

Larkhall Academy



To: Parents/Guardians
February 1th, 2017
From: E. Colbourne / K. Molloy

No School for Students

Students will not have school on **Friday, February 17th** and **Friday, March 17th** due to staff professional development.

Early Closure

On **Wednesday, February 23rd** we will have an early closure as the staff will be meeting to discuss the school district's upcoming strategic plan.

Students will be dismissed at 1:30. It is important students who are being picked up be picked up by 1:30 as the entire staff will be in meeting for the afternoon.

Kinder start Sessions

We are delighted to welcome our new Kinder start students to Larkhall. There will be a parent information session on February 2nd from 6:30-7:30.

 Our first Kinder Start session for students will be March 3rd. *There will be no classes for our regular Kindergarten students on that day.* If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call the school office for assistance.

2nd Term

Our second term of the 2016 - 2017 school year began November 28, 2016 and concludes on March 10, 2017. 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.

100th Day Celebrations



On Feb. 10th Larkhall students will be celebrating the 100th Day for this school year!! The day will change, if we do have a storm in between now and Feb. 10th.

Head Lice



We have cases, as do all schools, of head lice among our students. We ask all parents to take an active role by checking your child's head regularly. Head lice are passed from person to person by close contact. If you find your child has head lice, please contact our school health nurse, Claire Murphy at 752 4020. She will provide you with information on effective treatment.

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 time break. We have a wonderful area for playing and the children love outdoor play. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately with boots, coat, snow pants, hat and mittens so that they can enjoy themselves at lunch time.

Synervoice ~ Email ~ Website ~ Home School Communication

We continue to utilize various communication methods to ensure messages from school to home are prompt. To assist with this process, it is essential that we have accurate and updated information regarding home contact, emergency numbers, email addresses etc. Please notify the office immediately if you change any of these communication modes. Thank you for your cooperation.

Valentine's Day

It is great fun celebrating Valentine's Day with friends at school. We know that many of the children enjoy exchanging valentines with their classmates on this day. We do ask parents to keep in mind that we have a number of students with life threatening allergies in our school and refrain from sending any food treats to school to be shared. While we certainly appreciate your kindness we need to work together to ensure the health and safety of all of our students. Thank you in advance for your continued support and cooperation.

School Dance

We will be having a school dance for our Grades 1-6 students on Thursday, February 16th. The grades 1-3 dance will be from 6:30-7:30 and the 4-6 dance will be 8:30-9:30. Tickets are \$5 each and will go on sale **February 1, 2017.**

Medically Compromised Students

Just a reminder we have several medically compromised students who are no able to attend school if there is a contagious childhood disease at school. Please contact the school if your child has chicken pox or any childhood diseases. You do not have to call if you child has the stomach flu or cold.

Staff Appreciation Week

This message is from The NL Federation of School Councils:

Teacher Staff Appreciation Week (TSAW) Newfoundland and Labrador will be held from February 12 - 18, 2017. During the week please take time to acknowledge your school staff for all they do and give to our students. The activities during TSAW do not have to be costly - even a simple handwritten note or Thank You card goes a long way in reiterating to our teachers and school staff that they are valued. Our teachers and school staff play an integral role in the success of our students, TSAW provides us with an opportunity to highlight and thank them for their hard work and dedication.

Education Week

Education week will be held from February 12-18. This year's theme is "Seeds Of Learning - Semer Les Graines". Larkhall will be having ongoing activities and theme days throughout the week for all students to participate in. More information will be coming your way soon!

Spring Fair

Any parents interested in booking a table for the spring fair are asked to contact Cindy Newell at Cindym_hunt@hotmail.com or by calling 579-1442. The deadline for booking tables is February 10th.

Premiers' Task Force on Improving Educational Outcomes

Input is being sought from all stakeholders regarding education. Please visit the website below or visit the link on the school webpage if you are interested in sharing your recommendations and

idea regarding education in Newfoundland.

<https://www.ptfnl.ca/en/>

Larkhall Spelling Bee

Students who are interested in participating in our second annual Spelling Bee will be doing so on Feb. 3rd at 1:30. The top two students will move on to participate in the Telegram Spelling Bee at the end of February.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher interviews will be taking place on March 16th. Students will be dismissed at 12:00. Lunch will be served.

Little Green Thumbs Program

Little Green Thumbs is an indoor gardening program that our grade three classes are participating in this year. It provides the opportunity for students to become food producers right in their own classroom! This hands on, inquiry-based education program helps young people value the health of themselves, the environment and their community.

Breakfast Program

We are having a difficult time sustaining our breakfast program. Thank you to those who have donated thus far. Please if at all possible donate a monetary amount or a breakfast item to the program. Every item or money donated gets matched by Kids Eat Smart.

Parking Lot Issues

Lately we have had trouble in our parking lot. I am sad to say there has been issues where adults are swearing at staff members when they have been asked to move from blocking parking spaces. The swearing at the staff has been in front of our students. I understand people are frustrated with parking, but at no given time is it appropriate to use foul language to address the issue. The parking lot and the street in front of the parking lot is a place where you can stop and quickly let your child out of the car, but you cannot park there for any length of time.

Moving Out of the Larkhall School Zone

We are aware many families have moved during this school year and are no longer in the Larkhall Academy school zone. You are required in September 2017 to attend your zoned school. It would be important to contact your new school in June to let them know your new address and also enroll your child. A letter will be coming to you in the upcoming months providing you with information regarding which school you are zoned to attend.

Huge Thank You

A huge thank you to Gary, Cameron and Hayley Gordon for offering soccer and dance after school on Monday and Tuesday. Also to Karina Zavala and Tracey Spurrell for organizing basketball after school from Wednesday to Friday.

Bethany and Morgan's Tech Tip for February

"If somebody says something mean to you on the internet, never respond to them. Show an adult right away!"

Dates to remember:

February 2~ Kinder Start Parent Meeting
February 3~ Larkhall Spelling Bee
February 10 ~ 100th Day (weather depending)
February 16th ~ School Dance
February 17 ~ PD -no school for students
Feb 12-18 - Staff Appreciation /Education Week
March 3 ~ Kinder start session #1
March 16 ~ 2nd Term Parent Conference
March 17 ~ PD -no school for students



"Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it." Marion Edelman

