

# Lakecrest Link

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## Dates to Remember

March 4-5

Purim (Jewish)

Holi (Hindu)

Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>

Orientation for Kindergarten  
Class of 2007

Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

St. Patrick's Day

Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

Dress in Something Green  
For St. Patrick's Day

Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

St. Patrick's Holiday  
(No Classes)

March 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>

Teacher Appreciation Week

Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

Naw Ruz (Baha'i)

Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

Last day of classes before  
Easter Holidays  
(March 31 to April 15)

Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

Easter Sunday

Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

Classes Resume

**Winter, 2007**



*Beth looks  
at the world  
through  
rose  
coloured  
glasses  
during  
Spirit Days.*

## Enrollment Upswing Encouraging

Our Kindergarten Class for September, 2007 is almost full! We have had several orientation sessions for the children and one for the parents, all well attended. The relentless work of the Recruiting Committee and the constant networking of our parents with their friends and colleagues are paying off. If we can continue this trend, we will in a short time reach the enrollment numbers we seek. Thank you one and all for your efforts. We are working on Kindergarten 2008 and have registrations and inquiries now up to 2011.

*'I am enough of an artist to  
draw freely upon my  
imagination. Imagination is  
more important than  
knowledge. Knowledge is  
limited. Imagination encircles  
the world.'*

**- Albert Einstein**

## Scholarship and Bursary Programs Receive a Huge Boost

The Presentation Sisters have generously donated money for a number of full and partial scholarships and bursaries to our school. We have already received the first of two large bequests. This outstanding gift from the Sisters will allow families to attend Lakecrest who might not otherwise be able to do so. We acknowledge the splendid kindness of the Presentation Sisters and look forward to inviting applications from the public in the near future.



*All these happy children...where have we gone  
wrong?*

## Lakecrest is Brimming With Adventures and Activities

Since Christmas it's been a delicious whirlwind here at the school. Soon after we returned from Christmas Holidays (it seems so long ago in some ways), our Seniors sat for the Senior Exams. The results have been outstanding and we are

following up with students whose achievement did not quite match their ability. There is still time for everyone to bear down and make the final term a very successful one. Once exams were over, a group of Grade Eight and Nine students flew to Ontario and traveled north to Rosseau Lake College for an exchange trip. There were many highlights, such as a two day dog sledding expedition into Algonquin National Park. There were a number of days spent in a wilderness adventure camp deep in the northern Ontario bush. Our students more than held their own in the challenging environment of Ice Climbing Walls, forty foot high swings and half mile zip line cable runs. They exchanged cultural observations with their hosts and we look forward to welcoming the RLC students back here in June.

Aladdin Jr. is this year's Broadway Musical production at Lakecrest. Inspired by last Easter's senior trip to Broadway in New York, our talented singers and dancers are working to perfect each scene of this show. Knitting For Beginners, Basketball for all ages, Chess tournaments, Hackmatack Book Club, and Speed Stacking are among the dizzying array of activities offered this term for Extracurricular activities. And through it all, the day in and day out focus on academic excellence in class is never out of sight. Spirit Days recently completed brought a lot of colour and laughter to the hallways. The enthusiasm is shared among students, teachers and parents. What a great place to learn!



*Our fearless seniors like Reniel handled dogsled teams in the North Ontario bush during the exchange trip with Rosseau Lake College in the Muskokas.*

### **Lakecrest Reaches Out**

In addition to all the work and play going on, our students, teachers and parents have managed to bring untold relief and joy to the wider community. Generous hampers of food and collections of gifts for needy families filled the front hallways during the Christmas season. Our Home and School Association supported our classes in sponsoring a program that offers small loans to family entrepreneurs in developing countries. Because of this generosity, many small businesses which cannot obtain funding from traditional banking sources, are able to grow and thrive. You can see some of the work being done at the website [www.kiva.org](http://www.kiva.org). Some of our students have been featured in The Telegram for their projects in support of local charities. Three of our students participated in the cancer fundraiser called "Shave for the Brave." Our recycling campaigns have reached record levels and now our Grade Sixes will spearhead and environmental effort in

cooperation with Memorial University students. All these things help to fulfill our mission to nurture social responsibility and citizenship among our children.

*'If you hear a voice within you say 'you cannot paint,' then by all means paint, and that voice will be silenced.'*

**- Vincent Van Gogh**

### **Our Teachers Keep on Learning**

Never content to rest on their considerable laurels, our superb teaching staff continues to work to build up their knowledge and skill levels. The complex approach known as Cooperative Learning is the focus of training this year. Our teachers have been working since last May on the elements and structures of the most widely researched teaching methodology we know of. Social skills are an integral part of this way of teaching and learning. Students work on taking personal responsibility for their learning and on the skills needed to effectively work with others on academic tasks. It is an exciting time in our classrooms. We have been host this year to a number of Teacher Observers from the Memorial University Faculty of Education. In addition, we have a Student Intern, Ms. Clothier, working with our Intermediate Science and Health classes. For the fifth time we have hired a Co-op Student from the MUN Faculty of Business. Ms. Pike is working with parent committees on developing sustaining funding for the school and on promotion of Lakecrest in the wider community.



