



The Lakecrest Link

September 24, 2008

1. Brother Brennan Environmental Education Centre Trip

Once again this year our Grade 6 - 9 students at Lakecrest have been given the wonderful opportunity to attend an overnight camp at the Brother Brennan Centre from Thursday, September 25 to Friday, September 26th. The children have the opportunity to experience Newfoundland's Boreal Forest at first hand and to go through a wonderful bonding and confidence building experience.

The children will undergo a split curriculum, with the Grade Eights and Nines focusing on wilderness survival skills, orienteering and in depth study of the plant and marine life around the centre. The Grade Sixes and Sevens meanwhile will study the ecology of the forest and the plant and animal life within it. This is a fantastic experience for the children bringing their science lessons to life and helping to shape and inform attitudes that will last a lifetime. On top of all of the learning will be an opportunity to partake in campfires, night hikes and stargazing all under the watchful eye of the excellent staff at the Brother Brennan Centre.

We thank our teachers for providing this wonderful learning opportunity for our students.

2. Terry Fox Day/Healthy Commotion Day

Lakecrest will be celebrating Terry Fox Day tomorrow, Friday, September 26th. Students from Kindergarten to Grade Five will be taking part in some fitness activities at Victoria Park (weather permitting). Students should dress appropriately. We are also asking all students to bring in a loonie tomorrow to help support the Terry Fox Campaign.

3. Student Council Elections

Student Council elections are now underway and we have received a great response from students to serve on the Student Council. The Election campaign starts on Monday, September 29 and runs to Wednesday, October 1. On Wednesday, there will be candidate speeches in the gym which will be followed by the vote. We thank all the students who offered to run for election this year.

4. Extra-Curricular Activities List

A list of extra-curricular activities being offered from the week of September 29 to the week of November 24 was sent home earlier in the week with a sign-up sheet for students. These sheets can be returned to Mrs. Gillingham in the main office.

5. Recycling Day

We invite your continued support of our recycling campaign organized by the Home and School Association. Parents can drop off their recyclables on **Tuesday, September 30th** at the school.

6. Thanksgiving Food Drive

Our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive starts this **Monday, September 29th**. You can drop off non-perishable food items in the boxes in the front hallway. The Student Council will also provide a turkey and vegetables to distribute to a needy family.

7. Fall Fair

Lakecrest's annual Fall Fair organized by our Home & School Association will be held on Thursday, **October 9th** from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Further information will be forthcoming in an email from the Home & School Association.

8. Thanksgiving Luncheon

Each year Lakecrest holds a Thanksgiving Luncheon for students, teachers and parents. This year it is scheduled for **Thursday, October 9th**. The First sitting starts at 11:30 a.m. for Kindergarten to Grade 4 and the Second sitting starts at 12:45 p.m. for Grades 5 to 9.

Children can invite one guest to attend with them for the Thanksgiving lunch. Guest name and payment should have been included with the October menu. Guests are asked to wait in the front hall until called to the gym for lunch. Students need to wear **Full Dress uniform** for the luncheon.

9. Duke of Edinburgh Overnight

Last weekend our Grade 9 students did their overnight hiking experience as part of the requirements of the Duke of Edinburgh program. From all accounts, it was great time with wonderful weather. The students were excellent. Thanks to Mrs. Mousseau, Mrs. Gillingham, Mrs. Rowe-Slaney and Mr. Young for giving of their time on the weekend to provide our students with this opportunity. Check out the pictures on the website.

10. First Cross Country Meet

Our Lakecrest cross country team performed admirably last Saturday at the first meet of the school year. Mrs. Farr, coach, said that Lakecrest's team of Zach Burton, Michael Connors, Joshua Murphy, George Phillips and Theo Stylianides ran remarkably well and with heart and determination. Michael Connors placed 3rd in his grade and Theo Stylianides placed 2nd in his grade. Congratulations to the team on great showing. Go Lakecrest Go!

11. Lakecrest Basketball Program

We are exploring the idea of a basketball program for Lakecrest students for this year. The emphasis will be on skill development and games in fun atmosphere. Initially, it will be a 10 week program with 2 sessions per week. The cost would be \$130.00 per child. Further information about the program has been forwarded to you in an email for your review. Of course, the program is dependent upon a satisfactory enrolment.

At this point, we are trying to gauge the interest in such a program. After reviewing the information, if you are interested in enrolling your child in this program, please email me at lwhite@lakecrest.ca. I would appreciate hearing from you by this **Friday, September 26**, so that we can ascertain if we have enough students for the program.

