

Lakecrest Link

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, April 1st
April Fool's Day (too late!)

Friday, April 7th
Last Day of Classes before
Easter Holidays
Dress Down Day

Sunday, April 9th
Palm Sunday

April 9th-18th
Ramayana (Hindu)

Thursday, April 13th
Passover (Jewish)

Friday, April 14th
Good Friday (Christian)
Baisakhi (Sikh)

Sunday, April 16th
Easter Sunday

Thursday, April 20th
Last Day of Passover
(Jewish)

Saturday, April 22nd
Earth Day

Monday, April 24th
Classes Resume

Saturday, April 29th
Ninth Day of Ridvan
(Baha'i)

Looking forward to May

Friday, May 5th
Wine Tasting Dinner
Wines from the world
class collections of Mr.
John Carter and Dr. Angus
Neary.
For tickets, call the school
or email Debbie Tucker.

Friday, May 12th
Open House at the School.



Teachers Appreciate Appreciation Week

Our children and parents showered our teachers with sumptuous treats highlighted by the Teacher Appreciation Lunch on Wednesday, March 22nd. Parents prepared and served a superb array of dishes in an elegantly decorated Board room. Class Parent Coordinators collected money for gifts for the teachers. It was a wonderful way for parents and children to show how much they think of their teachers. This was a real affirmation for the teachers who work so hard to make the children's learning experiences rich and vibrant.



"A good teacher is like a candle that consumes itself to light the way for others."

(Anonymous)

Policy Highlight

When families take holidays outside scheduled vacation times the understanding is that they will be home schooling their children during that time. The school encourages, where it is possible, that holidays coincide with the scheduled vacations times. However, circumstances sometimes dictate these holiday times outside prescribed vacation periods. Teachers may be able to provide outlines of things to be reviewed or learned while students are away but detailed lesson plans are not possible due to the numbers of such requests.

Recycling

Ms. Baird from Evergreen Recycling gave a presentation to our students on recycling in school and at home. She encouraged students to bring their recycled drink containers to school for our recycling effort. Our Grade Sixes are presently spearheading the paper recycling program in the school.

Helping the environment in this way increases the quality of all our lives. It also adds to the money available for school resources. Every dollar we earn by recycling is matched by a generous corporate sponsor so let's remember to bring our recycling materials every Tuesday.





Parents Rik Barron and Gary Taylor give a St. Patrick's Day mini-concert to our Kindergartens, Grade Ones and Grade Twos.

Star Students

March was a month of many accomplishments at Lakecrest. Winning entries at the school Science Fair were:

Grade Seven:

3rd Place - **Michael Furey and Ben Simms** ("Hearing and Aging")

2nd Place - **Jaimie Casson Henderson** (Put the C in Me)

1st Place - **Alex Matthews** (Which Works?)

Grade Eight

3rd Place - **Kanha Shete and Glen Honeyman** (Fuel From Waste)

2nd Place - **Alex Sansom** (Square Eyes)

1st Place - **Hannah Martin and Mae Barron** ("There She Blows")

Grade Nine

3rd Place - **Liam Morrissey** (Gain and Stain)

2nd Place - **Carolyn Pridham and Leah Aitken** ("Heart Rate and Response to Exercise in Teens")

1st Place - **Jessica Snelgrove and Jill Hood** ("The Effect of Gray Water on Pea Seed Germination")

Winning entries at our Science Fair advanced to the Regional Science Fair at Memorial University. There, of our nine entries, one got Honourable Mention, Two took Bronze Medals and Three won the Silver Medal. A truly outstanding accomplishment. Congratulations to all our Grade Seven, Eight and Nine students who created superb experiments for the Science Fair and to Ms. Mousseau who organized the Fair and has inspired so many of her students to scientific thinking.

Anna Stylianides won a gold medal at the Provincial Figure Skating Competition in Corner Brook. She has been named to the Provincial Junior B Team. **Nabil Miri** did a recitation in the Persian language and took part in a play and some musical pieces as part of the Baha'i community celebration of the Baha'i New Year. **Iona Stylianides** took the gold medal at the Junior Provincial Figure Skating Competition. **Philip McDermott** passed his preliminary skating test and also earned his Black Stripe belt in Tae Kwon Do. Congratulations to **Liam Morrissey, Giles Ayers, Chetan Muram, Thomas Munn, Cecilia Penney, Daniel Dunn, Dominic Bartlomowicz and Rory Campbell** who all competed in the Memorial University Junior Math League Competition. We had two teams and both did very well with Team 2 tying for third place out of nearly twenty Junior High Teams. **Peter Roth** and his "Newfie Bullet" advanced to the final 12 in a field of 126 in the Regional Cub Car Rally. **Meghan White** and her bowling team won the Regional Gold Medal and the Provincial Championship and will now go on to the Nationals.



