public health dental staff have not been able to provide school dental screening in the 2020-2021 school year. If your child is experiencing dental pain or discomfort, please connect with our dental program through the [Niagara Region Public Health dental website](#) or call the Dental Health Line at 905-688-8248 or 1-888505-6074 ext. 7399.

### Niagara Parents Facebook Live events

Checkout [Niagara Parents Facebook page](#) for live streaming events and videos!

## **School Vaccine Program Information for Grade 7 and 8 Students**

Unfortunately, due to school closures and redeployment of Public Health staff, grade 7 school vaccine clinics were cancelled in the spring of 2020 (current grade 8 students). Additionally, the vaccine clinics for current grade 7 students were also cancelled.

- Currently, grade 8 students remain eligible for publicly funded hepatitis B vaccine until Aug. 31, 2021
- Students remain eligible for the publicly funded meningococcal vaccine (Men-C-ACYW) until the vaccine is received
- Students currently in grades 7 and 8 can still receive the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine for free until they finish high school
- Public Health is looking at opportunities to provide both grade 7 and 8 vaccine clinics throughout Niagara
- We will reach out to you when more information is available.

To learn more about vaccines or to report your child's vaccinations, visit:

<https://www.niagararegion.ca/health/vaccinations/default.aspx>.

## Review of 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 are 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. **If you arrive after 9:00 a.m., the Kiss & Ride gate will be closed and you will need to drive your child(ren) around to the front doors of the school to enter the school and access the schoolyard.**
3. There is very limited parking available at the school. Please park in designated spots only. **The area along the west side of driveway to the parking lot is NOT a parking area.**
4. **There are only two accessible parking spots that must remain available for members of our school community who have permits.**
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Please allow your children to go to the school yard by themselves. This is an excellent opportunity for them to develop independence and confidence. **Parents/guardians, please do not stand in the Kiss & Ride area, at the gate or along the fence** for your safety and to respect social distancing protocol. Children will be dismissed through their regular doors at the end of each day so that they may meet younger siblings or you, the parents, in front of the school.
8. 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 or use the bus provided rather than drive. This will save gas, improve fitness rates and will help to protect the environment, but most**



**STUDENT SAFETY**

## CROSSING WITH THE CROSSING GUARD SAFELY

At Lakeview Public School, we work closely with our community partners and value our work with the Town of Grimsby. The Town is responsible for the placement of Crossing Guards, as well as providing a replacement when necessary. With the nicer weather ahead, more students will be walking or riding their bikes to school. Below are some reminders from the Town of Grimsby to ensure student safety when crossing with the Crossing Guard.

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. Choosing safety over convenience is a positive life lesson to share with our students and we rely on both adults and older students to help set the example for positive and safe pedestrian habits for our younger community members. 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 and so much more.

While waiting to cross the roadway, always stand 2-3 large steps back from the roadway. When crossing with the Guard, we ask that you dismount your bicycles and scooters and walk them across the crosswalk. Hold onto all sports equipment, remove headphones/earbuds and pause phone conversations, allowing your sole focus to be roadway safety.

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. Always walk across the road and no horseplay while crossing. If crossing at a pedestrian walk signal, do not enter the crosswalk once the flashing hand has appeared. Wait for the next walk signal.

Please keep in mind that School Crossing Guards are out there serving their communities, under all weather conditions and need everyone to follow the laws applicable under the Highway Traffic Act. *Be mindful of their safety and the safety of their pedestrians!*

If you have any questions, concerns or would be interested in being a Crossing Guard, please feel free to contact the Town of Grimsby at 905-945-9634.