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*All members of the Lakefield School Community will reach their maximum potential.*

**March 2021**

Thank you

**The entire staff of Lakefield School would like to thank the parents and our Home and School for their kindness in providing the wonderful treats and gifts during Staff Appreciation Week. You most certainly spoiled us and it was greatly enjoyed by everyone who works at Lakefield.**

**100 Days Celebration**

Students had a wonderful time celebrating the 100th day of school. They were very much engaged in activities dealing with Math and Language Arts in a fun and learning environment.

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Moving in? Moving Away?

It is that time of year once again when both the district and our school start looking at grade level/class configurations. An enrollment of even one student more or less at a particular grade level can conceivably make a big difference regarding the organization of classes for the 2021/22 school year and we want to plan for next year with information that is accurate and up to date. For that reason, please inform your child's teacher as soon as possible if you will be moving from the LES area between now and September or if you are aware of a new family moving into our drawing area. As always, please let us know when changes to your phone numbers or address occur that could affect our ability to contact you in case of emergency or, if the need arises, to send your child home.



Spring is on its way

It looks like spring might be on its way!! As it arrives, our playfield will be transformed from ice and snow to slush and mud, along with varying temperatures. Students should arrive dressed in layers with the ability to remove or add layers as the temperature changes. To avoid calls home during the day due to wet/muddy clothes, please consider packing a change of pants in your child's book bag. Also, a lot of mud can be tracked into the school during the spring season and it is therefore essential that the children take off their outdoor boots and place them in the coat areas before they go into their classrooms. Please ensure that your child has a pair of indoor sneakers that they can wear while they are in school.



**Important Dates**

<b>March 1st-5th</b> March Break
House Team
<b>March 19th - No School</b> PL for School Staff
<b>March 31st - Report</b> Cards sent home.
<b>April 2nd - No School</b> Good Friday
<b>April 5th - No School</b> Easter Monday



**Bottle Recycling at LES**

Our school continues to collect redeemables (bottles, cans, drinking boxes), the proceeds of which go back into the school for the purchase of various items. Last year, our school purchased new items for the gym to replace ones that were worn out. We are hoping this year to purchase more items for our school. The amount of money represents redeemable collected at the school and from parents who drop their items off at the K.V. Redemption Center (next to the Ken-Val Cop). We ask for your continued support. Just drop off your items and place a Lakefield Elementary sticker on your bags (provided at the depot across from the office).

**Thanks for your support**

**Kindergarten 2021**

So that we can begin to plan effectively for next year, a reminder that children who are of 2021/22 Kindergarten age (born in 2016) but haven't yet registered should do so ASAP. Please urge neighbors and newcomers to contact the school if they have kindergarten age children. If you haven't yet registered your child, please drop into the school or call 847-6212 as soon as possible.





## SPEAKING OF SPEECH AND LANGUAGE...

(FROM THE ASD-S SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY DEPARTMENT)

### Sharing Books with Your Child

Sharing books together is a great learning and bonding activity to do with your child. It's not just reading pages to your child. It's taking time to read, look at pictures, talk with and connect with your child. Not only is it fun for you and your child, sharing books has been found to have many, many benefits for children. Research has connected sharing books with a child with **higher vocabularies**, *better grammar skills*, **increased phonological awareness** or pre-reading skills and *academic performance*. It has also been found that the more fun you make it, the higher the benefits!

### Suggestions for Sharing Books with Your Child:

- Make book sharing a special time that you and your child(ren) spend together.
- Schedule a few minutes every day (or as many possible) to share books with your child.
- Your child does not have to read in this activity, but can read bits of the book if they want to.
- Choose books that are 2-3 levels about their reading level, so that you play a big part in the story.
- Look at both narrative (story books) and information books as they are both important for school success and use different types of thinking. Make sure your child is interested in the topic.
- Spend time focusing on pictures. Talk about what you see, what you like, what you don't like, etc.
- Pause between pages. Talk about what happened. Have your child guess what may happen next.



- When talking about the book use terms such as "before," "after," "first," "last," "because," etc.
- Connect the book to experiences your child has had: compare the dog in the book to your pet dog; ask if they have played that game, etc.
- Ask open-ended questions throughout the book.
- Talk about words and items in the book and what they mean.
- Make sure your child has time to comment on what they see.
- Expand book time by doing related activities: sing a related song, pretend you are living in a castle, etc.
- Get a library card! Not only do they have many wonderful books, libraries have great activities for parents and children to participate in.

Most importantly, HAVE FUN!