



Thanksgiving Day Holiday

A reminder that Monday, October 9th is a scheduled School District Holiday. We wish all families a wonderful Thanksgiving Day to spend with family and friends and to give thanks for the many blessings that we enjoy each day.

Thanksgiving Day Assembly

Please join us for our Thanksgiving Day Assembly on Friday, October 6th at 9:00am in our school gym. Our Grade 3 students will lead us in our assembly. As in the past we are requesting a non-perishable food item (ie: bag of flour, sugar, macaroni, tin milk etc.) to assist the Food Bank. Children are asked to bring in their donation no later than Friday and we will invite a representative to accept our donation. All parents/guardians and friends of Larkhall are invited to come and participate in our assembly with us.

Professional Development Days

Monday, October 16 our staff will be participating in Day 1 of our internal review process. In addition to this Larkhall staff will be attending a Professional Development Day for a district close out on Tuesday, October 24th. Please note: there will be no classes for Larkhall students on these dates.

Halloween Treats

The NLESD has adopted a healthy and active schools philosophy. In keeping with the promotion of health eating we would like to encourage healthy Halloween snacks during this fun time of year. Due to allergies, please do not send in any baked items.

Janeway Jamarama Day

Larkhall will be participating in our annual Janeway Jamarama day on Friday, October 20th. Please bring a donation of \$1.00 to wear your pajamas to help support the Janeway.

Smoothie Day

On Thursday, October 5th volunteers with the Kids Eat Smart Foundation will be at Larkhall to promote healthy eating and will provide all students with a delicious smoothie to begin their day.

Christmas Fundraiser

Information and catalogues were sent home to all families about our upcoming Christmas Fundraiser. This fundraising campaign will help Larkhall purchase important resources and classroom items. Please return these order forms by October 17th.

School Pictures

Lifetouch Photography will be here at Larkhall on Wednesday, October 25th to take pictures of all students for this school year.

The School Lunch Program

Just a reminder that we are not permitted to accept late hot lunch envelopes. If you have any questions regarding the SLP please call their head office at 754 5323.

Kinderstart Students

Children who are age 5 by December 2018 need to be registered for Kinderstart. If you know of any child in your neighborhood who does not have a sibling in school; could you please pass along this message and ask them to call Larkhall School at 722-7012 to register their child. Thank you.

Larkhall Fall Sale

A huge thank you to Pam/Paul Mootrey and, Cindy/Rudy Newell helped organized the Annual Larkhall Fall Sale. Thank you as well to Debbie Collins who helped out on Saturday. It was a great success with proceeds going towards supplies/resources for classrooms. Thank you for your support.

Larkhall School Council

Our School Council election took place the last week of September. Our 2017-2018 school council consists of the following people:

Penney Marnell- Teacher Representative
Ruth Blackmore- Teacher Representative
Darrell Hynes- Parent Representative
Ingrid Jones- Parent Representative
Tracey Spurrell- Parent Representative
Miriam MacLeod- Community Representative
Reg Durdle - Administration
Shane Fitzgerald- Administration

Our first School Council meeting for this school year will take place at the end of October.

Lost and Found

We keep a Lost & Found container on the main floor and the gym entrance of our school. We invite both children and parents to check periodically for items that may be missing. Also, in this regard it is wise to label as many school items as possible. **Names or initials** should go on sneakers, book bags, lunch bags, jackets, caps, pencil cases and other supplies.

Door Security

Parents / guardians and visitors to our school should use the main office entrance. This door will be locked during the school day and you are kindly asked to ring the doorbell, identify yourself and Ms. Snelgrove will buzz you in. For safety reasons it is important that we are aware of visitors in our school at all times. Parents and visitors are not permitted in the classroom areas unless permission is given by the office.

Volunteers

We are in need of volunteers to assist in the delivery of our breakfast program here at Larkhall. Please contact the office if you are interested in volunteering for this very important program. If you have an hour to spare in the mornings we would certainly appreciate your assistance.

Larkhall App

Our school app is now updated. This is a great way to keep up to date with news and events at the school. The app is available for both Apple and Android devices. Make sure you enable push notifications to get the latest announcements. Visit our school website to learn more.

Website Updates

Our website is also updated. In addition to updated information, we have reconfigured it so that it displays equally well on phone, tablet or desktop. The intent of our Website, App and Twitter Account is to get timely information out to parents and guardians.

SynerVoice:

Our school, like all schools in the NL English School District, uses, an automated calling system to deliver messages to parents. Since this is also used in the event of emergency school closures it is important that we have an up-to-date contact phone number for you. If you have changed your phone number recently can you please let the school know.

Twitter

Larkhall Academy is on Twitter! Please follow us @LarkhallAcademy for updates about Larkhall Academy.

Parking lot.

As most of you are probably aware, the parking lot at Larkhall is very small. We kindly ask that parents / guardians not to park in the designated staff parking spaces during morning drop off.

Attendance

Research shows that students who attend school and are engaged in classroom activities are more likely to be successful and, in the end, we want all of our students to achieve to the best of their abilities. While we certainly understand there are times when a child is sick or an appointment must occur during the instructional day, we ask you to encourage your child to attend school each day when possible. If your child is absent for any reason please call the school and let us know or send along a written note when your child returns.

Achieva

If your child attends Achieva after school please remind him / her that they need to take all of their belongings when they go down stairs. There should be no need for children or parents / guardians to go upstairs to retrieve items. Students are reminded to leave through the exit designated for Achieva

Afternoon Dismissal

We wish to thank parents and guardians for your cooperation as we implemented our new dismissal procedures. The purpose of this change was for the continued safety of students and to make for a smoother exit from the building.

Digital Citizenship

The digital world is a lot like the regular world and the same manners and rules need to apply. Would you let a child go into a store for the first time to purchase something without educating them on if

they need change back or not? Or let them walk home from the bus stop alone without warning them about strangers? In comparison, we can't leave students alone and think they will just "figure" the internet out.

We need to think of technology and the internet as the modern day playground. Both parents and educators should work together to prepare students for the digital world, just as they work together to prepare students for their future. There's no difference. Whether it's in college or their career—technology, the internet, and social media are tools students will be utilizing every day.

To learn more about digital citizenship check out our school website for links to many great resources.

Important Dates To Remember

October 5th- Smoothie Day

October 6th- Thanksgiving Day Assembly

October 9th- Thanksgiving Day Holiday

October 16th- PD Day (No School for Students)

**October 17th- Christmas Fundraiser
Ordering Forms RETURNED**

October 20th- Janeway Jamarama Day

October 24th- District Closeout (No School for Students)

October 25th- Picture Day

October 31st- Halloween

