

Lakecrest Link

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Kindergartens guard parents on the Journey of Terror.

◆ Dates To Remember

Monday, November 1st
Final tuition payment due

Thursday, November 4th
Annual General Meeting of Board of Directors @ 8:00 p.m.

Friday, November 5th
Dress Down Day

Saturday, November 6th
Chapters Day

Wednesday, November 10th
Full Dress Uniform for Remembrance Assembly

Thursday, November 11th
Remembrance Day Holiday
No Classes

Friday, November 12th
School Holiday-No Classes
Divali
Birth of Baha'u'llah

Sunday, November 14th
Eid al-Fitr

Friday, November 19th
Dress Down Day
Report Cards Come Home

Wednesday, November 24
Parent-Teacher Interviews

Observances of the Season

This is an important time of year for many of our families who hold religious beliefs. Ramadan is a month in which Muslims fast from dawn to sunset to share experiences of the poor.

Eid al-Fitr, which falls this year on November 14th, ends the fast and marks the completion of the reading of the Qur'an. Hindus celebrate the Festival of Lights known as Divali on November 12th. On the same day, families of the Baha'i faith commemorate the birth of their founder, Baha'u'llah. November 28th begins the season of Advent, a Christian time of preparation for the coming of the Saviour. December 8th-15th marks the Jewish Festival of Lights known as Hanukkah, which remembers the miracle of the oil lamps. We joyfully acknowledge these sacred times for our families. As with our families who are of no religious affiliation, the daily living of the principles of human respect and care for others form the core of the holy celebrations we have mentioned above. Our last month saw us celebrate together the Thanksgiving feast. At the end of this month, our American families will mark on November 25th their traditional celebration of Thanksgiving. These times are so full of meaning and they comprise a wonderful time of year in which to recognize and celebrate the diversity among us.

Dates To Remember (continued)

Thursday, November 25th
Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday, November 26th
Auction at Clovelly Golf Club

LOOKING FORWARD TO DECEMBER

Thursday, December 9th
Christmas Luncheon

Tuesday, December 14th
Family Skate at Mile One

Friday, December 17th
Christmas Assembly @ 11:00 a.m.
Wear Christmas Colours. Noon dismissal for holidays

Monday, January 3rd
Classes resume after Christmas holidays



Students and guests receive their Thanksgiving Luncheon meal, thanks to the efforts of our Home and School Association volunteers.



Strange creatures inhabit the hallways and cafeteria spaces during Halloween.

Now Representing Lakecrest...

Aman Hambleton has flown to Heraklio, Crete, Greece to represent Canada in the World Youth Chess Championship. Aman will be competing against the top players in the world in his age group, including people from China, Russia, Mexico and a host of countries. We wish Aman good luck, not that he will need it. You can follow Aman's progress on the tournament website: www.greekchess.com/wycc2004

Congratulations to our own Ms. Warren who was one of only six people across Canada to be selected for recognition for outstanding performance as a Music Teacher. Ms. Warren went to London, Ontario to receive her award.

Good Luck to our Junior Math League team members who will class with students from other schools this week in the battle of the calculators.

Student Council News

This year the Student Council has been busy doing a variety of things. We have organized a food drive for the Iris Kirby House and for a needy family in the community. This food drive went very well. We were able to supply the home with a turkey, vegetables and an assortment of canned goods, thanks to you. We also had a Halloween Party for Grades Six, Seven, and Eight/Nine. This was a huge success. In the month of

Chapters Day

Please remind your friends that on Saturday, November 6th, at Chapters on Kenmount Road, Lakecrest will get 15% of all sales when people say they want the credit to go to Lakecrest. This is a great way to get ahead on gift buying and help build our library. Tell them to mention Lakecrest when they go to pay for their books and Starbucks products.

Punctuality

We thank everyone again for their efforts to make sure their children are in class, ready to work at 8:30 each morning. It is not always easy to get children up and ready to go early in the morning. We understand too that, especially in winter, there will be an occasional time when families may run a little late. Nevertheless, we have the highest rate of on-time arrivals that we have ever had in the school. Congratulations one and all.

November we will be planning and having an activity for grades three to five. The Student Council is now collecting Canadian Tire Money. We would ask parents to please bring in any Canadian Tire Money which they will not be using and put it in the box in the foyer marked "Canadian Tire Money". Student Council thanks you for your donations. If any students have comments or suggestions we encourage them to speak to their Class Representative.

School Closures Due To Snowstorms

We've had our first small taste of winter already with the snow over the weekend. If the rain we had on Monday had been snow, we would be digging out from a fifteen foot snowfall. Nice thought, eh?

When we have to close the school due to snow conditions, we call in an announcement to the radio stations. When weather is threatening, listen to CBC (640 on the AM dial), VOXM (590 on the AM dial) or OZFM (97.5). We will do our best to email families and put a message on the school phone message machine.



School Doors Open at 8:00 a.m.
Please make sure your children actually go in through the school entrance when you drop them off in the morning, especially on winter mornings. Dropping children off before the doors open at 8:00 a.m. could be a safety hazard when temperatures are very cold.

The Anniversary Yearbook s Here

Those who have purchased a yearbook can now pick it up at



Auction Update

If you have not already done so, please contact Debbie Tucker or the office to reserve your ticket for this spectacular event on Friday, November 26th. Parents, Teachers and Students are working hard to prepare some amazing class projects for the bidding wars at Clovelly. There are lots of excellent items in the silent auctions and lots of fun opportunities in the live auction. This is to say nothing of the fine dining and scintillating conversation at the tables during this stellar evening. We'll see you there.

A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

the office. If you have put in a deposit, you can bring the balance in and get your collector's edition of this magnificent volume. We thank Ms. Mousseau and Mrs. Sharpe for all the work they put in selecting the hundreds of lovely photographs that grace the pages of the book. There may be some yearbooks still available for those who did not order one. If you would like a copy, just call the office to see if there are any left.

Journey of Terror a Howling Success

Our senior students did a superb job, under the direction of their teachers, in creating a great atmosphere for Halloween. Parents, grandparents and siblings joined our junior students in going from place to place around the school. They enjoyed the scary mazes, fortune tellers, face painters and assorted goblins who lurked around the dark and decorated hallways and rooms. Everyone enjoyed the time immensely.

Star Students

Our Star Students feature will be back next month with November's stars and December's together.



Sarah Wallace works with Grade Sevens on their artistic art project for the auction.

*"The things that we share in this world are far more valuable than the things that divide us."
(Donald Williams)*



