

Lakeview Elementary

April 2026



Grade 1 Fish Scale Art; Playing in the Snow; Grade 3 Dog Sled Racing

Principal and Vice Principal's Message:

April has arrived, bringing longer days and hopefully warmer weather. This time of year, always brings a renewed sense of energy to our school as students head outside more often! This past month we were able to offer our students multiple land-based learning experiences.

Land-based learning helps students connect with nature, culture, and their community through meaningful, hands-on experiences. It supports the Saskatchewan curriculum by building environmental awareness, sustainability, and an understanding of Indigenous knowledge and perspectives. This approach strengthens learning in subjects such as science, social studies, and health, while also developing important skills like problem solving, observation, and responsibility. By learning on the land, students develop a deeper connection to the world around them. Check out what they had to say about their experiences!

Following Their Voices: Student Voice From Land Based Learning

- I learned how to put on snowshoes, and I loved how we didn't sink into the snow.
- When we went dog sledding, my favourite part was riding on the dog sled and almost sliding into the ditch.
- It was fun to go on the snowmobile, and I loved sitting at the campfire.
- My favourite part was standing up on the dog sled. It was a lot of fun.
- I got to go in one of the ice shacks and I learned that it's a lot of waiting. I got to make a fish sandwich, and I fed it to my grandpa.
- We went in the shacks to get warm! We looked in the water and saw way at the bottom!



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Special Notes & Coming Events...

Dress For the Weather:

As the snow melts and spring arrives, our playground can get quite muddy! Please help your child come prepared for outdoor play by sending them with waterproof boots and a jacket they don't mind getting a little dirty. Extra pants and socks in their backpack are always a great idea, just in case! Dressing for the weather helps ensure everyone can enjoy fresh air and playtime comfortably.



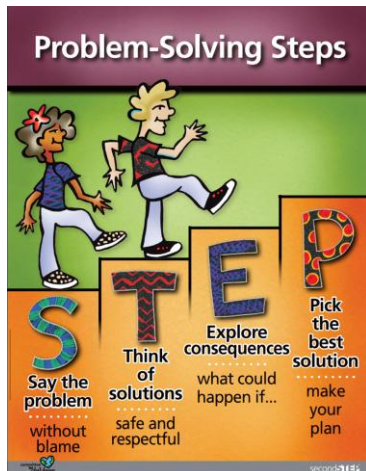
Second Step: Parent Information

This month, our schoolwide theme continues to be problem solving. In our morning announcements we'll be reminding students to use the *Second Step* Problem-Solving Steps:

- S:** Say the problem
- T:** Think of solutions
- E:** Explore consequences
- P:** Pick the best solution

As you can see, the first letter of each step spells the word "step." Remembering "step" helps students solve problems with each other in safe and respectful ways.

Second Step lessons specifically teach students to use each step and reinforce the message that solutions need to be safe and respectful. We hope the steps will be helpful for you and your child when there are problems at home.



Attendance:

For the month of March, we had 94 students with 100% attendance! Consistent attendance is crucial for success and the excellence that we aim for here at Lakeview! Thank you for your support.



REMINDER- Kindergarten Registration 2026 - 2027 School Year

Kindergarten registrations for the 2026-2027 school year are due! At Lakeview, you have the option of registering in English Kindergarten or in the Northern Michif Language Kindergarten. Children must be 5 years old on or before December 31, 2026. Please register ASAP if you have not already done so. Registration forms can be found on the NWSD website and may be completed at any Northwest School Division school or at the School Division office located at 525 5th Street West. Forms should be completed as soon as possible. Verification of age will be required. (Birth certificate and/or Saskatchewan Health card).

SCC Meeting

Our next SCC meeting is **Monday, April 13th** at 7:00 pm. You can join in person or online!

World Autism Awareness Day

This day is recognized on **Thursday, April 2**. The day recognizes and spreads awareness for the rights of people with autism.