12. New York Trip

Mrs. Warren, our Music teacher, is organizing a School trip to New York for students in Grades Seven to Nine during the Easter break 2009. There will be an information session this **Sunday September 28th** at 8:00 p.m. at Lakecrest.

13. Study Buddy Program

As part of our commitment to the holistic development of our children Lakecrest offers a fantastic study buddy program. This program allows the senior and junior students to learn collaboratively and ensures that Lakecrest continues to grow its fantastic family atmosphere. Through a variety of activities ranging from paired reading to sledding our children learn to interact and build bonds between them. The junior children adore having their senior role models in the classroom and find the experience wonderfully motivating while our senior students increase their sense of responsibility and confidence to prepare them for life beyond Lakecrest.

14. Symphony Goes to School Program

Letters were recently sent home regarding the upcoming Symphony Goes to School Program for students in grade 5 and 6. Ms. Warren is encouraging parents to consider taking part in this wonderful opportunity. Simply complete the form and return it to the Symphony office as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Warren at the school.

15. Farm Day

Farm Day, which has been an annual tradition for Lakecrest students, was held last Friday afternoon and appeared to be a hit with the students. Through the generosity of Mr. John Carter, the honorary Grandfather of Lakecrest, students had the opportunity to have a fun-filled afternoon at Mount Scio Farms. We thank Mr. Carter for his ongoing and enthusiastic support of Lakecrest School.

16. Student Accomplishments

We like to acknowledge the accomplishments of our students for school and community activities. If you have noteworthy news, do not hesitate to let us know. You can email Mr. White at lwhite@lakecrest.ca

17. Star Students

Congratulations to Gold Medal winner Nell Shea in Grade 2! Nell's soccer team recently won the gold medal at a local tournament. Also, congratulations to Joanna Snelgrove in Grade 9 who made the Girl's Under 15 Provincial Hockey team and will be travelling to New Brunswick in October to participate in the Regional tournament.

We also offer congratulations to several of Lakecrest's star figure skaters. Sarah Drover along with Philip McDermott, Anna and Iona Styliandes recently performed, along with many of Canada's top figure skaters, at Mile One Stadium for the Skate Canada Evening of Champions.

18. Lakecrest Chess Club

Ms. Clare Woodford, 2nd yr MUN student and NL rep for Chess, will be coaching Lakecrest's Chess champions this year on Thursdays. The chess club will start at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday and run until 4:00 p.m. Lessons will be held from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Thursdays. Sincere thanks to Clare for offering to coach our Chess team this year

19. Meet the Teacher Night

Great turnout at Meet the Teacher Night! We really appreciate the wonderful show of interest and support.

20. Volunteering at Lakecrest

Each year Lakecrest holds many events and activities all of which need volunteers to make them successful. Lakecrest could not get along without its volunteers to help support and enrich the school environment. Your involvement with the school provides a meaningful and mutually beneficial link with students and faculty.

There are many ways to be involved. We welcome any and all participation, from beginner to expert. We know that people lead very busy lives and that it is difficult to juggle everything at the same time. Some activities require a small, but long term commitment while some are one day, single shift opportunities.

If you can assist in any fashion, please complete a Parent Volunteer form posted under the Parent Section or News Section on our website and send it to Mrs. Gillingham at the Main Office or forward it to Mrs. Marta Fonseca, President of the Home & School Association.

21. Upcoming Events

- Thursday, September 25th – Fri, September 26.....Br. Brennan Centre Trip (Gr. 6-9)
- Friday, September 26th.....Terry Fox Day/Healthy Commotion Day
- Monday, September 29thStudent Council Election Starts
Thanksgiving Food Drive Begins
- Tuesday, September 30thRecycling
- Wednesday, October 1stStudent Council Speeches/Vote
- Friday, October 3rdDress Down Day
- Thursday, October 9thThanksgiving Luncheon/Fall Fair
- Monday, October 13thThanksgiving Holiday

22. Birthday Greetings This Month

Birthday Greetings go out to the following students who celebrated their birthday in September.....Christopher Connors, Clare Youden, Joshua Dancey, Rashmi Elangage, Cara Engelbrecht, Matthew Wells, Andrea Wells, Alexandra Wells, Zack Burton, Rebecca Stone, Maria Makretsova, Liam Fitzpatrick, Anna Behm, Sophia Stylianides, Heather Tidswell. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!