

Lakecrest Link

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Frantic bidding wars and fun were the order of the evening at our annual Auction

◆ Dates To Remember

Thursday,
December 9th
Christmas Luncheon
K-4 @ 11:30 a.m.
Gr. 5-9 @ 12:45 p.m.

Tuesday,
December 14th
Family Skate @
Mile One @ 9:00 a.m. All Welcome

Wednesday,
December 15
Christmas Concert
@ 7 p.m.

Friday, December 17th
Christmas Assembly @11:00 a.m.

Students wear seasonal colours

Parents, grandparents, relatives and friends welcome

Noon Dismissal for Holidays

December 21st
Winter Solstice

December 25th
Christmas
December 26th
Boxing Day

Tuesday, January 4th
Classes resume

If you know of anyone who might be willing to accommodate boarding students from Korea in their home, please contact the school and we will follow up. We have had some inquiries from students in Korea who would like to attend Lakecrest. They would need a place to live in or near St. John's. Usually, these students are from Grade 6-9.



Senior Exams

Wednesday, January 12th

Language Arts

Thursday, January 13th

Social Studies

Friday, January 14th

Science

Monday, January 17th

Mathematics

Wednesday, January 18th

French

"Life is never so short but that there is always enough time for courtesy."

(Ralph Waldo Emerson)



Lakecrest children and parents join customers enjoy a story presentation at Chapters Day.



Speaker from the Royal Canadian Legion addresses Lakecrest students and teachers at our Remembrance Day Assembly.

Yearbooks

There are a few copies of the Lakecrest Anniversary Yearbook available for those who did not place an order last spring. These colourful retrospectives are a precious keepsake. If you would like one, please call the office. There are still some yearbook orders that can be filled for those who ordered them and paid the deposit earlier.

Red Zone Success

Thank you one and all for the great cooperation in respecting the drop off zone in front of the school in the morning. Things are going quite smoothly now that everyone is used to the process. We almost never have anyone leaving a vehicle unattended in the "Red Zone". We are still seeking a crossing guard. If you know of someone who would like to take the job, please pass along the name of the person and we will make the arrangements.

Festivus 2 is a Smashing Success

The incredible work of the Auction Committee paid off with a huge total at the end of the night. The evening started off with a superb combination of sparkling champagne and scintillating conversation. Polite but determined bargain hunters tried not to attract attention as they snuck in bids for the silent auction items. The hors d'oeuvres were plentiful and delicious while the class project treasures were lovingly examined. After a fine dinner featuring good food and strong-armed Christmas Cracker salespersons, the action began. As in the past, frantic bids and counter bids reached record heights. Parents vying for class projects and other fabulous items

Kindergarten Orientation-recruiting efforts

Our Communications Committee is working extremely hard to build up enrollment. We are looking forward to a strong Kindergarten class for September, 2005. We have sent out a large number of invitations to prospective parents. We will continue our efforts to build up the school. We need your help. The most effective advertising is still good "word of mouth". Many, if not most of our families are here today because of sincere recommendations from friends and parents who already had their children in the school. If you know any parents whose children will be five years old in

raised the roof . It was a blast. We cannot thank the tireless workers from the Home and School Association as well as Mrs. Gillingham. They started planning last spring, hit the deck running in September and finished the final counting past midnight to bring the Auction to a successful close. The generosity of our parents and their guests is a testament to the spirit of our community. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to this massive venture. The money raised will go a long way to making the school an even better place for our children. That is what kept the committee going and that is what brought us all together for this exquisite evening.

2005, why not encourage them to come in and check out the school. If we can get them in the door, The children "sell" the school. Parents seldom fail to be impressed with the focus of our students and the peaceful atmosphere. Please send by email or phone the names of any parents who might be interested in visiting the school. We will follow up with a letter and a call. One new student in any grade makes a positive difference.



ArtSmarts Update

Our ArtSmarts project is progressing nicely. The school was awarded a grant of over \$3000 from the Newfoundland and Labrador Arts Council. Actor Rick Boland has conducted several drama sessions with the students. Students in Grades Five through Nine have taken trips to the Provincial Archives and the Transportation and Railway Museum. They are researching the social and economic history of



Good food, great conversation at the Auction dinner.

Chapters Day

Our Library Collection got a very big boost on Chapters Day. Lakecrest got some very good exposure. Thanks to our Home and School Association and Ms. Tiffany for organizing the day. The school received a credit for every item sold where a customer mentioned Lakecrest. Some students performed musical numbers for an enthusiastic audience of friends and customers. It was fun day browsing the bookshelves and sipping a Starbucks for the cause. Merci beaucoup to everyone who pitched in.

the West End of St. John's. After Christmas, the project will see the beginning of interviews of local people who were involved in the different factories and foundries that dotted the area west of our school. Following that, the students, under the direction of Mr. Boland and their teachers, will create and perform dramatic works. We can't wait for the big show.

Dressing for Recess in Winter

Unless the weather is rainy or extremely cold, we generally have the children go outside at recess time in the morning and at lunchtime. It is important for them to get the fresh air and exercise. They will need to be dressed properly for the cold weather now that winter is here.

Star Students

Alex Munn and Carolyn Pridham were part of the St. Bon's team that won the Gold medal in Under 17 High School Soccer. Congratulations to Luke Burton who won a first place trophy for sparring at the Tai Kwon Do Atlantic showdown in "Spaniard's Bay. Joanna Snelgrove made the boys' All-Star team in hockey. Glen Honeyman has been selected for the Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial under 13 Soccer Team. Jamie Casson Henderson was part of her dance school group which performed in the Downtown Santa Claus Parade. Heather Tidswell and Reagan Howard competed in time trials for the Legends Swim Team./ Katie Rowsell received her Level I Aquaquest Swimming Grade and can now swim the full length of the pool.



Thomas considers his next move in his chess game. Extracurricular activities start again after Christmas.

Sophie Heldt was invited to join the competitive Gymnastics program at Cygnus. Congratulations to Philip McDermott for being promoted to red stripe in Tae Kwon Do. Lesley Hampton and Jennie Sansom gave a dazzling performance as Oberon and Helen in Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at the Arts and Culture Centre with the Performing Arts Group. Alison Sheppard graduated to yellow stripe in Tae Kwon Do. Well done to Quinn Crane who competed in the Ottawa Invitation Diving Meet. Quinn had a 2nd, 3rd and 6th place finishes and reached the National qualifying standards on the 3 Metre diving board. Aman Hambleton traveled to Greece in November to compete in the World Youth Chess Championship. Aman represented our province and Canada in the Under 12 section. It was a grueling competition with eleven rounds played in nine days. He garnered 5 points out of a possible eleven and tied for 69th place in a field of 121 players. Aman helped our Canadian team finish 21st among the 73 nations in the tournament. This is an outstanding achievement for Aman and the experience of a lifetime.

