

# LAKECREST LINK



Off to a fast start...Iona leaps into the lead.

## ◆ Dates To Remember

Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>  
Thanksgiving Luncheon  
Full Dress Uniform

Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>  
Dress Down Day

Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>  
Thanksgiving Holiday-  
No classes  
Columbus Day (US)

Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>  
Kindergarten 2008  
Orientation

October 13<sup>th</sup>  
Eid-al-Fitr (Islam)

Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>  
Dress Down Day

Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>  
Birth of the Bab  
(Bah' ai)

Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>  
- Recycling Day

Wednesday, October  
31<sup>st</sup>  
Hallowe'en-Journey of  
Terror

## The Spirit of Thanksgiving

*"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow." (Melody Beattie)*

We have much for which to be thankful. Our children enjoy a peaceful atmosphere in which to learn. They have teachers who do their work with skill and devotion. The school, which enters its fifteenth year, owes a debt of gratitude to the founding families and faculty who begin their venture in 1993. To the teachers and parents who over the years have given so much to the school we are thankful. Perhaps the best way to express our thanks would be to do what we can to continue the good work of educating this present generation of students and those to come to the high standard that is Lakecrest.



Carmen takes a ride on Family Fun Day

*Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.*

*(William Arthur Ward)*



*Kindergartens look in wonder at their developing caterpillar.*

*Learn everything you can, anytime you can, from anyone you can - there will always come a time when you will be grateful you did."*  
(Sarah Caldwell)

### Footwear

Dress shoes (black or navy blue) are defined by the guidelines as being made of leather that can be polished. Students need two pairs of sneakers. One is a pair of "inside sneakers" which would only be worn in the gym. Sneakers worn outdoors may not be worn in the gym, even if the soles seem clean. The other pair of sneakers can be worn outside and should be removed once students enter the school. Our

### Tuition Policy

The Lakecrest Board of Directors approves the school budget in the spring of each year. The budget is based on enrollment. We are limited to tuition revenues for the basic operating costs of the school. Teacher assignments, textbook purchases and the normal expenses of running the school must be budgeted for and most of these cannot be changed once the new school year begins. Money raised through the Auction and Wine Tasting are used to build up the available resources

### ETFOF:

floors are exceptionally clean and in good condition. This is due to the hard work of our custodians and to our practice of removing outdoor footwear when we enter the school and walk through the halls to classrooms. We ask that this practice be respected daily, especially when the weather gets wet or snowy so that students need not walk through water in their sock feet.

and to support special student learning experiences, but are considered "restricted donations" that are normally not be used for operational expenses. Because of this, we are not able to offer refunds of tuition if a family leaves the school during the year. If a student transfers out and the family requests a refund of the unused portion of the tuition, this can be given only if a suitable student is found to replace the student who is leaving.



*Gathering of the clans for the Terry Fox Run*

### Sign Out During The Day

When it is necessary to have your child leave class during school hours for appointments, etc., please send a note to the teacher. When you arrive at school, please ask at the office to have your child paged rather than going to the classroom to pick him or her up. We ask that you sign your child out by entering the information in the

### Star Students

We want to celebrate the participation and accomplishments of our students who take part in activities outside the school. Dance recitals, sports games, musical performances, religious ceremonies or any events of importance in the life of our children can be mentioned on the P.A. in the morning and published in our newsletters. Please send in a note or email to let us know when your child has participated in an event



*Fresh air, fresh ideas at Mount Scio Farm Field Day*

green binder on the counter in front of the office. Please remind children that if they are waiting to be picked up, they must wait inside the school, not out front. They can look out the window, but it is important that they let someone know they are leaving and that they are signed out each time.

### Punctuality

Being on time is a sign of respect. If our primary mission is teaching for learning, then we must do everything we can to ensure that our classes begin well each day. That means that students are in their places, ready to work at 8:30 a.m. When children arrive late, the distraction, even if it seems slight, does nothing to help their learning and that of their classmates. Students just cannot be coming in through the main door at 8:27 or later and expect to be ready to work at 8:30. There will be times in any family when there are unavoidable delays in traffic or for some other reason. What is not understandable or excusable is arriving late to class on any kind of regular basis. The fact is that the vast majority of our children are in class on time. However, over the past month we have seen as many as ten and twelve students coming to class late on many days. This needs to end before the year gets too much older



