



Beautiful Thanksgiving Day Assembly

Many thanks to our grade 3 students who led us in a beautiful Thanksgiving Day Assembly. It was certainly enjoyed by all in attendance. We would like to acknowledge the generosity of our parent community for the very generous food donations to the food bank to share with needy families. Thank you!

Christmas Fundraiser

We are pleased to announce the fundraiser was a great success. In total we made a profit of approximately \$2400. This money will be used to further support our technology and curriculum initiatives. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Remembrance Day Assembly

Please join us on Wednesday, Nov. 8th at 1:15 for our Remembrance Day Assembly. Our grade 5's will lead us in this most memorable and beautiful assembly. All parents/guardians, grandparents and friends of Larkhall Academy are invited to come and participate. Please mark this date and time on your calendar. Please note: *There will be no school for students on Friday, November 10th and Monday, November 13th.*

Lifetouch Photography

Please be advised that picture retake day is scheduled for the morning of November 27th.

1st Term Report Cards

The first term of the 2017 - 2018 school year officially ends on Friday, November 24th. Reports cards will be distributed on Tuesday, November 28th and Parent Teacher conferences will take place on Thursday, November 30th. *Please note: Students will be dismissed at 12:00 on November 30th.*

Professional Development Days

On Friday, December 1 staff will be participating in Day 2 of our internal review process. *Please note: there will be no classes for Larkhall students on this day.*

Recycling

Each Thursday recycling will take place at Larkhall Academy. Even a small bag of

recyclables each week makes a big difference. We thank you for your continued support with our Recycling program.

Outdoor Play at Lunch

Thank you parents for your support with student outdoor lunchtime play. It is wonderful to see all of our children dressed warmly to go outside to play especially as the weather is turning colder. The children thoroughly enjoy playtime when they are dressed appropriately. Please ensure that your child comes to school each day dressed for the weather.

In addition to this, Please have a talk to your child about the importance of proper behavior while playing outside.

Christmas Concert Date

Please mark **Thursday, December 7th** on your calendar for our Grades 1 and 2 Christmas Concert. We are certain to have a performance that will surely put you in the festive spirit. All students in grade 1 and 2 will participate in this concert in the school gymnasium. There will be a matinee at 1:30 and an evening concert at 7:00. Tickets will go on sale Monday, November 20th.

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 children in your neighborhood who does not have a sibling in school; could you please pass along this message and ask them to call Larkhall at 722-7012 to register their child. Thank you.

Dates for this year's Kinderstart sessions are as follows:

Session 1: Feb 9th

Session 2: March 9th

Session 3: April 27th

Session 4: May 25

Roary's Pride Awards

On November 17th at 9:00 for grades K-2 and 1:15 for grades 3-5, we will be having our first Roary's Pride Awards for this school year.

There will be three assemblies throughout the year to celebrate our student's achievements. Every student will receive an award.

Parents/guardians will be contacted in advance to notify them of their child's award. The child does not know they are getting the award until the day of the assembly, so please keep it hush, hush so it can be an exciting surprise.

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 you will be buzzed in. For safety, 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.

School Council

Our school council is up and running for the 2017-2018 school year.

The functions of a school council are to:

- (a) represent the educational interests of the school;
- (b) advise on the quality of teaching and learning in the school;
- (c) facilitate parent and community involvement in teaching and learning in the school; and
- (d) advise the board on matters of concern to the school and the community.

In the next few weeks, we will have our School Council page updated on our Larkhall Academy website. Here you will find information on our council and ways of contacting our representatives.

Christmas Movie at Cineplex

On December 20th the school will be going to a movie in the morning. The cost of the movie and transportation to/from the theatre is \$10.00. We will be collecting this money as we get closer to the movie date. The movie is Ferdinand. We are asking families to avoid selecting this movie until after Dec. 20th, so that your child can have a wonderful experience.

Media Literacy Week (November 6-10)

Media Literacy week is an annual event that takes place every November. Co-led by MediaSmarts and the Canadian Teachers' Federation (CTF). The week puts a spotlight on the importance of digital and media literacy as key components in the education of children and young people.

The official theme of Media Literacy Week 2017 is Inclusion in a Connected World: A Place and a Voice for Everyone. Through the theme we will promote ways that diverse voices, perspectives and talents can participate in and enrich our media and digital spaces.

Important Dates To Remember

November 8th - Remembrance Day Assembly

November 10th - Mid-Fall Break Holiday

November 13th- Remembrance Day Holiday

November 16th- Picture form and money returned (if buying a package)

November 17th- Roary's Pride Assembly

November 20th- Christmas Concert tickets go on sale

November 27th- Picture Retakes

November 28th- Report Cards Released

November 30th- Parent-Teacher Interviews (dismissal at 12pm for students)

December 1st - PD Day (no school for Larkhall students)



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