*Our hard-working Board and Committees keep things rolling.*

*'The world is moving so fast these days that the man who says it can't be done is generally interrupted by someone doing it'*

**- Harry Emerson Fosdick**

### **Parent Power Pulsates**

Supporting the incredible level of learning and activity through the school is the unswerving dedication of our parents. Visitors are amazed and impressed when they learn about the strong level of parent participation in our school. "Does the school welcome parent involvement?" they ask. The answer can be seen every day. Using March 8<sup>th</sup> as an example, we had two major Board committee meetings as soon as the school day started. One of our parents in the medical community brought in a skeleton to enhance a theme in Kindergarten. Our loyal lunch servers came in late in the morning and stayed into the afternoon serving lunches and cleaning up. Parent volunteers conducted the Brownies activity after school and a good number of parents came in for Parent Teacher interviews well into the evening. Not a totally typical day, but not unusual either. Our parents are meeting the challenge of building a vibrant

learning community. We thank you one and all.

### **Star Students**

The following students participated in the Kiwanis Music Festival this year: **Rachel Howells, Sophie Penney, Andrew Hogan Emily O'Dea, Zayd Khraishi, Anna Penney, Riley Crane, Sophia Stylianides, Scott Hogan, Sarah Veber, Jeremy Costello, Theo Stylianides, Anna Stylianides, Emily Hogan, Alexander Jessome, Kathleen O'Dea, Jennie Sansom, Quinn Crane, Christie Costello, Zachary Moore, Michael Furey, Sarah Hogan, Cecilia Penney, Sarah Murphy, Daniel Dunn, Zame Engelbrecht, Sarah McCallum and Alex Matthews.** A large number of ours students placed with distinction in the different class competitions and all enjoyed the experience.

The Canadian Chess Challenge saw eight Lakecrest students playing with most of them advancing to the provincial playoffs later in March at Memorial University. The chessmeisters were **Theo Stylianides, Benjamin Rogers, Thomas Hickman, Alex Hickman, Blake Chislette, Ted Dedora and Nancy Dedora.** The Atlantic Junior Tennis Championships featured Lakecrest students **Michael Furey, Cecilia Penney, Ben Simms, Lydia Rowe and Jeremy Costello.** The Telegram Canspell Competition saw **Christie Costello and Peter Roth** advancing to the provincial finals. **Christoph Pike** took first in the Great Canadian Geography Challenge

here at the school and will represent us in the provincials. In Synchro Swimming **Cecilia Penney and Emma Blackwood** made a splash. Alexander Jessome won his Red belt in Tae Kwon Do. **Phillip McDermott** won medals in figure skating as did **Anna and Iona Stylianides.** **Jessica Carter** made the Legends Swim Team. **Jade Aitken and Zayd Khraishi** participated in swimming. **Michael Connors and Michael Noseworthy** skated with the All-Stars in hockey. **Ethan Kirby and Scott Hogan** played in the Future Stars Basketball. **Sophie Heldt** played tennis and gymnastics. **Rose Barron** appeared in both piano and dance programs. In soccer, **Blake Chislette, Aaron Lundrigan Benjamin Jessome and Iona Stylianides** played games.

**William Heldt, Gregory Snelgrove and Alexander Sansom** shaved their heads in the Shave For the Brave venture and **William** also got to the finals in rock climbing. **Nabil and Shakib Miri** participated in Ayyam-i-Ha Intercalary Days. What a wonderful array of interesting and beneficial activities. Lakecrest students are participating and excelling beyond their numbers in all fields. Please send in notes when your child participates in outside-of-school activities so we can take note of these in the newsletter and on the morning announcements.

*'The human brain starts working the moment you are born and never stops until you stand up to speak in public'.*

**- George Jessel**

## Scenes from Lakecrest Days



*Teachers top the talent pool at the Spirit Days Karaoke Talent Show.*

*Anna purls up a storm at the after school knitting club.*



*Andrew being Andrew.*



*Comrade Christoph lectures on the Russian Revolution and Animal Farm at Gonzaga High School.*

*Principals for the Day.*

*And one and two and ....Miss Warren puts Aladdin cast through its paces.*



*A real fashion statement. Don't be jealous, boys.*



*Science experiments add to the learning experience. Curious minds grow.*