

# Lakecrest Link

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Mr. Guzzwell's presence as Crossing Guard greatly improves safety.

## ◆ Dates To Remember

Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>  
Report Cards for Kindergarten through Grade Six come home today.  
Dress Down Day

Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>  
Board of Directors Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.  
Please call the Office to arrange Parent Teacher Interviews

Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>  
Parent Teacher Interviews (K-6) by request.

Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>  
St. Patrick's Day holiday - no classes  
Purim (Jewish celebration of Queen Esther's saving of the Jews in ancient Persia)

Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>  
Teacher Appreciation Week

Dates to Remember (continued)  
Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>  
Kindergarten Information Night (Re-scheduled from last week)

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

Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>  
Dress Down Day

Sunday, March 21  
Palm Sunday  
Feast of Naw-Rúz (BAHÁ'Í New Year)  
First Day of Spring

Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>  
Last Day of Class before Holidays  
Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>  
Holi (Hindu spring festival)  
Good Friday  
First Day of Easter Holidays

Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>  
Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Daylight Savings Begin  
Clocks Spring Ahead

Please pencil in the following dates for our upcoming Musical, Honk!

May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>  
Dress Rehearsals  
May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>

Honk! At the MUN Reid Theatre Rehearsals are going ahead full steam. Rehearsals end at 4:30 p.m. It is most important that children be picked up not later than 4:30. Teachers have sometimes been kept waiting long after 4:30 p.m. because children have not been picked up on time.



## Uniform results

We have noted a marked improvement in the wearing of the school uniform during this past month. We thank all students and parents for their cooperation and we thank Teachers for the extra attention. It has made a fine difference.

When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.

*"A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions." (Oliver Wendell Holmes)*



*Awards are presented during the first ever Lakecrest Invitational Basketball Tournament. .*



*Student Council members perform a number in the Karaoke Contest that was part of the Spirit Days entertainment.*

### Special Events Add Value

Pancake Day was a sweet success with over 200 lucky parents and children sampling the World's Most Delicious Pancakes in the cafeteria on Pancake Day.

Spirit Week featured Crazy Hair Day and Pyjama Day. A Karaoke Contest ending with a giant conga line in the gym topped off the festivities. Crazy Hat and Tie Day was a hit and speaking of hits, the Parents and Teachers soundly trounced the student teams in basketball in the big game that brought Spirit Days to a close.

Effective acupuncture is a job well done.

*"Few things can help individuals more than to place responsibility on them, and to let them know that you trust them."*

*(Booker T. Washington)*

### On Time For Class

In getting the Report Cards ready for distribution on March 4<sup>th</sup>, we took note of the number of times late listed on each report. We found some interesting data. The 89 students in Kindergarten through Grade Six were late a total of 428 times during the first term, from September through February. This means we had an average of 4.8 junior students late each day during the term. 18 of our students accounted for 278 of those late arrivals. In other words, 20% of the students accounted for 65% of the lateness. These 18 students were late an average of 15 times during the term, compared to a school average of 4 times. The real average, if we took out the 18 students' contribution would have been more like an average of only 2 students late per day. It seems like the majority of students are having their classroom routines and instruction disrupted by the few. It is unfair to penalize students who are being driven to school for being late. Still, it is not acceptable to have the same dozen or so children coming in late week after week. We have addressed this issue in previous newsletters. We welcome your suggestions as to how we can lessen the negative impact on your children's education being caused by late arrivals to class. It is not just a question of distance. Some of the people who live farthest from school are seldom or never late. Among the 18

students who are late the most we have some who live some of the closest distances to the school. We need to teach our children about the responsibility to respect others by honouring our commitment to be on time to begin our work with them. We need to raise the 80% of our families who arrive daily on time for their children to be in class and ready to work at 8:30 a.m. Thank you for your cooperation in this most important part of our learning day.



### Homework Tips

Homework is an important extension of the classroom. It teaches a child how to use time wisely and develops a sense of responsibility. Parents can help enormously in the following ways:

Provide a study area that is well-lit, comfortable and quiet.

Set aside a specific time each night (or as regularly as possible) and stick to it.

Show an interest in what your child is studying.

Monitor homework. Look for it every day. Check your child's agenda daily.

### Open House

We had a very successful Open House last spring and we will hold another on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 2-4 p.m. at the school. We hope you will encourage any friends of acquaintances to come along and have a look at the school. We are planning fun events and attractions. We will need lots of parents and student ambassadors to give guided tours. We believe that at least two families, maybe three, decided to enroll their children based on how impressed they were at our last Open House. We hope to double that number this year and create a wider community awareness of our school and its programs and learning environment.

**Kindergarten information night**  
Our Kindergarten Information Night for Parents has been re-scheduled for Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the Kindergarten Classroom. Our Guest Speaker is still Ms. Linda Harnett, distinguished Kindergarten Teacher. Ms. Lethbridge will bring us through the program and a typical day in the life of our Kindergarten Class. Once again, we ask that you encourage anyone you know with children five years old or younger to come along to this presentation. It is open to the public.

Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.

### Scenes from School Life



*Penguins Allison and Kyle Invade Board Room*



*Physics Cup Experiment with Study Buddies*



*Children, meet your new classmate.*



*Children having fun??? What's this school coming to?*