

Spring Craft Fair

Once again we will be hosting our annual Spring Craft Fair with a variety of vendors. Save the date which is Saturday, May 5th from 10am-4pm.

Spring Musical

The performance of the musical "A Kid's Life" was fabulous. Thank you to parents and students who worked hard to make this event a success. A huge thank you to Ms. Lee, Ms. Cormier and the Grade Three & Four teachers and student assistants for all of their hard work.

Spring Dance

Our Grades K-2 and 3-5 spring dances were a huge success. We want to thank our school council for helping us organize the event. Also, a big thank you to our students and their parents/guardians for the tremendous turn out.

PD Day - No School For Students

Please be advised that Larkhall staff will be participating in a PD on Friday, May 4th. There will be no classes for students on this day.

Victoria Day Holiday

The Victoria Day Holiday is Monday, May 21st. There will be no school for students.

Kindergarten Celebration

Our Kindergarten Celebration is scheduled for Thursday, June 7th at 1:15pm in the gymnasium. This is an opportunity for our students to gather together to recall and perform for you some of the things they learned in their first year at school. It is not a formal event and parents are asked to keep it inexpensive and simple.

Grade 5 Year End Celebration of the Arts

The Grade 5 Year End Celebration of the Arts is scheduled for Thursday, June 21st in the gymnasium at 1:15pm. Just a note to clarify, this is a school leaving event, not a graduation event. Dress code is casual.

Family Breakfast

Save the date for our annual family breakfast which will be held in our gymnasium on Wednesday, May 30th. Information will be sent home in next week.

Volunteer Social

Again this year at Larkhall Academy the staff and students want to show our appreciation to the volunteers who help make our school a wonderful place to be. We will be hosting a volunteer tea in the gym on Wednesday, May 23rd from 12:00-12:55 pm. Invitations will be sent to volunteers next week.

UPCOMING Fishcake Fundraiser

On May 7th, information and order forms will be going out for our first ever fishcake fundraiser! The fishcakes are pre-packaged in 2 lb. bags (approximately 15 per bag) for \$8.00 per bag. You will have a choice of fishcakes with or without onion. We encourage our school community to purchase these delicious fishcakes. Order forms and money is due on Monday, May 14th. Our pick up location is at Larkhall Academy on May 17th between 1pm-5pm. We do not have the facilities to store the frozen fishcakes, therefore, they must be picked up on this day.

May Kinderstart

Please note that our final Kinderstart session is scheduled for Friday, May 25th. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call the school. There will be no school for current Kindergarten students on this day.

Kinderstart Registration for 2018-2019

Online registration will be available on the www.nlesd.ca website. Registration will be open May 9 and 10th from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm. Please make sure you include your child's MCP. Proof of address in the form of a rental agreement or power bill will need to be provided to the school no later than May 31th.

50/50 Fundraiser

As part of our Spring Sale fundraiser, We have a 50/50 ticket sale taking place. Final chance to get tickets is at the Spring Fair on Saturday, May 5th.

Shave For The Brave

Once again, Larkhall Academy is proud to be taking part in Shave for the Brave on Friday, June 8th. Any students, parents or community volunteers that are interested in taking part can contact the office or Mr. Fitz for a permission slip and sponsor sheet.

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.

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.

Early Morning Drop Offs

Unless arrangements have been made to escort your child to his/her locker or class, please make sure you drop them off in the entrance areas. At this time of year, students can independently get ready for class and if assistance is needed, the teacher can assist. It is only if a meeting has taken place and special arrangements made that a parent would be permitted to escort their child to their locker or classroom in the morning.

Class/Teacher Requests

We appreciate that parents would like to request certain teachers and friends in the class with their children. We will try to do our best to take these request into consideration, but we do have to balance our class needs and therefore cannot guarantee requests will be granted.

Next Year/Moving

Just a reminder that if you are moving out of the Larkhall Academy catchment area you will need to register at your zoned school for September. Please contact the office if you do plan on transitioning to another school in September.

School Development Surveys

Last year the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development introduced new online surveys to gather input from parents / guardians, students and staff to help guide the school development process in schools. Look for a letter next week with more details on this and how you can make your voice heard in your child's education.

Electronic Copies of Newsletters and Memos

Earlier this year we attempted to send out electronic copies of newsletters and memos instead of paper copies to those who preferred that method. However, we encountered an issue with Synervoice sending emails. The NLESD is transitioning to new software next year which will replace Synervoice. While you will see little or no difference in how messages

are delivered, SchoolMessenger™ will allow us more features one of which being more functionality for sending out group emails. More details on this in September.

Google Classroom

Over the past few years many teachers have embraced web technologies such as Edmodo, Remind, SeeSaw, etc. to keep parents and guardians informed. While these are all wonderful it meant that parents and guardians would sometimes use different apps from year to year depending on the teacher's preference. Many of you may be aware that the NLESD has moved to G-Suite (Google) for the majority of its communication purposes. One of the Apps that is a part of this is Google Classroom. Some of your children are using it now. It is our intention, starting in the new school year, to have this as the common communication tool for teachers to share information with you. There are several advantage to this. First you only have to become familiar with one app. It will be consistent from grade to grade. It works equally well with mobile devices or desktop computers regardless of operating system. It has been vetted by the NLESD and is in compliance with access to information and privacy regulations. Of course this is only one way of sharing information with you. Teachers will continue use student agendas and paper memos when required.

Dates to Remember

May 4th- PD Day - No School For Students
May 5th- Spring Fair at Larkhall Academy
May 5th- 50/50 Ticket Draw
May 7th- Fishcake Fundraiser Starts
May 9-10th- Kinderstart Registration for 2018-2019 opens online
May 14th- Fishcake order forms due to office
May 17th- Fishcake order PICK UP 1pm-5pm
May 21st - Victoria Day - School Holiday
May 23rd- Volunteer Tea- 12:00 NOON
May 25th - Final Kinderstart Session
May 30th- Family Breakfast
June 7th- Kindergarten Celebration- 1:15pm
June 8th - Shave for the Brave- 9:15am
June 15th - Final Roary's Pride Assembly
June 21st- Grade 5 Leaving- 1:15pm
June 28th - Last day of school

Big Brothers Big Sisters is accepting applications for girls & boys ages 6-12 years that would enjoy having a friendship with a Big Brother or Big Sister. This fun and rewarding program is FREE! Volunteers and kids get together 2-4 times per month and do activities they both enjoy.

Call 368-KIDS(5437) or visit us at the Village mall,
2nd floor, just past Goodlife Fitness.

www.helpingkids.ca