

### **Welcome Back!**

**Happy New Year!! Welcome back to all students after your holiday break. We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday with friends, family and loved ones. We wish all of our Larkhall friends and families a very happy, healthy and successful 2018!**

### **Thank you**

We wish to extend a sincere thank you to our students and community for donating money and white shirts for our annual Christmas giving project. Your continued generosity was greatly appreciated and we are proud to send off a large shipment of white shirts.

### **Christmas Activities**

Congratulations to all of our students in Grades 1 & 2 who performed in our **Christmas concert**. It was an absolutely beautiful production.

In addition to this, our Grades K & 4 students hosted a wonderful Christmas assembly on the last day of school. It was a great way to kick off our holiday season.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Term**

Our second term of the 2017 – 2018 school year began November 27<sup>th</sup> and concludes on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Please encourage your child to put forth good effort in all school work, assignments, homework and projects. If you have any questions or concerns on the grade level curriculum please do not hesitate to call the school or make an appointment with your child's teacher.

### **Kinder Start Information**

Our first Kinder Start session for our students will be Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be no classes for our current Kindergarten students on that day.

During this session, students will be alone with teachers and parents/guardians will be attending a separate information session. It is important that siblings of kinderstart students do not attend the sessions, since the sessions are for our kinderstart students only.

### **Kindergarten Pictures**

Kindergarten pictures will be taking place on Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. Information was sent home to parents/guardians to review.

### **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.

### **Spring Fair**

Now that 2018 is upon us, our Spring Fair planning team is beginning to organize our next big fair! If you are interested in being a vendor at the Spring Fair please contact Cindy Newell at [cindym\\_hunt@hotmail.com](mailto:cindym_hunt@hotmail.com) no later than January 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Welcome to Larkhall**

We are very pleased to welcome two MUN interns this winter. Ms. Campbell is working with Ms. Coady's Grade Three class. Also, Ms. Cormier will be teaching with Ms. Lee in music. We wish them a very successful internship at Larkhall.

In addition to this, Ms. Fowler will be replacing Ms. Rose in Grade Two until April while she is away on Educational Leave.

### **Spelling Bee**

Our annual spelling bee will take place on January 19<sup>th</sup> for Grades 4 & 5 students. Study materials were provided with students earlier this fall. Good luck to all participants!

### **Outdoor Play at Lunch**

As part of our active schools commitment to health and wellness it is important to get outside for some fresh air and exercise whenever possible during the lunch break. We have a wonderful area for playing and the children love it. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately with boots, coat, hat and mittens so that they can enjoy themselves at lunch time. Thank you for your support and cooperation

### **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 Bus Safety: A Community Responsibility

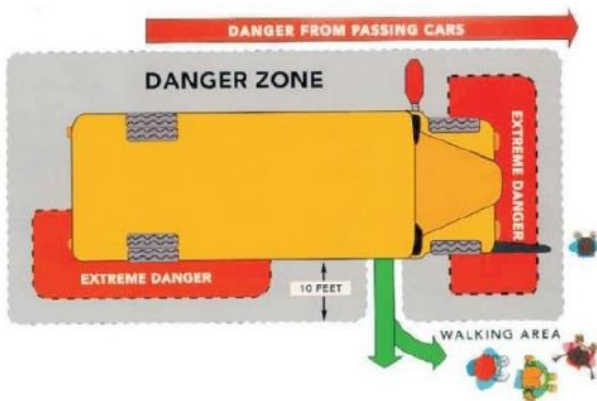
As students return to school after the Christmas break, the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District would like to remind them, as well as parents and guardians and the general public, to practice simple, yet effective bus safety procedures. Information for students and families, including a bus safety video and bus safety brochure, can be found on our District website:

<https://www.nlesd.ca/schools/busing/index.jsp>

Students are reminded to dress appropriately for waiting at the bus stop and to be at their stop at least five minutes prior to scheduled pickup time. As well, students are encouraged to wear reflective clothing and never enter the "Danger Zones" located exterior to the bus. The defined "Danger Zone" is illustrated in the online Bus Safety Tips brochure and is shown below. All students must abide by the rules outlined on the Student Expectations poster located in every bus, which is also available for families to review online at the above noted website.

### NEVER CROSS BEHIND THE BUS!

Always stay where the bus driver can see you.



### DANGER AREA

The danger zone is the 10 foot area around the bus in every direction. The most dangerous areas of the bus are:

- The front of the bus.
- Right rear tire area.

### Use of Crosswalk

The City of St. John's has asked us to remind students and parents/guardians of the importance of using the designated crosswalk when arriving at or leaving school. A Crossing Guard is stationed there during morning arrival and afternoon dismissal and using the crosswalk increases safety for everyone.

### Parking

Always be conscious while driving in the school zone area especially when busses are off loading the children. Parents/guardians who drop off and pick up children are asked not to park right in front of the school on the road as you will be ticketed.

In addition to this, please avoid parking in front of driveways belonging to people living on the streets surrounding Larkhall. We thank you in advance.

### Bell Let's Talk Day on January 31

[The 2018 Bell Let's Talk Day](#) awareness campaign spotlights personal stories from Canadians of all ages from all walks of life living with mental illness or providing support for those who do.

Once again we invite you and your friends, family and colleagues to join the conversation on January 31. Bell will donate 5 cents to Canadian mental health programs for each of these interactions on Bell Let's Talk Day, at no extra cost to participants:

Text and talk: Every text message, mobile and long distance call made by Bell Canada, Bell Aliant

Twitter: Every tweet using #BellLetsTalk and Bell Let's Talk Day video view

Facebook: Every view of the Bell Let's Talk Day video and use of the Bell Let's Talk frame

Instagram: Every Bell Let's Talk Day video view

Snapchat: Every use of the Bell Let's Talk geofilter and video view

### Date to Remember

**January 16th- School Lunch Envelopes Due**

**January 18th- Kindergarten Pictures**

**January 19th- Grade 4&5 Spelling Bee**

**February 9th- Kinderstart Session #1**

**February 16th-19th- Mid Winter Break**

**(Return on the 20th)**

HAPPY  
New Year

