

# December Newsletter



## Upcoming Dates:

Dec 2	Christmas Craft Fair in the Gym 9am-2pm Movie night - THE GRINCH 6-8pm
Dec 4	Kick off to Kindergarten 6-7pm for pre-K families (adults)
Dec 4-22	Collection of donations of canned vegetables for Lakewood Heights HeadStart.
Dec 7	Parent Teacher 4-7pm
Dec 8	Parent Teacher 9-11 am No School for Students
Dec 11-22	20K Sock Challenge
Dec 15	Hot Lunch open until January 7
Dec 18	Holiday festive sweater day
Dec. 19	Home and School Meeting 6-7pm Holiday Headwear Day
Dec. 20	Christmas Concert 9am and 12pm
Dec. 21	Holiday Socks and Scarf Day
Dec. 22	½ Day Dismissal at 11 am Holiday PJ Day
Jan. 8	First Day for Students
Jan. 15	Hot Lunch Begins again



## A Reminder to Parents, Guardians and Visitors:

We are asking parents, guardians and visitors to please stop at the office when entering the school. We want to avoid any unnecessary interruptions to classroom instruction time, therefore if you are dropping a child off or picking a child up - go directly to the office. If you are dropping off a lunch or a forgotten article or for any other reason - you must also stop at the office.

All volunteers coming into the school must sign the sign in/sign out book just inside the office as this helps us monitor who is in the school.

Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

## **Reminder**



**If you have an appointment and your child needs to leave before the buses,** please call the school in advance and the school will have your child ready in the office.

## **Loch Lomond School's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Food Drive**

### **WHO?**

All in support of our local food bank,  
*Lakewood Headstart Association*



### **WHAT?**

Our goal is to collect as many **cans of vegetables** as possible! (carrots, peas, corn, beans, beets, etc.)

### **WHY?**

Canned vegetables are ranked #1 on their Christmas wish list this year

### **WHEN?**

Our campaign runs from December 4<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>

### **WHERE?**

Send your canned vegetables to Loch Lomond School.  
All donations will be displayed in the front lobby!

## **Thank you for your support!**



CHRISTMAS FAMILY  
**MOVIE NIGHT**



**COME WATCH THE GRINCH WITH YOUR FAMILY AND  
FRIENDS AND GET IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT !**

**December 2nd @ 6pm \$2 entry**

**& cash Canteen**  
Taking canned veggie &  
cash donations for  
Lakewood Headstart



## Holiday Spirit Week December 18-22

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Holiday Festive Sweater</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Holiday Headwear</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Christmas Concert</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Holiday Scarf and Socks</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Festive PJ Day</b>



### Christmas Concert



Our annual Christmas Concert will be held on December 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be two performances. One at 9 am and another at noon. Please do not park in the traffic circle at the front of the school and be careful not to block Evergreen Avenue. Our bus turnaround area and the airport field directly across from Loch Lomond School are available, however, for parking.





**HOLLY JOLLY  
CHRISTMAS**

Market at Loch Lomond  
School

**December 2nd 2023  
9am -2pm**

**Pictures  
with  
Mr.  
Grinch**

Fun for the  
whole  
family:  
shopping  
with local  
vendors,  
balloon  
animals,  
delicious  
treats,  
canteen &  
more!

The poster features a festive border with holly leaves, red berries, and candy canes. At the top, Santa Claus is shown riding his sleigh pulled by reindeer. The Grinch is depicted wearing a Santa hat and peeking out from behind a yellow gift box with a green ribbon. The text is in a mix of green and black fonts, with the main title in large, bold, green letters.

**SCHOOL CLOSURES DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER**



The weather is quickly becoming more seasonal, and this letter is to help families understand our policies and decisions regarding snow day cancellations and bus delays. The decision to cancel school is never taken lightly and we understand the challenge created by the change of routine, both at home and in the classroom.

## **Delays and Closures**

Following poor weather, we may opt to delay buses while road conditions improve. If buses are delayed, schools will still open at their regular time to receive students.

If road conditions are, or are expected to become, hazardous, schools may be closed district-wide. Individual schools or Education Centres may be closed depending on unique local conditions.

### **How do we decide?**

Decisions are made based on the best information we have at the time. This includes detailed hourly weather forecasts and satellite/radar images from multiple sources, as well as provincial and municipal road condition reports. A decision must be made by approximately 6:30 am, as buses are due to begin shortly thereafter. Schools might also be closed and students sent home early if weather conditions deteriorate significantly during the school day.

*Because decisions are made using the most accurate, up-to-date forecast information, decisions are not typically finalized in advance or announced the night before.*

*ASD-S is large and diverse - urban, rural, in-land, and coastal. The weather does not always occur as anticipated and will impact areas differently. Our buses travel 33,000 km/day and we have 5000 student walkers. Sometimes what is the best decision for one neighbourhood may not be as apparent for another, but in each case the safety of all our students is paramount.*

*If schools remain open, no announcement will be made; If you feel that conditions in your area are not safe, you have the final decision whether or not to send your child to school.*

### **What about the lost instructional time?**

Teachers have room in their lesson plans to deal with closures and are experienced at modifying lessons and balancing the school year to make up for the lost time. Also, many teachers have plans in place to deal with snow days. Some may assign work ahead of anticipated closures or share expectations ahead of time. This could be instruction to review previous lessons, read ahead, continue project work, solve math problems, or practice creative writing, spelling, or sight words.

Students can also take an active role in continued learning by finding meaningful work to complete on snow days, such as reviewing previous chapters or getting ahead on assignments. We also recognize the value of the global competencies reinforced when students volunteer in the community to remove snow, child mind, or help out at home.

### **What Can Families Do?**

Families are asked to establish plans for those days schools are closed or buses are delayed. Families are also encouraged to [subscribe online](#) to BusPlanner for email notifications about delays and closures. Announcements are also made through the local radio stations and the District [website](#).

Parents and guardians can also encourage their students to seek out opportunities to learn, on snow days, and every day.