

Lakeview Elementary

February 2026



Metis New Year's; Mâtant Jacinta Bannock Making; Roasting Bannock on a stick

Principal and Vice Principal's Message:

Happy February!

We are quickly approaching our 100th day of school on February 10th. We are incredibly grateful to our dedicated teachers and staff who have made these first 100 days so meaningful for our students. We look ahead to the rest of the school year with excitement and optimism.

February is also a special time to celebrate kindness and storytelling. This month, we are highlighting Indigenous Storytelling Month, I Love to Read Month, and Pink Shirt Day/Random Acts of Kindness Day. We are thoughtfully combining Indigenous storytelling with our focus on reading, under the theme "Sharing Our Stories."

Throughout February, students across the school will take part in collaborative storytelling activities, bringing together learners from Jubilee and Kopahawakenum to connect, learn, and share their voices.

Following Their Voices Indigenous Storytelling Month

Indigenous Storytelling Month- February
Why are we honoring Indigenous Storytelling Month at Lakeview in February?

- To help keep alive and share the stories passed down through generations by the First Nations, Metis, and Inuit peoples in Saskatchewan.
- To join in celebrating the rich history, language, and culture of the First Nations, Metis, and Inuit communities.
- To encourage friendships and understanding between different cultures by highlighting the importance of storytelling as a special cultural activity.



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Special Notes & Coming Events...

Second Step

We continue to learn about self control. Our morning announcements and classroom lessons have been prompting students to notice their own feelings by paying attention to clues in their bodies, and reminding them to use their Second Step skills to calm down.



Metis Core Value: Sâ̓ihitowin (Love)

Love is a very special value to the Metis people. It means caring for each other and being kind to friends. When we have love in our hearts, we feel happy and want to help others feel the same way.

Attendance

Coming to school everyday matters. Regular attendance helps children keep up with learning, maintain routines, and feel connected to their classmates and school community.

Winter weather can make mornings more challenging, but when conditions are safe, we ask families to prioritize school attendance by dressing children warmly and allowing extra time for travel.

Consistent attendance is critical and helps build strong habits that support learning and long-term success. Thank you for your continued support of your child's education.

For the month of January those with 100% attendance totaled 93! Let's work together to make those numbers even higher next month!

Pink Shirt Day

Lakeview will celebrate PINK Shirt Day on **Wednesday, February 25th**. Please wear a pink shirt to school that day to take a STAND against bullying. Please share your Pink Shirt photos to our Facebook account and tag #PinkShirtPromise.

Telemiracle

Helping hands will be sold for a Loonie during the week of Feb. 23rd -27th.

February Break

The dates for the February break are **Monday, February 16th - Friday, February 20th**. School resumes **Monday, February 23rd**.

Extra-Curricular

Art Club and Lego Club will continue throughout the month of February. Volleyball club will run up until February 13th. Please see calendar.

Staff & Teacher Appreciation Week

This year, NWSD is recognizing staff under the theme "**Building Relationships for a Positive School Culture.**" Families are invited to send a note of appreciation before **February 8th** by using the QR code pictured. These messages will be shared on social media to celebrate the incredible team at Lakeview and across the division.





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Making Reading at Home a Habit (Not a Battle)



Building a reading habit at home doesn't require long lessons or perfect routines. It grows best through small, consistent moments. In *Atomic Habits*, James Clear reminds us that habits stick when they are **easy, obvious, and rewarding**. The same is true for reading with children.

Start small. Even 5–10 minutes of reading a day makes a difference. Tie reading to something that already happens, such as after dinner, before bed, or while having a snack. When reading is linked to an existing routine, it becomes part of the day instead of another task to remember.

Make reading inviting. Keep books where children can easily see and reach them: by the couch, on a nightstand, or in a backpack. Let children choose what they read. Choice builds ownership, and ownership builds motivation.

Focus on connection, not perfection. Reading together is about sharing stories, talking, laughing, and wondering...not about finishing a book or reading every word correctly. Celebrate the effort: "I love how you stuck with that book," or "I enjoyed reading with you."

Finally, be a model. When children see adults reading, they learn that reading is something people *do*, not just something they are told to do.

Small moments, repeated daily, grow into strong reading habits!

Our School Survey

In November, our Grade 4 students participated in the OurSCHOOLSurvey. This survey gathers valuable student feedback to help guide school improvement. The information collected reflects key areas such as students' sense of safety and belonging at school, experiences with bullying, and how challenged they feel in their learning.

- In our school, 63% of girls and 69% of boys have a high sense of belonging.
- In our school, 7.4% of girls and 26.5% of boys indicated that they did not feel safe at school.
- In our school, 30% of girls and 44% of boys reported experiencing bullying.
- In our school, 33% of students felt that they are consistently challenged in their learning. The Canadian norm in this area is 36%.

At Lakeview rates of bullying reported by our Grade 4s have dropped 17%. We are committed to improving students' sense of safety and belonging at Lakeview.

Some student comments were;

"I like having friends to play with and to share things with that I don't want to tell anybody else."


"I like school because at recess we get to play with our friends. We get to learn new things every day."

"I really like gym, math and science. What would make our school better is to be able to play hockey in gym, more experiments in science classes, and people coming to share things with us."



February



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>French Second Language Week</i>	2	3 Lego Club @ lunch Gr. 1 Girls Volleyball @ lunch Gr. 3 Girls	4 Volleyball @ lunch Gr. 3 Boys	5 Lego Club @ lunch Gr. 1 Boys Volleyball @ lunch Gr. 4 Girls	6 Report Cards Published on Edsby (pm) Volleyball @ lunch Gr. 4 Boys	7
8 <i>Staff & Teacher Appreciation Week</i>	9	10 100 Days of School Lego Club @ lunch Gr. 4 Girls Volleyball @ lunch Gr. 3 Girls Dress for Kindness: Dress in your brightest colours.	11 Volleyball @ lunch Gr. 3 Boys	12 Hot Lunch Lego Club @ lunch Gr. 4 Boys Volleyball @ lunch Gr. 4 Girls	13 Spirit Day: Wear red, pink, or purple. Volleyball @ lunch Gr. 4 Boys	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 TeleMiracle Fundraising: Hands for sale \$1 from Feb. 23 rd – 27 th	24 Lego Club @ lunch Gr. 3 Boys	25 Pink Shirt Day 	26 Lego Club @ lunch Gr. 3 Girls	27	28

