

**Winter Issue
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**Lakewood School
Mission Statement**

“Lakewood School will promote learning as a lifelong goal by encouraging children to try their best in their school work and to become caring, empathetic, and responsible citizens. Lakewood students and staff will work together as a team to provide a safe, inclusive, and respectful community to help reach our goals.”

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Lakewood School Parent Newsletter

Principal's Message

Welcome back to a New Year of 'growing and learning' at Lakewood! We hope that everyone is recharged and ready to face new challenges with energy and excitement.

Thank you to all of our Lakewood families for the continued support and trust you have shown by sending your children to school during these uncertain times.

Please also accept our sincere thanks for your support of our charitable fundraising initiative that took place in December—The 'Tree of Hope'. Our collective efforts made life a little brighter for a few families in our city.

We would like to extend a special thank you to all of Lakewood's students and Ms. Casselman for the time, energy, and hard work that they put into preparing their winter concert performances. We hope you enjoyed your children's performances!

As we move into 2021, we would like to take this opportunity to reflect on all that we are grateful for and anxiously await all that the New Year holds for us.

We thank you for all your efforts and look forward to your continued involvement at Lakewood School. It truly is an honour to be a part of

your children's lives and their learning.

On behalf of the staff, we would like to extend our warmest wishes to our Lakewood families for a wonderful New Year with endless possibilities for success!

Take care and stay safe and healthy!

Sincerely,

Mrs. White

&

Mr. Mavroudis

Important Dates

Jan. 4: No School, Inservice

Jan. 5: School Resumes

Jan 18: Parent Council Meeting—Time: 6:30 p.m.—
Teams Meeting

Feb. 2 & 16: Early Dismissal at 3:05 p.m.—Staff Meeting / Professional Development

Feb. 8: No School, Admin. / Inservice

Feb.15: No School, Louis Riel Day

March 2 & 16: Early Dismissal at 3:05 p.m.—Staff Meeting / Professional Development

March 19: No School, Admin. / Inservice

March 29—April 2: No School, Spring Break





February is I Love to Read Month

If your child is ill, please keep him or her at home. Sending your child to school sick only spreads the illness.

We realize that busy lives and jobs sometimes make it difficult to keep a sick child at home; however, alternate arrangements must be made. Students that are well enough to come to school are expected to go outside for recess.



Appropriate Winter Clothing

I Love to Read Month

February is designated as 'I Love to Read' month in Manitoba and all across North America. It is the perfect time to promote reading and highlight the importance of literacy skills.

A committee of teachers will be planning a variety of activities to celebrate 'I Love to Read' month at Lakewood.

More detailed information regarding the 'I Love to Read'

activities will be distributed later this month. Stay tuned!



Bus Cancellations and Indoor Recess

In the event that the school buses are cancelled due to extreme cold weather (a wind chill of -45°C or colder), information will be posted on the St. James-Assiniboia School Division website: <https://www.sjasd.ca> by 6:30 a.m.

CJOB will also be notified and will announce bus cancellations and school

closures. CJOB website: www.cjob.com

As per division policy...

In the event that the temperature and/or wind chill is between -25°C and -28°C , children will be allowed outdoors for 10 minutes. If the temperature and/or wind chill is below -28°C , students will be kept indoors for recess.



Appropriate Winter Clothing

Students are required to go outside during cold weather and therefore must dress appropriately.

Hats, neck warmers, mittens, scarves, warm jackets, ski pants and boots are all excellent choices for a cold winter day!

Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather before he or she

leaves home. We will do our utmost to ensure that students wear their winter clothing when going outside.

Please make sure that your child's clothing and footwear are marked with his/her name, as there are numerous students who have the same colour and make of items.

Thank you for your support!

Academic Success Starts with Regular Attendance

"Does it really matter if my child misses school?" parents wonder.

"Yes!" say experts. Research shows that regular attendance is linked to current and future school success. When kids miss too much school, they miss more than daily lessons. They miss the chance to build social and academic foundations that help with future learning.

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The Citizen Online Police Reporting System

In October 2012, the Winnipeg Police Service launched the Citizen Online Police Reporting System, an online reporting system that allows citizens to electronically report non-violent incidents where there are no suspects. This initiative was part of the Service's Strategic Plan to improve public access to police processes through technological and electronic enhancements and has proven to be a popular reporting option.

The Citizen Online Police Reporting System eases the amount of time victims of crime spend reporting incidents. The system also provides the Service with better data for crime analysis and deployment of resources and enables better management of call volumes through the Service's Communications Centre.

In 2016, in an effort to continuously improve the service provided to the citizens and businesses of Winnipeg, the Winnipeg Police Service announced a number of ongoing improvements to the Citizen Online Police Reporting System.

In July 2016, the Winnipeg Police Service announced the improvement where citizens and business community partners could report incidents online and take any physical or video evidence to the closest police service centre.

In September 2016, the Winnipeg Police Service expanded the system to allow for the reporting of break and enter to outbuildings, specifically detached garages or sheds.

In January 2017, the Winnipeg Police Service announced the latest improvement where citizens can make reports involving non-urgent traffic or manner of driving complaints. Some examples of these types of complaints may include stop sign or red light infractions, excessive speed, aggressive or careless driving, speeding in school zones or passing a stopped school bus with its lights flashing.

Incidents involving impaired drivers, motor vehicle collisions or events involving immediate concern for public safety cannot be reported online. The Winnipeg Police Service ask citizens to call 911 or non-emergency in these cases.

Citizens can report the following incident types using our Citizen Online Police Reporting System:

- *Break & Enter into outbuildings, detached garages/sheds
 - *Damage to Property
 - *Damage to a Vehicle
 - *Lost Property
- *Theft - including Shoplifting & Gas Drive Offs
 - *Theft from a Vehicle
 - *Traffic Complaint

Online reporting does not replace traditional reporting. It is simply an enhancement providing an alternative for citizens and businesses. www.winnipeg.ca/police