*Away we go on a tractor ride with Mr. Carter at Farm Field Day.*



*Resource Centre for the Arts Theatre thrills our children with their production of "Borrowed Black".*

### Faculty and Staff

Kindergarten - Ms. Michelle Lethbridge  
 Grade One - Ms. Sherry Reid Paul  
 Grade Two/Three - Ms. Stephanie Rowe Slaney  
 Grade Four - Mr. Alun Young  
 Grade Five - Ms Bronac Gallagher  
 Grade Six- Mrs. Amy Slaney Howell  
 Grade Seven - Ms. Shelley Jenkins (Intermediate French)  
 Grade Eight-Nine - Ms. Christine Mousseau (Intermediate Science)  
 Music - Miss Angela Warren  
 Intermediate Mathematics - Ms. Tara Stuckless  
 Intermediate Language Arts - Ms. Gina Parsons  
 Physical Education - Ms. Denise Hill  
 School Secretary/Office Manager - Mrs. Anne Gillingham  
 Custodian - Mr. Winston Gillingham  
 Custodian - Mr. Ron Doyle  
 After School Supervisor - Ms. Rosalind O'Leary

*"I took the speed reading course and read 'War and Peace' in twenty minutes. It's about Russia."  
 (Woody Allen)*



Shaun addresses the voters at the Student Council elections.

### Keep In Touch

We have an exceptional school for many reasons. One of them is the good level of communication between home and school. Ideas, concerns and questions, expressed respectfully and in a timely manner, contribute to the ongoing learning in the school community. Everyone has a right to be heard. To be honest, this does not mean that everyone can have everything he or she wants, but at least all will get a fair hearing. Please don't hesitate to contact us on any matter related to your child's learning.

### Recycling

Huge piles of recyclable drink containers have been stacked up by the gates on our Blitz days. Our Student Council regularly coordinates the collection of waste paper. Each day at lunch our children deposit their juice boxes in the bin for collection on Recycling Tuesdays. All this adds up to a large amount of funding for the school. Even better, our children are taking responsibility for the earth in a manner appropriate to their age and circumstances.

*"All wish to possess knowledge, but few, comparatively speaking, are willing to pay the price."  
 (Juvenal)*



Grade Nines regroup on their Duke of Edinburgh hike.

# Lakecrest School Calendar 2007-2008

Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Classes as usual 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
 Opening Assembly @ 9:00 a.m.  
 Parents welcome. Full Dress Uniform

Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>  
 Family Fun Day

Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Meet the Teacher Night  
 Home and School Wine and Cheese Reception

Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Farm Field Day (Weather permitting)

Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Thanksgiving Luncheon and Fall Fair  
 Full Dress Uniform

Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Thanksgiving Holiday

Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>  
 Journey of Terror

Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Remembrance Day Assembly  
 Full Dress Uniform

Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>  
 Professional Development Day  
 No Classes

Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Remembrance Day Holiday

Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Interim Report Cards

November 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Parent /Teacher Interviews

Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Auction

Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Chapters Night (Tentative)

Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Christmas Luncheon  
 Full Dress Uniform

Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Christmas Concert

Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>  
 Family Skate

Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Christmas Assembly  
 Wear Seasonal Colours  
 Noon Dismissal  
 Holidays begin

Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Classes resume

Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 To Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>  
 Senior Exams

Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Pancake Day  
 Mardi Gras

Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Professional Development Day  
 No Classes

Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>  
 School Holiday-No Classes

February 20<sup>th</sup>&21<sup>st</sup>  
 Parent/Teacher Interviews  
 Grades 7-9

Friday, February 29<sup>th</sup>  
 Junior Report Cards  
 K-6

Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> and  
 Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Parent/Teacher Interviews  
 Kdg to Grade 6

March 10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>  
 Teacher Appreciation Week

Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>  
 St. Patrick's Day Holiday

Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Holy Thursday  
 Last day of Classes before  
 Easter holiday. Dismissal @ 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Easter Sunday

Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Classes Resume

Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Wine Tasting Evening  
 (Tentative)

Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>  
 Victoria Day Holiday

Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Volunteer Tea

Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Kindergarten 2008  
 Orientation

June 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Senior Exams

Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Uniform Fitting

Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Senior Grad Night

Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>  
 Sports Day

Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Closing Assembly  
 Full Dress Uniform  
 Noon Dismissal