

Remembrance Day Assembly

Many thanks to our grade 5 students who led us in our Remembrance Day Assembly. It was a beautiful assembly honouring all of those who have served and continue to serve our country.

Grades 1 & 2 Christmas Concert

Please mark 7pm, Thursday, December 7th on your calendar for our Christmas Concert. All students in grades 1 and 2 will participate in this concert. Doors will not open before 6:30pm when teachers go on duty. We ask that all children come to their classrooms when the doors open at 6:30 on the concert evening. Tickets are on sale now for all to buy at a cost of 3 dollars each. We look forward to seeing you for a wonderful night of Christmas music, play, song and dance. It is sure to put you in the festive spirit. Don't forget to get your *Best Seats in the House* tickets on the night of the concert. Tickets are one dollar each and proceeds go to our Christmas giving project.

Christmas Movie

On Wednesday, December 20th all students and staff will be attending Cineplex for our annual Christmas movie *-Ferdinand*. We will leave the school at 9:00am and return at approximately 11:45am. The cost of the movie and transportation will be \$10.00. Money and permission slips need to be returned by Friday, December 15th.

Term 1 Report Cards and Parent - Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews will take place on Thursday, November 30th. Please book your appointment with your child's teacher via OPTIS. A memo was sent home last week with details on registering for OPTIS if you haven't done so yet. Please call the school if you need assistance. We look forward to seeing everyone on Thursday!

Early Dismissal/PD Day

On Thursday, November 30th students will dismiss at 12:00 as Parent Teacher Interviews will be taking place that afternoon/evening.

There will be no school for students on Friday, December 1st as teachers will be participating in Day 2 of our Internal Review professional development session.

Recycling

Every 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. This week we will draw for our two \$50 Toys R Us gift cards. Every 10 items you bring in gets a chance in the draw. Remember to drain and rinse your recyclable items. Also please remove and straws or bottle caps.

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 Assembly

Our Christmas Assembly will take place at 11:00 on December 22nd featuring our Kindergarten and Grade Four students. We would love for you to join us in singing of songs and the spreading of Christmas Cheer.

The Sights Before Christmas

On Monday, December 18th all students will be entertained by The Sights Before Christmas show. This student only event will be held at Larkhall and students will get to explore the fantasy world of Bernadette Doyle, a young child who is determined to stay awake all night so that she will not miss one second of Christmas magic. The characters in The Sights Before Christmas enchant audiences with a wild array of theatrical and circus characters. From juggling and unicycling to carolling and storytelling, the show is thrilling, wide-eyed Christmas adventure. This exciting Christmas event is free for students.

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.

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.

White Shirt Christmas Giving Project

Each year during Christmas time, all classes at Larkhall participate in a Christmas Giving project. This year, we are excited to help with a special project. In partnership with the Salvation Army and the Rotary Club of St. John’s North, we will be supporting the community of Tshelanyemba, Zimbabwe by providing button up white shirts for the school children.

We would love to have your support as we participate in the Christmas Giving project! Here is how you can help:

- Donate a new or good used button up white shirt (long or short sleeved for boys or girls from Grade 1 - 11)
- Make a monetary donation to go towards the purchase of white shirts

Last day for our white shirt collection is Monday, December 18th.

Christmas Break

Students will be dismissed on Friday, December 22nd @ 12:55.

School reopens on Monday, January 8th and it will be Day 6 on our school calendar.

Important Dates To Remember

November 28th- Report Cards Released

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

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

December 7th-22nd- 12 Days of Christmas

December 7th- Grade 1&2 Christmas Concert @ 7pm

December 18th- Sights Before Christmas Show (student only event)

December 20th- Christmas movie @ Cineplex

December 22nd- Christmas Assembly @ 11am

December 22nd- Dismissal for students at 12:55

January 8th- Return from Christmas Break

12 Days of Christmas At Larkhall

Larkhall will be having its first 12 days of Christmas beginning on Thursday, December 7th. We encourage all students to participate in these fun daily theme days to help celebrate the exciting month of December. Below is an outline of our 12 days. The days in **BOLD**, students are encouraged to dress up. On all other days, activities are planned in class by our teachers.

12 Days of Christmas	Activity
Thur. Dec 7	Classroom Door Decorating Day
Fri. Dec 8	Christmas PJ Day
Mon. Dec 11	Crazy Hair/Christmas Hat Day
Tues. Dec 12	Christmas Sweater Party
Wed. Dec 13	Christmas Trivia Day
Thurs. Dec 14	Christmas Mix tape
Fri. Dec 15	Dress as a Christmas Character Day (eg: reindeer, santa, gingerbread, elf, scrooge, the grinch etc.)
Mon. Dec 18	Sights Before Christmas
Tues. Dec 19	Christmas Color Day (eg: green, red, white, silver, gold etc.)
Wed. Dec 20	Christmas Movie @ Cineplex
Thurs. Dec 21	Surprise Day! - Special Visitor
Fri. Dec 22	Christmas Assembly @ 11

Our Christmas Wish

The staff of Larkhall Academy would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our students and their families Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year filled with abundant blessings of love, peace and joy.

Thank you for your tremendous support during the first term.

We look forward to another successful year. Enjoy time with your loved ones over the Christmas break. Merry Christmas!

