

# Lakecrest Link

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Helping get ready for the Cross Country Meet

## ◆ Dates To Remember

Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>  
Rosh Hoshanna (Jewish)

Wednesday, October 5  
Ramadan begins (Islam)

Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>  
Thanksgiving Luncheon  
First Sitting (Kdg-Gr.5)  
@ 11:30 a.m.  
Second Sitting (Gr. 6-9)  
@ 12:45 p.m.  
Full Dress Uniform  
Kindergarten Parents'  
Information Meeting @ 7:30  
p.m.

Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>  
Dress Down Day

Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>  
Thanksgiving Day Holiday  
No Classes

Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>  
Yom Kippur (Jewish)

Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>  
Picture Day - Wear Full Dress  
Uniform

Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>  
Birth of the Bab (Bahá'í)

Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>  
Dress Down Day

Monday, October 31  
Halloween Journey of Terror

November 1- Last Installment  
of Tuition Due In

## Thanksgiving

Gratitude is an essential part of our development as human beings. It is a healthy thing to be conscious of the good things we enjoy. Thankfulness to those whose work and good will enable us to have what we have is something to keep in mind.

Living here in a place that is relatively safe and clean, free, for now at least, from the ravages of natural disasters, we are fortunate. Being among people who are peaceful and who treat us with respect makes us some of the fortunate few in the world. What good health we do enjoy and the access to health care we have, while maybe not perfect, are things the majority of people in the world cannot even dream of. Having enough to eat each day, while we may take it for granted sometimes, puts us in the minority in the global picture.

What we have is due in part to those who have gone before us. We are lucky in many ways. One way we can express our thanks is to accept our responsibility to share with those who are in need. Contributions to relief efforts in different parts of the world, including our own province can be part of that. Sharing some of the food with others through our Thanksgiving food collection is another.

If we can share with our children a sense of gratitude, we will be giving them a precious gift.

*"There is always, always, always something to be thankful for."*  
(Anonymous)



## Farm Field Day

After a postponement due to wet grounds, our annual Farm Field Day went ahead on Tuesday. Buses took the students and their teachers to Mount Scio Farm in Pippy Park. Thanks to the gracious hospitality of Mr. John Carter and his family, we were able to enjoy the great outdoors in a safe way. Classes explored the fields and garden plots. Seniors ran through the woods in a game of "Capture the Flag". The younger students went around on the Tractor Ride, not at NASCAR speed, but fun nevertheless. After drinks and treats, we returned to the school in time to dismiss for the weekend.

## Absent from School

Whenever a student is absent from school, the Department of Education requires that a written note from parents be sent to class immediately upon the student's return to school. We ask that parents phone to let us know a child will not be in school, but the need for a written note when the child returns is still in effect.

*" 'If' and 'When' were planted and 'Nothing' grew up. "*

*(Turkish Proverb)*



Mr. Carter heads out with the Hay Wagon Crew on Farm Field Day,



*Kindergartens enjoy their Teddy Bear Picnic on the front lawn.*

### Fire Drills

Custodial care of the children is always our first responsibility. We have conducted fire drills, evacuating the building in better times with each practice. The St. John's Regional Fire Department will be conducting its annual unannounced fire drill soon. We always get a good report on this essential exercise. You would be proud of our students in this.

### Tuesdays are Recycling Days

We are getting lots of recycling materials on Tuesday mornings. Each empty drink container means money for the school. That money is now being doubled thanks to a matching funding offer from Toyota Plaza. Just drop the materials at the gate on Tuesday mornings. Ever Green Recycling has a van pick it all up at 8:30 a.m. We thank you and the environment thanks you for your efforts in this venture.

If you forget to drop your recycling articles off on Tuesday, you can bring them to any Evergreen Recycling depot and just ask the people there to credit the Lakecrest School account with your deposits.



Mr. Veber decorates the gym for Family Fun Day

### Star Students

Lakecrest took third place in the Boys 1500 Metre (Born in 1996) Cross Country Team run on Saturday. Theo Stylianides, Andrew Murray, Jeremy Costello, William Heldt and Parker Hopkins combined to take home the trophy. Anna Stylianides broke the course record in winning her third consecutive race. Carolyn Pridham took first place in her section for third year in a row. Also running in the Cross Country series this year were Holly Martin, Christie Costello, Cecilia Penney, Matthew Lahey, Erick Hood, Charlie Murray, Giles Ayers, Shaun Morrissey and John Hanchar.

Josh Allen, Giles Ayers, and Chetan Muram joined with players from St. Bon's to field a Junior High soccer team for the league tournament.

Christie Costello passed her Grade 4 Royal Conservatory of Music Piano Exam and she was chosen for the pre-competitive Legends Swim Team. Jeremy Costello passed his Grade One Royal Conservatory of Music Piano Exam and his Green and Aqua levels in swimming at the Aquarena

Philip McDermott passed Grade One Piano (RCM) with First Class Honours. He also obtained his Red Belt in Tae Kwon Do and his Blue level in swimming at the Aquarena. Daniel Dunn got his Bronze Medallion in swimming. Alex Sansom finished sixth in the Sail East Regatta held in St. Margaret's Bay, NS and 9<sup>th</sup> in the Ark Regatta in Halifax. He also won the Grand Bank Cup held at St. Pierre et Miquelon. Benjamin Jessome won a trophy in soccer during the summer. Sarah Veber completed her Grade Three RCM piano exam with first class honours. Joshua Veber participated in the Junior Engineering camp at Memorial University and took first place for his engineering designs.

Please send in your child's participation/accomplishments for inclusion in our Star Students section.

*"What is happiness? It depends so little on the circumstances; it depends really only on that which happens inside a person."  
(Dietrich Bonhoeffer)*

### Recruiting Campaign Takes Off

You will have received two new school brochures this week from school. We have distributed these to thousands of homes in St. John's and surrounding communities. We have sent hundreds to the daycare centres. You may have heard on Coast 101.1 FM the excellent ads featuring our students and teachers. All this activity is part of the school's effort to promote the great education we offer. We want to increase our enrollment to levels where we maintain small class sizes but are more comfortable financially and in other ways. All the advertising and public relations people with whom we consult tell us that "Word of Mouth" is still the most powerful advertising and promotion instrument. Please use any opportunity you get to let your friends and acquaintances with school age children know about Lakecrest. Our thanks go to the members of our Communications Committee who have worked to organize and carry out the different aspects of the campaign. Ian Carter, Brendan Murphy, Sandy Chaytor, Donna McCarthy, Mrs. Slaney Howell and Gary Taylor.



Donna McCarthy's production studio, Dory Radio, produced the radio ads that sounded so good. Gary Taylor, our talented graphic artist, (and Fousty Touton bassist) did the layout for the attractive brochure. This is another example of the generosity of our talented parents and teachers working together for the school.

### Family fun day

The gym was alive on Sunday afternoon with the wonderful noise of people enjoying themselves. The Home and School Association had prepared a fabulous array of games and activities for the children. It was a good chance for parents to get acquainted with some of our new families and to renew older friendships. There was a bouncy castle and once we got the Home and School Executive out of it, the children could jump to their hearts' delight. Lots of nutritious snacks and prizes galore were the order of the day. Our first major social event of the year was a roaring success.

### Tuition Due on November 1<sup>st</sup>

It is very important that we receive the final tuition installment on time. The last payment amount is listed on the invoice you received for this year. If you are uncertain about the amount please call the school or email [aggillingham@lakecrest.ca](mailto:aggillingham@lakecrest.ca). We thank you for your cooperation in this.



"Love is the medicine for the sickness of the World."  
(Karl Menninger)

