



The Lakecrest Link

December 2009

1. Chapter's Night in Aid of Lakecrest

Next Wednesday, December 2nd Lakecrest holds its annual fundraising event for the school/classroom libraries. All day long, purchases made at Chapter's (even at Starbucks) earn a 15% rebate for the school to purchase new books for the library. This is a great time to do your holiday shopping and help support the school library (purchase Chapter's cards through FundScrip and you double your efforts!) Don't forget! Let the cashier know that you are a family or friend of Lakecrest to ensure that the purchase made goes towards the school's account.

The main event will take place at Chapter's, Kenmount Rd. from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The Junior Choir and Chamber choir will perform at 7:30 p.m. Students wishing to participate in the Junior choir should be at Chapter's at 7:15 p.m. in Full Dress uniform. Singing will commence about 7:30 p.m. and should conclude by 8:00 p.m.

Also, we have asked the teachers to create a Wish List of books that you can donate to the Library.

Please encourage your friends to come along and do their Holiday shopping on Wednesday Night at Chapters. We hope you can join us for this fun and enriching event.

2. Annual Christmas Luncheon

One of the special events at Lakecrest each year is the annual Christmas Luncheon for students, teachers and parents. It is a wonderful opportunity for the Lakecrest Family to celebrate together with a lovely meal in the gym. This year our Christmas luncheon is scheduled for **Thursday, December 3rd.**

The First sitting starts at 11:30 a.m. for Kindergarten to Grade 3 and the Second sitting starts at 12:45 p.m. for Grades 4 to 9. Guests are asked to wait in the front hall until called to the gym for lunch. Students need to wear FULL DRESS uniform for the lunch.

Children can invite one guest to attend the Thanksgiving lunch with them. Guest name and payment should have been included with the December menu. We have also received a number of indications from parents that they will be attending with their child, but they haven't indicated whether they will be eating dinner at the luncheon and sent along payment. Could you please check to see that you have sent the correct information and payment to Mrs. Gillingham, so that we can ensure we have the correct number of dinners for the meal?

We sincerely thank our Home and School Association for planning this marvelous event for our Lakecrest Family.

3. Annual General Meeting

The Lakecrest Board of Directors Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday, November 30th starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. All are welcome.

4. Student Council Used Book Sale

The Christmas holidays are almost upon us once again. We are sure that everyone is wondering where to put all of the new gifts and we have the perfect solution. Starting on Monday 23rd November, the Student Council will be collecting used books for our Book Sale on the 4th December.

All contributions are welcome and can be placed in the cardboard box in each classroom. This is a wonderful way to clear out the bookshelves. It is also a wonderful way to ensure that children in all of our grades have access to fantastic reading material for the small sum of \$2 per book! We will happily take all books and parents are welcome to come and browse throughout the day on the 4th December. The proceeds from the book sale will be split between the Student Council and our charitable causes.

Thank you for your time, and your contributions.
Lakecrest Student Council

5. Auction a Fabulous Success!

Our 17th Annual Dinner and Auction held last Friday evening at Clovelly Golf Course was another FABULOUS SUCCESS!! We raised approximately **\$ 52,000.00!! WOW!**

Thanks to all the parents, faculty and staff, friends, alumni and supporters who gave so generously in so many ways to make this event a fabulous success.

In particular, we say a very special thanks to the members of the Auction Committee of our Home and School Association for the tremendous amount of work they have so selflessly given over the past few months. Their enthusiasm, commitment, generosity, and sincere interest in Lakecrest is admirable. WE TIP OUR HATS TO YOU!!

To our many donors and sponsors we express our sincere thanks. To all the parent volunteers

and teachers who have worked with students to produce class projects, we salute you.

Thank you all for working so hard to assist Lakecrest to continue to grow and develop so that the children receive a superb educational experience. The enthusiastic and eager involvement of so many at Lakecrest is very impressive.

The funds generated through our Dinner and Auction will make a positive difference to the life of the school. The money raised will help to enrich the teaching and learning environment in our classrooms.

6. Smart boards Update!

All the Smart Boards have arrived and will be installed by the end of the day. There is lots of excitement among the students and faculty about this technology and we look forward to the new opportunities for learning that it will provide our students.

The representative from 3DData Com, the provincial supplier, informed us that it is his understanding that we will be one of the few schools in the Province with a smart board in every classroom and certainly the only one with the calibre of the smart boards we have purchased.

Again, we thank the Home and School Association, as well as, the parents who so enthusiastically jumped on board to support this project.

