



# *The Lakecrest Link*

# *Christmas Edition*

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## 1. **"The Snow Ball" was a Hit!**

Our semi-formal Christmas dance, "The Snow Ball" held on Friday evening was quite a hit. We had a large turnout of students and it appeared to be a real fun time. The gym and main entrance area were beautifully decorated in a Christmas theme. Students looked stunning in their attire. Ethan Kirby and Philip McDermott put on quite the show of dancing skills in a dance-off and Mr. Young and Mrs. Gallagher were great at leading the students in several dances. The school spirit displayed was fabulous!!

We thank the members of the Student Council and Mr. Young, Student Council moderator, for organizing this dance for our students. We also thank Mrs. Swamidas, Mrs. Gallagher and Mr. Young for volunteering their time to chaperone this dance for our students.

Pictures will be posted in the coming days.

## 2. **Lakecrest Family Skate**

Our annual Family Skate takes place this Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> 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 skate laces, etc. You can bring your child's skates and helmet with you if you prefer, or they can 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.

If you have a spare helmet at home that you can loan us in case there is a student without one who wants to skate, please tape your name on the helmet and send it along. The same goes for skates. If you have skates you can lend a student here, please put tape on each boot and send them in for Tuesday.

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

The only thing students are permitted to consume at the stadium will be water. They will have their snacks when they return to the school. Even if you can only come and watch, you are most welcome, as are Grandparents, relatives and friends, and of course, siblings.

## 3. **Christmas Concert**

Our annual Christmas concert called, "Twas One Crazy Night Before Christmas" will be held this Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. 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!

Christmas Concert Tickets are initially offered on the basis of two per student. This limit is set because of fire regulations and available seating in the gym. Parents have until Monday afternoon, December 15<sup>th</sup> to place their orders by phone or in person to the School Office. Ticket request forms were sent home with your child last Thursday. Any tickets not sold by Monday will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at the School Office.

Children performing in the concert should be in their classrooms by 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday night. The Concert begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Gym. (It should be over around 8:30 p.m.)

There will be a **“Late Start”** for classes on Thursday morning due to the late evening on Wednesday. Students should be in school by 10:00 a.m. Please note that, for the convenience of parents who cannot arrange for a late arrival, the school doors will be open as usual at 8:00 a.m. and students who arrive before 10:00 a.m. will be supervised in the school.

#### **4. Please 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 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.

#### **5. Sponsor a Family for Christmas**

This year the school is sponsoring a family, consisting of a single mom with three children. The Home and School Association will also be conducting a drive to provide gifts to the family. The Lakecrest parents and children have always been extremely generous and I'm sure that again this year we will be able to provide this family with a very joyous Christmas.

#### **6. New Computers**

Our 17 new computers have arrived and Mr. Barrett, our IT administrator is busy setting them up. We thank the Home and School for their assistance with the purchase of these computers. Also, we thank Mr. Barrett and Mr. Mike Drover for picking up all the computers. We also thank all those other parents who responded so quickly with an offer to help with picking up the computers.

#### **7. Classroom Decorating Competition**

The classroom decorating competition for Grades 3- 6 was a quite a success! There was a real buzz of excitement around and a healthy spirit of competition as the classes prepared for the competition. Congrats to all on a great job!!

The K's, Ones and Twos and the sevens eights and nines will be participating in a door decorating competition this week. The class doors will be judged on Thursday morning. Good Luck!

#### **8. Dressing for Winter Weather**

We prefer to have the children go outside at least once a day for recess, but we are cautious when the wind chill factor makes it too cold to go outside for extended periods. Bad weather or unsuitable outside conditions (excessive slush, ice, etc) may also mean an “inside day.”

Please remind your children of our **“winter rules”**. No one is permitted to pick up snow or ice, except in the process of making a snowman or a snow fort. Throwing or kicking ice or snow is absolutely not allowed on or

near the school grounds. When there is snow on the ground, only students with **snow pants or splash pants** are allowed to go onto the snow. Those without snow pants or splash pants must remain on the steps or sidewalk during outside times.

#### **9. Parking and Traffic Caution**

City regulations do not permit any vehicles to park or even stop in front of the school between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m. and between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

If you want to “**stop and drop**” this must be done below the handicapped space in front of the church or up beyond the crosswalk (at least five metres).

Cars stopping or parking too close to the crosswalk are putting our children and parents in danger. Oncoming vehicles cannot see the people on the crosswalk until they are already out in front of the cars. Even on the side of the street opposite to the school, vehicles parking too close to the crosswalk prevent cars coming down Patrick Street from seeing the children and parents walking across to the parking lot until they are already out into the street. Children can't properly check to see if traffic is coming when cars are parked too close to the crosswalk. We cannot overstate the need for caution, safety and guidelines set up to prevent harm to children and parents.

#### **10. January Lunch Menu**

The January Lunch menu is now posted under the Parents section on the website in two formats. Could you please have it returned to the office as soon as possible.

#### **11. Locker Clean out**

We ask that students bring home all their personal belongings and clear out their lockers and desks prior to the end of school on Friday, December 19th. This is to facilitate cleaning during the holidays.

#### **12. December Birthdays**

Birthday Greetings go out to the following students who celebrate their birthday in December..... Matthew Snelgrove, Cherry Snelgrove, Joanna Snelgrove, Quinn Crane, Anna Penney, Ryan Power, Laura Rowe, Michael Connors, Colin Major, Garrett Kirkland and Laura Walker.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

#### **13. Christmas Assembly/Dismissal for Christmas**

Children are encouraged to wear Christmas Seasonal colors this Friday, December 19th. At 11:00 a.m. in the gym the students will gather for our Christmas Assembly. Parents, grandparents, relatives and friends are all most welcome to join us for some Christmas songs and a slide show featuring our students, teachers and parents and some of their activities here during the first term. The assembly will last until around Noon when we dismiss for the Christmas holidays.

Classes resume on Monday, January 5, 2009.

#### 14. Christmas Message

I take this opportunity to wish our teachers, staff, students, parents and friends of Lakecrest a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our school is a diverse community of people, who all share many things in common. My wish is for Peace at this time of the year and always for everyone.

May the Peace that we share be shared by the people of our province, our country and our world.

May our good fortune be experienced by everyone throughout this season and throughout the coming New Year.

Len White  
Head of School

