

Lakeview Elementary

September 2026



Lakeview Teaching Staff 2026-2027

Principal and Vice Principal's Message:

Tawâw (Welcome)!

We are so pleased to welcome our students and families back into our building! Our entire team has worked tirelessly to prepare for their arrival. Classrooms have been decorated, materials organized, engaging lessons planned, and new ideas explored to continue improving the learning experiences we provide here at Lakeview.

We are so proud of our amazing staff and all the care, thought, and preparation that goes into welcoming a new classroom full of incredible learners. We know September will be a wonderful time of connection, relationship building, and community building as we get to know one another and settle into a new school year. Please read the rest of this newsletter for important back to school information and updates.

Welcome back, Lakeview! We are so excited to have you here!

Welcome New Staff

Last school year, we said farewell to several valued members of our Lakeview team as they embarked on exciting new chapters in their lives. This year, we are delighted to welcome some new faces to our building! We look forward to the energy, experience, and fresh perspectives that they will bring to our school community. Please join us in giving them a warm Lakeview welcome!

Miss Lehoux is joining the team as a Grade 1 teacher this year!

Miss Warner is joining Lakeview to teach Grade 2.

Mr. Ackerman is joining us this year to teach Grade 4!

We're looking forward to a great year with this amazing team supporting our students!



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Special Notes & Coming Events...

Attendance Policy

Regular attendance is essential for your child's academic success. At our school, we want to ensure that every child has the best possible chance to learn and grow.

Here's why attendance matters:

- **Each Day Counts:** Learning is like building blocks—each day builds on the previous one. When your child misses school, they miss important lessons that are hard to make up later. This can affect their ability to read, write, and do math proficiently by the end of grade 3.
- **Missed Opportunities:** Absences make it difficult for your child to keep up academically. Makeup work and take-home assignments can't fully replace the everyday learning that happens in the classroom.
- **The Impact of Absences:** Research shows that missing just 2 days a month, or about 18 days a year, can negatively affect your child's academic performance. That's 10% of the school year!
- **Benefits of Good Attendance:** When students attend school regularly, they not only improve their academic prospects but also their self-esteem, attitude toward learning, and their social skills.
- **How We Monitor Attendance:** At Lakeview Elementary, we carefully monitor student attendance to support your child's success.
- **Teacher Contact:** If your child misses consecutive days of school without contact, their classroom teacher will reach out to you.
- **Wellness Coordinator:** If absences continue, our school wellness coordinator will also get in touch to offer support.
- **Principal Involvement:** If needed, the principal will reach out as well.
- **Home Visits:** In cases of high absenteeism, we may conduct a home visit to work with your family and provide the necessary support.
- **Further Action:** If attendance still doesn't improve, we will notify the school division, and a formal letter will be sent to you.

Our goal is to work together with you to ensure that your child is in school every day, ready to learn and succeed. Thank you for your cooperation in making attendance a priority!

Edsby Communication Platform

We are excited to share the great things your children are doing in the classroom through their Edsby account.

Please make sure to check your child's Edsby account for important messages and event dates. Edsby is also the place to look for important updates on your child's academic progress.



Video Cameras on Bus

The Division believes the use of video cameras on school buses will enhance the safe operation of its school buses. Video cameras will enable school bus drivers to focus on the safe operation of the bus while improving student passenger identification procedures for disciplinary, medical emergency and other related purposes. Not all NWSD buses are equipped with video cameras. Those that are have signage at the front and back of the bus.



Lakeview School Handbook

Our school handbook has been emailed to all families. We encourage parents and students to take some time to go through it together—it's full of helpful information about our routines, expectations, and what to expect throughout the school year. It's a great way to start the year off on the right foot!

School Cash

School Cash is an online parent portal that offers a safe, fast and convenient way to pay school activity fees. The portal is customized to meet your school's needs and allows parents to add students, make payments, check current balance/account history and print or view receipts. Please register your child for the payment system. School Cash Online also sends out reminders of school functions. Please contact the front office for your child's unique student learning ID number to register.



Special Notes & Coming Events...