My calculations indicate that between the approximately \$ **52,000.00** raised at the Auction and the parent donations towards the smart boards, over and above the Home and School's contribution, we have raised over **\$ 80,000.00** so far this school year **Phenomenal!! Congratulations and sincere thanks!!**

7. Kindergarten 2010 Orientation

On Friday, December 4 we welcome back our Kindergarten 2010 children to their second orientation day. They appear to be another wonderful group of children with very interested parents.

8. Family Skate

Our annual Family Skate takes place on Tuesday, December 15th starting at 9:00 a.m. at Mile One Centre. Buses will leave the school around 8:40 a.m. All students will go with their classes. Parents are invited to meet us at Mile One between 8:45 and 9:00 to help with tying of carry it on the bus. Students must wear a **helmet** on the ice. Bicycle or other hard helmets as well as hockey helmets are permitted. Parents are also encouraged to wear a helmet.

Children may dress down for the day. No Loonie for this special Dress Down Day.

We ask that you not give your child a snack at the stadium. They will have their snacks when they return to the school. You are most welcome to attend, even if you can only come and watch. Grandparents, relatives, friends, siblings are also welcome.

9. Christmas Concert

Our Christmas musical, "Paint the Town December" will be held on Wednesday, December 16th. The students, under Ms. Warren's talented direction, have been working very hard for the past month to prepare this show for you. It should be a great show!

10. Support the Lakecrest Food Drive!

The Student Council is holding a Christmas Food Drive to help support needy families during the Christmas season. The food drive will start on Wednesday, December 9th and run until the Holiday Break.

We ask for your support by dropping off non-perishable food items in the boxes provided in the main entrance of the school.

11. Start of School Day Procedures

We ask that students arrive at school by **8:15 a.m.** daily so that they are ready to start the instructional day at 8:30 a.m. You are welcome to walk to the classroom with your child. Children should be in their places ready to work at 8:30 a.m. each day when the bell rings. **It is important that there be no parents in the classroom when the bell rings at 8:30 a.m.** We would appreciate your cooperation with this matter.

12. December Recycling Day

We invite your continued support of our recycling campaign organized by the Home and School Association. Parents can drop off their recyclables on **Tuesday, December 15th** at the school.

13. "The Sights Before Christmas" Show

We have booked the "The Sights Before Christmas Show" by Beni Malone for Tuesday, December 8th for our Kindergarten to Grade 6 students. This show is made possible through the support of the Visiting Artists Program funded by the Provincial Government.

14. Weather Closure Procedures

When it is necessary to cancel classes and close school for the day due to weather or unforeseen circumstances, we send a school announcement to the following local radio stations:

VOCM (590 on the AM band)

CBC (640 on the AM band)

OZFM (94.7 on the FM band)

MAGIC97 (97.5 on the FM band)

KIXX (93.1 on the FM band)

We will also post an announcement on the school website and send a group email when possible.

When there is a heavy snowfall or storm warning we follow the forecasts and check outside early in the morning. As you can appreciate, Newfoundland weather is quite unpredictable and weather forecasts are quite a challenge. We will make the best decision we can with the information we have. We call radio stations only if we are closing.

If school closes during the day, after classes have begun, we will make an announcement on the radio. We will attempt to contact all parents by phone so they can arrange to have their children picked up from school as soon as possible.

15. Parking Regulations Reminder

As you are aware, the traffic situation in front of the school can be quite busy and somewhat chaotic at times. Crossing on the crosswalk can be quite dangerous and efforts are presently underway to address our concerns with the City. In the meantime, we would ask you to be very careful when using the crosswalk and regularly speak to your children about the matter. We also regularly speak to students on the announcements about being careful using the crosswalk.

Furthermore, we ask for your cooperation in not impeding the line of sight of oncoming traffic when picking up or dropping off your child. **Parking and even stopping vehicles** is restricted in front of the school from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and again from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The City of St. John's Traffic division enforces this and there is a fine for stopping between the signs during those times. The reason given by the City is that cars parked in that area restrict the ability of oncoming traffic to see people entering the crosswalk.

16. Important Dates To Remember

- Monday, November 30.....Board of Directors Annual General Meeting
- Wednesday, December 2.....Chapter's Night
- Thursday, December 3.....Christmas Luncheon
- Friday, December 4.....Kindergarten 2010 Orientation #2
- Wednesday, December 9.....Lakecrest Food Drive Begins
- Tuesday, December 15..... Family Skate/Recycling Day
- Wednesday, December 16.....Christmas Musical
- Friday, December 18.....Christmas Assembly/Dismissal for Christmas

17. December Birthday Greetings

Birthday Greetings go out to the following students who celebrate their birthday in December..... Anna Penney, Ryan Power, Laura Rowe, Abigail Dancey, Kyle Zdroykowski, Michael Connors, Charlotte Purves, Colin Major, Garrett Kirkland and Laura Walker.