Mrs. Swamidas' son, Noah, brightens our Faculty Room with his radiant smile.

Laura Dawe passed her bronze level in swimming and is now in purple. **Riley Crane** took 5th place overall with a bronze and two silver medals in diving. **Noah Jeans** achieved his yellow belt in Karate. **Alex Sansom** has been selected to sail in the European Optimist Dinghy Championships to be held in the Netherlands in July. There will be a team of four representing Canada. The others are from BC, Quebec and Ontario. **Jennifer Helleur** wrote the Cayley Mathematics Competition. **Alex Sansom** took part in the Pascal Mathematics Competition. **Giles Ayers** took top honours in our school in The Great Canadian Geography Challenge. **Christoph Pike** achieved the Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do after four years of training. He successfully completed patterns, board breaking, sparring and kicking. **James Taylor and Peter Roth** took part in the Canspell Regional Bee at the Delta. Our Grade Six Class was featured on CBC Television's "Arts Action" program. They played their instruments and some were interviewed along with Miss Warren about our Orff Schulwerk Music Program. In the Canadian Chess Challenge, we had seven entrants: **Giles Ayers (Runner Up), Dominic Bartlomowicz, Alexander Jessome, Theo Stylianides (Silver), Benjamin Jessome, Thomas Hickman and Benjamin Rogers (Bronze)**.

We still read all acknowledgements of children's participation in activities outside school on our P.A. during the morning announcement. Please send in or email notes about what your child is doing and we will also include them in the Star Students section of our newsletter. It's a good way to feature individuals and everyone, well, almost everyone, likes to see their name in print. It's good for self-confidence.

Kiwanis Music Festival

Here is the list of Lakecrest students who participated in the Kiwanis Music Festival. Some entered the non-competitive sections and others chose the competitive ones. In all cases, the children did their best and enjoyed their time on the stage. Congratulations to our parents who bring the children to music lessons and to the Festival.

Kathleen O’Dea, Heather Tidswell, Anna Stylianides, Alexander Jessome, Sarah Veber, Jeremy Costello, Laura McCallum, Philip McDermott, Theo Stylianides, Zayd Khraishi, Riley Crane, Anna Penney, Alex Matthews, Jaimie Casson Henderson, Michael Furey, Cecilia Penney, Sarah McCallum, Benjamin Jessome, Iona Stylianides, Joshua Veber, Zachary Moore, Quinn Crane, Jennifer Sansom, Shaun Morrissey, Christie Costello, Sophie Penney, Thomas Hickman, Carolyn Pridham, Kirsten Schoenberg, Chetan Muram, Giles Ayers, Alexa Bailey, Rebecca Tidswell, Daniel Dunn, Leah Aitken and Zamé Engelbrecht



*Ms. Gough and Ms. Reid
Paul wearing the green on
St. Paddy's Day.*

Each One Reach One

Our Board of Directors and the Communications Committee are moving ahead rapidly with plans to boost our recruiting efforts. Three weekend meetings attended by members of the Board, teachers and parents have resulted in some action plans that are already underway. With the assistance of a marketing professional, the group has examined the issues of Lakecrest’s image and perception in the wider St. John’s community. Identifying our “target market” and designing ways to reach prospective parents with an effective message is the key. We know that there is a large “untapped” market out there. It is our job to find them and get them into the school. As we have said before, once parents visit and experience the peaceful, focused atmosphere here, they are “sold”. Our students and teachers are our message and it is an irresistible one. What parent would not want their child in a small class with personal attention? Who would not wish for their child an environment as free as possible of bullying and harassment? To know that parents have a voice and that issues of concern are actually addressed in a timely manner is vital in making a choice about children’s schooling. These are all realities at Lakecrest. If you can encourage just one family with pre-schoolers school age children (K-9) to come and see us, this will be a huge support in our effort. We will be working to get Lakecrest featured in a

number of items in the local media. The big event in this campaign will be an Open House on Friday, May 12th. We felt that having prospective parents and families visiting the school while classes are in session would give a strong impression. More details will be announced as time goes on. We will need lots of ambassador parents to serve as tour guides. Please pencil in that Friday and, if you can, let us know that you will be available to help bring visitors around during the day. We want full enrollment, twenty in each class and sixteen in Kindergarten. That is our goal and we can achieve it with a total school community drive. It starts with getting the message out. So please ask your friends and colleagues with school age families to reserve Friday, May 12th to visit Lakecrest.

Professional Development

On March 17th our teachers worked through the day on bringing Cooperative Learning more into their teaching. This approach to teaching is the most heavily researched teaching mode and one that has a great deal of promise. Stronger academic achievement has been shown. Important skill development in personal and group interaction is another key element. Life success depends on one’s ability to work effectively together with others. The emphasis on Cooperative Learning will continue with study groups and workshops.