Lunches

Just a gentle reminder: **students are expected to bring their own lunch and utensils each day**, as the school is only able to provide lunch in emergency situations. If your child requires lunch unexpectedly, please call the school to let us know.



No Microwaves

Just a quick note to let you know that Lakeview Elementary does not have microwaves available for students to use. We appreciate your help in packing lunches that don't need heating and thank you for your understanding!

Special Lunches Throughout the Year

We're excited to share that we host two special lunches during the school year, which are provided to all students free of charge! In October, we celebrate with our Harvest Lunch—a cozy meal featuring homemade soup and bannock. Then, in December, we come together for the Friendship Feast, a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

Hot Lunch

Our first hot lunch will be on Friday, September 25th. **Forms will be due back by Monday, September 21st.** More information will be sent home closer to the date. Remember you can pay for hot lunches online using school cash.



NUT FREE School

For the safety of all our students, please do not send any food items containing peanuts or tree nuts, including popular spreads like Nutella, which contains hazelnuts. We have students with severe nut allergies, and your cooperation helps us keep everyone safe. Thank you for your understanding and support!

Water Policy

At Lakeview, we believe that student wellbeing is an important part of learning and success. **Nutrition, sleep, exercise, and hydration** all play a key role in helping students feel and perform their best.

We encourage students to choose water throughout the school day to support healthy bodies and healthy minds. To help promote healthy hydration, **pop, iced tea, energy drinks, and other high-sugar beverages are not permitted at school.**



When choosing a drink other than water, please look for the pictured sugar-content symbol. This is a good indicator that the sugar content is too high. Students are still welcome to enjoy a juice box with their lunch; however, at all other times during the school day, **water should be their beverage of choice.**

Parking

No-Parking zones are clearly marked on all roads around the school. Please do not park in areas that are marked with yellow paint or in the staff parking lot across from the bus lane, as we do not want students/parents walking where the buses drive. There is no parking across from the front entrance between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. **Do not put your children at risk by having them walk across the street to where you are illegally parked.** Inform your children to meet you on one of the side streets by the school.





Special Notes & Coming Events...

Lakeview Loves Volunteers!

We are always looking for volunteers to help in several ways! If you are interested in volunteering at Lakeview, stop in at the office and talk to Mrs. Pockrant or Mrs. Nicky Munroe.

Join the SCC

Our first **SCC meeting is Thursday, September 10th**, and we are always looking for new members to join our team!

Being part of our SCC is a wonderful way to get involved in the Lakeview community. SCC members can share their voice with school leadership, help plan special school events, connect with other families, and support fundraising initiatives that benefit our students.

Whether you can attend every meeting or simply want to lend a hand when you can, we would love to have you join us!

A Big Thank You to Our SCC!

This year, our SCC generously supported the purchase of a **home communication bag for every student**. We are so pleased to provide this resource to our families and hope these bags will encourage more frequent home reading while also supporting consistent communication between the classroom and home. If your communication bag is damaged or lost, they can be replaced with a \$10 fee.

We are incredibly grateful to our SCC for their continued support and commitment to our students and school community!

Meet the Teacher Bingo Night

Join us to meet the wonderful staff of Lakeview and play Bingo on **September 17th from 5:30-7:00**.



Following Their Voices

We are proud to continue our journey as a Following Their Voices school.

This important initiative helps us create a learning environment that is respectful, inclusive, and responsive to the cultural backgrounds of all students, especially our Indigenous learners. This year, our dedicated facilitators—Ms. Brake and Mrs. Campbell—will continue leading this work in our school.



Social Emotional Learning

School isn't just a place to grow academically; it's a place to grow as a person. When children feel safe, supported, and connected to their school, they're better equipped to succeed academically and in life. Children need social emotional skills to thrive both in the classroom and in life. Social-emotional learning teaches children techniques to gain confidence, set goals, make better decisions, collaborate with others in work and play and navigate the world more effectively.

Second Step is implemented in all K-Gr. 4 classrooms. Second Step® Elementary is designed to help kids succeed in school and in life by teaching them skills for learning—such as focusing attention and listening—as well as how to manage their emotions, solve problems, and make friends. These skills can help them in the classroom, on the job, or wherever life takes them.