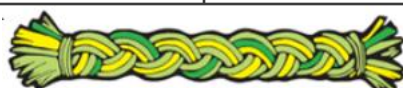


Spirit Day–Hat Day

This month our spirit day will be wearing a hat of your child's choice. An idea might be their favourite sports team or perhaps a silly hat. Spirit Day will be held on **Friday, April 17th**.

Soup & Bannock

Thanks to the Canadian National School Food program all students have the option of a free soup and Bannock lunch on **Thursday, April 2nd**.

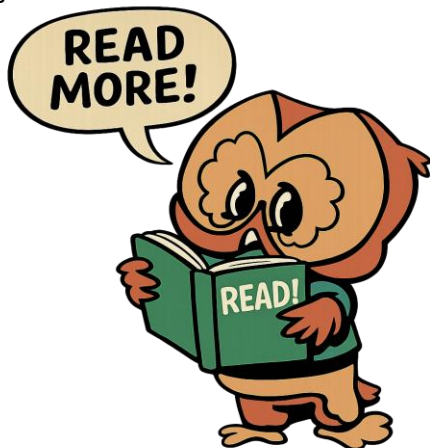




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9 Steps to Build Reading Comprehension

- 1. Ask questions while reading.** As you read with your child, pause to ask questions like: *Why did Mr. Smith do that?* or *How do you think Suzy feels?*
- 2. Make text-to-self connections.** Ask your child how they feel about a situation in the story or what they would do if they were the character.
- 3. Make text-to-text connections.** Help them think about other stories they've read. For example: *What other stories have you read about going on a trip?*
- 4. Choose books at the right level.** A book that is too hard can frustrate a child, while a book that is too easy may not challenge them.
- 5. Read every day.** Set aside at least **20 minutes a day** for reading practice.
- 6. Let your child choose books they enjoy.** When children are interested in what they read, they are more motivated to keep reading.
- 7. Prioritize reading time.** Try to make reading a regular part of your routine before screen time.
- 8. Model reading at home.** Children learn from what they see. When they see adults reading for enjoyment, they are more likely to value reading too.
- 9. Encourage writing.** Invite your child to write about what they have read or keep a simple daily journal.



Thank You!

Thank you to all the families who took the time to attend our recent parent/teacher/student conferences. This year, we had 94% of our families attend parent teacher conferences. Your support, insights, and partnership play a vital role in your child's learning and success. We truly appreciate the opportunity to connect, celebrate progress, and work together toward continued growth.

Métis Core Value: nimâmâ

waskitaskamik (Mother Earth) Our Métis core value this month is Mother Earth. This connects beautifully with Earth Day on April 22. On this day, we take time to feel gratitude for Mother Earth and all that she provides. Without her, we would not be here.

It is important that we show respect for the land we live on by treading lightly and never taking more than we need. As we enter the spring season, we reflect on our relationship with the land and consider the ways we can care for and honour Mother Earth in our daily lives.



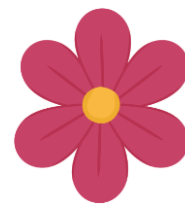
Trapper Games

At the end of March, we had our Métis Trapper Games. These games gave students the opportunity to experience traditional Métis ways of life by practicing skills that were essential for fishing, hunting, and trapping. Through these hands-on activities, students gained a deeper appreciation for the knowledge, resilience, and traditions of the Métis people.





April



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Metis Core Value: Mother Earth</i>	Marafun @ 11:55		1 D4 Marafun @ 11:55	2 D5 World Autism Day Soup & Bannock	3 Good Friday	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 D6 Marafun @ 11:55	14 D1	15 D2 Marafun @ 11:55	16 D3	17 D4 Spirit Day: Hat Day	18
19	20 D5 Hot Lunch Forms Due Marafun @ 11:55	21 D6	22 D1 Earth Day Marafun @ 11:55	23 D2 Assembly Performance Michif Gr. 1 & Michif Kindergarten	24 D3 Hot Lunch	25
26	27 D4 Marafun @ 11:55	28 D5	29 D6 Marafun @ 11:55	30 D1		