



The Lakecrest Link

December 5, 2008

1. Annual Christmas Luncheon

Hats off to the Home and School Association for preparing such a beautiful Christmas luncheon for the school community. This is certainly a special feature of our school. Congratulations and thanks to the students who shared their gift of music with us at the luncheon and our Grade 6 students who did a great job decorating the gym.

2. Christmas Musical

Please note the date for the Christmas Musical, "Twas One Crazy Night Before Christmas" has been changed to **Wednesday, December 17th**, instead of December 10th. This change will enable some of our students who are involved in other musical productions to participate in their school concert. The concert will start at 7:00 p.m. in the school gym. Students should be at the school by 6:30 p.m. It should be a great show!

3. "The Snow Ball"

The Student Council is holding a semi-formal dance called, "The Snow Ball" this Friday, December 12th to celebrate the upcoming festivities. Tickets cost \$5. This is going to be a wonderful event for all of the students from Grade Five through Nine.

4. Family Skate

Our annual Family Skate takes place on Tuesday, December 16th 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.

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, not to mention siblings.

5. 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 this Wednesday, December 10th 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.

6. Extra-Curricular

We thank the teachers, parents and friends of Lakecrest who volunteered this term to provide an array of extra-curricular activities for our students. A second session of extra-curricular activities will begin after Christmas.

7. 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.

8. 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 9th** at the school.

9. New Computers

Through the support of the Home and School Association we have been able to purchase 17 computers at an approximate cost of \$ 2800.00. These computers were coming off a lease and were held by one of our parents who thought of Lakecrest when the offer came across her desk. We thank that parent for thinking of us. These computers will be a great asset to us in enhancing our technology resources. We sincerely thank the Home and School for their support of this purchase.

10. Kindergarten 2009 Orientation

Last Friday, November 28 we welcomed back our Kindergarten 2009 children to their second orientation day. They appear to be another wonderful group of children with very interested parents. Our 2009 kindergarten class is already filled and we have two children on the waiting list.

11. D.A. R. E. Graduation

Last Friday our Grade Six students attended a graduation ceremony which was the conclusion to their DARE drug awareness program. Over the past ten weeks the students have been busy learning about situations where these drugs may appear and how to deal with these problems. They have been involved in discussion with their peers about the pressures they are likely to

encounter and how they may respond to these situations. The children's final assessment was their "DARE" essay where the children summarized their learning and created their own DARE promise to commit to the principles of the program.

We would like to thank Constable Karen Hemmons, Mr. Young and Darryl the Lion for their assistance in helping our students through this wonderful program.

12. Chapters Night

Our annual Chapters Night was a great success. We had a large turnout of parents and students. Thanks to the Home and School Association for coordinating this event for us and to Ms. Warren and our students who sang in the choir at this event.

13. 16th Annual Auction A Giant Success!

Our 16th Annual Dinner and Auction held at Clovelly Golf Course was a GIANT SUCCESS!! 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 quite impressive.

The funds generated through our Dinner and Auction will make a positive difference to the life of the school. The money raised tonight will help to enrich the teaching and learning environment in our classrooms. Through purchases and projects throughout the year, we will make the learning experience of our students richer and more exciting.

14. Lakecrest Students Shine at Math Competition!

A Big Congratulations to our Lakecrest Math team who competed in the Junior High Math Competition on Friday afternoon hosted by the Eastern School District. Our team consisting of Christoph Pike, Christie Costello, Lydia Rowe and Danielle Bittner, placed THIRD! They were only one point behind second place. Mrs. Swamidas stated, "They were fabulous and I am so proud of them".

15. Visiting Artists Program

Thanks to Ms. Warren for partnering with Rik Barron under the Visiting Artists program to do some sessions with our Kindergarten to Grade 3 students culminating with a concert for students in the gym. Everyone certainly appeared to have a ball!

16. Friday Sock-Hop

Thanks to Mr. Young and the Student Council for organizing a sock-hop for our students a few weeks ago. The place was hopping and a good time was indeed had by all!

17. 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.

18. Parking Regulations

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.

19. Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, December 9..... Recycling
- Friday, December 12.....”The Snow Ball”
- Tuesday, December 16.....Family Skate
- Wednesday, December 17.....Christmas Musical
- Friday, December 19.....Christmas Assembly/Dismissal for Christmas

20. December Birthday Greetings

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