Community Registration at ML Coop Centre

Community registration night is September 9th 4pm-7pm at the Co-op Centre. A variety of clubs and organizations will be there, so drop by and see what our community has to offer!





Special Notes & Coming Events...

Terry Fox School Run

The Terry Fox Run will be held on **Friday, September 18th from 2:30-3:00 pm**. Parents are welcome to come out and join our staff and students as we walk/run around Lakeview. We are asking students to bring a Loonie to school to donate to the Terry Fox Foundation.

Spirit Days (Fundraising week for Terry Fox)

Spirit days occur monthly at L.E.S. In the month of September, there is a week of Spirit Days aimed at fundraising for the Terry Fox foundation. This year the spirit days are as follows!

September 14th – 18th

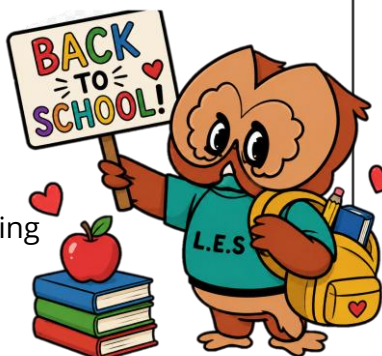
- Monday: Wear all one colour
- Tuesday: Wear all your polka dots
- Wednesday: Twin Day
- Thursday: Coin Wars
- Friday: Bring a Stuffy Day

More details will be shared closer to the time!



Barkley's Hoot

B- Be on Time
A- Always Do Your Best
R- Respect Others
K- Keep On Task
L- Let Excellence Soar
E- Exercise Daily
Y- Yes to Lifelong Learning



Cross-Country & Lakeview Flyers Running Club

Practices for Grade 1-4 students will start on **Tuesday, September 15th** and will then run on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at noon except for on picture day September 22nd. Permission slips will be sent home. Any parents who want to come and run with us may do so! Please show up at 11:55 and come for a run/walk and then join us after for lunch!



Picture Day

Picture Day is September 21st and 22nd this year. Please see the below schedule!

Monday, September 21st

Pre-K Mrs. Maier morning class
Pre-K Mrs. Maier afternoon class
KB Ms. Brake
KM/KM1 Miss Macnab
Gr. 3 Ms. Taylor
Gr. 3 Mrs. Adams/Mrs. Setrakov
Gr. 3 Mrs. Fishley-John
Gr. 3/4 Mrs. Burgess
Gr. 4 Mr. Ackerman
Gr. 4 Mrs. Solsten

Tuesday, September 22nd

Pre-K Mrs. Thompson morning class
Pre-K Mrs. Thompson afternoon class
KM2 Miss Macnab
Gr. 1 Mrs. Campbell
Gr. 1 Miss Foreman/Mrs. Kurjata
Gr. 1 Miss Lehoux
Gr. 2 Miss Warner
Gr. 2 Mrs. Esau
Gr. 2 Mrs. Hankey

Retakes are October 22nd

September



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 D1 First Day of School 	3 D2	4 D3	5
6	7 Labour Day (No School)	8 D4	9 D5	10 D6 SCC Meeting at 7pm	11 D1	12
13	14 D2 Spirit Day: Wear All One Colour	15 D3 Cross Country @ 11:55 Spirit Day: Wear Polka Dots	16 D4 Spirit Day: Twin Day	17 D5 Meet the Teacher Bingo Night! 5:30-7:00pm Cross Country @ 11:55 Spirit Day: Coin Wars	18 D6 Terry Fox Run 2:30-3:00pm Spirit Day: Bring a Stuffie	19
20	21 D1 Hot Lunch Forms Due School Pictures	22 D2 School Pictures	23 D3	24 D4 Cross Country @ 11:55	25 D5 Hot Lunch Grade 3 (Ms. Taylor) Assembly Performance @ 12:45pm - 1:15pm	26
27	28 D6	29 D1 Cross Country @ 11:55	30 D2 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation 			