



# *The Lakecrest Link*

*December 2010*

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## **1 Annual Christmas Luncheon**

One of the special events at Lakecrest each year is the annual Christmas Luncheon for students, teachers and parents. It is a wonderful opportunity for the Lakecrest Family to celebrate together with a lovely meal in the gym. This year our Christmas luncheon is scheduled for this **Thursday, December 9th.**

The First sitting starts at 11:30 a.m. for Kindergarten to Grade 3 and the Second sitting starts at 12:45 p.m. for Grades 4 to 9. 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 lunch.

We sincerely thank our Home and School Association for planning this marvelous event for our Lakecrest Family.

## **2 Annual General Meeting**

The school's Annual General Meeting was held on Monday, November 29, 2010. At this meeting the following were appointed as new Board of Director members for the 2010-2011 school year: Ms. Renee O'Brien, Mr. Robert Mitchelmore and Dr. Roger Chafe. Our Board Chair, Ms. Sandra Chaytor, welcomed the new Board members and thanked them for offering to serve on the Board. Ms. Chaytor also thanked all candidates who put themselves forward to be considered for the Board.

Ms. Chaytor offered sincere thanks on behalf of the Lakecrest Community to several long time Board members who finished their terms on the Board. Mr. Frank O'Dea, Mr. Richard Rogers, and Ms. Stephanie Hickman have been integral members of the Lakecrest Board of Directors and have played a significant role in moving the school forward over the past number of years. Their dedication and sincere commitment to the school was acknowledged.

Lakecrest Board of Directors 2010-2011

Chair: Ms. Sandy Chaytor  
Vice Chair: Mr. Paul Fitzpatrick  
Secretary: Mr. Ian Carter

Treasurer: Mr. Robert Mitchelmore

Members: Mr. Michael Drover, Ms. Renee O'Brien, Dr. Roger Chafe, Mr. David Hood, Ms. Jean Cook, Dr. Stephen Major

Ex Officio: Mr. John Carter, Mr. Brendan Murphy (Past Chair), Mr. Len White

Home & School Representative: Mr. Farid Miri

### 3 Family Skate

Our annual Family Skate takes place on **Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** starting at 9:00 a.m. at Mile One Centre. Buses will leave the school around 8:40 a.m. All students will go with their classes. Parents are invited to meet us at Mile One between 8:45 and 9:00 to help with tying of skate laces, etc. You can bring your child's skates and helmet with you if you prefer, or they can carry it on the bus. Students must wear a **helmet** on the ice. Bicycle or other hard helmets as well as hockey helmets are permitted. Parents are also encouraged to wear a helmet. Children may dress down for the day. No Loonie for this special Dress Down Day.

We ask that you not give your child a snack at the stadium. They will have their snacks when they return to the school. You are most welcome to attend, even if you can only come and watch. Grandparents, relatives, friends, siblings are also welcome.

### 4 Christmas Concert

Our annual Christmas concert, "**Celebrating the Holidays at Lakecrest**" will be held on **Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**. The students under Ms. Warren's talented direction have been working very hard for the past month to prepare this show for you. It promises to be a great show!

**Children performing in the concert should be in their classrooms by 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday night.** The Concert begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Gym. (It should be over around 8:30 p.m.)

A note was sent to Kindergarten to Grade 3 parents regarding costumes for the concert. Grades 4-9 students in the choir should wear pants (**no jeans**) and a sweater or shirt of seasonal colors. Main cast members have been informed about their dress.

There will be a "**Late Start**" for classes on Thursday morning due to the late evening on Wednesday. Students should be in school by 10:00 a.m.

Please note: For the convenience of parents who cannot arrange for a late arrival, the school doors will be open as usual at 8:00 a.m. and students who arrive before 10:00 a.m. will be supervised in the school. Enjoy the Show!

### 5 Sponsor a Family for Christmas

The Ambassadors of Grade 8 and 9, with the help of the Home and School Association, would like to offer an opportunity for you to share your Christmas with a less fortunate family in our community. This is a refugee family.

We have a Christmas Wish list from this mother of 5! We hope that as a school community, we can fill this wish list and let this family know that Lakecrest is aware and cares!

This week, there will be a Christmas tree in the lobby with wish gift cards hanging as ornaments. If you are able, please help us fill all the wishes on this tree by taking the ornament cards and bringing the suggested gifts to the school by the due date: **FRIDAY, DEC 10th**

If you prefer, you may simply make a donation to the school and we can put it towards this family's Christmas! We hope you can be part of the joy of giving! THANK YOU!!!

## **6 Chapters Night**

We had a large turnout at our Lakecrest Chapters Night last week. Thanks for the great support!

## **7 December 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, December 14th** at the school.

## **8 School Calendar Correction**

Please note a change in our school calendar. We neglected to include on our school calendar the New Year's Day holiday on Monday, January 3, 2011. School will resume after the Christmas break on **Tuesday, January 4, 2011.**

## **9 Weather Closure Procedures**

When it is necessary to cancel classes and close school for the day due to weather or unforeseen circumstances, we send a school announcement to the following local radio stations:

VOCM (590 on the AM band)

CBC (640 on the AM band)

OZFM (94.7 on the FM band)

MAGIC97 (97.5 on the FM band)

KIXX (93.1 on the FM band)

We will also post an announcement on the school website and send a group email when possible.

When there is a heavy snowfall or storm warning we follow the forecasts and check outside early in the morning. As you can appreciate, Newfoundland weather is quite unpredictable and weather forecasts are quite a challenge. We will make the best decision we can with the information we have. We call radio stations only if we are closing.

If school closes during the day, after classes have begun, we will make an announcement on the radio. We will attempt to contact all parents by phone so they can arrange to have their children picked up from school as soon as possible.

**10 Important Dates To Remember**

Thursday, December 9.....Christmas Luncheon  
Tuesday, December 14..... Family Skate/Recycling Day  
Wednesday, December 15.....Christmas Concert  
Friday, December 17.....Christmas Assembly/Dismissal for Christmas