

LAKEVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

Get ready, Literacy Week is coming to Lakeview! From January 29 to February 2, we will celebrate our love of all things reading, writing, and literacy related! We have a number of activities taking place both in school and at home, with lots of books to give away and many prizes to be won!

This year, Lakeview will be holding its 2nd annual Read-a-thon to raise money for literacy initiatives at our school. On Friday, February 2, students and parents will be gathering in the gym to read, read, read, read! Classes will be in the gym during their scheduled times to read with each other, and families are invited to join us with their favourite stories and share in our celebration of reading! The times for the read-a-thon are as follows:

9:15 - 10:00 - Divisions 5, 6,11, and 12 9:45 - 10:30- Divisions 2, 4, 9, and 10 11:00 - 11:45 - 1, 3, 7, and 8

Last year, we raised over \$5000 during our read-a-thon! Those funds have gone towards purchasing intermediate novel sets for literature circles and novel studies, adding new books to classroom libraries, purchasing leveled readers for our primary students to ensure everyone is a reading a "just-right" book, and bringing in local author Grayson Smith to present to our primary classes! This year, we are hoping to raise even more and continue to support literacy in the classroom! Pledge forms will be sent home Friday, January 26, and are due on our Read-a-thon day, Friday, February 2. Every student who returns their pledge envelope on Friday will be entered into a prize draw. As well, there will be prizes for the top primary and intermediate fundraiser, and the class that raises the most money will win a pizza party!

Local author Brandee Buble, will be visiting Lakeview on Wednesday, January 31 with presentations for both the intermediate and primary classes! Her newest book, Jayde the Jaybird, story about a little jaybird with a big voice who finds the courage to share her talent with the whole forest. We are excited to welcome a local author and find out how she goes about creating her stories!

Other exciting Literacy Week activities include Shirts with Words day on Tuesday, January 30, Dress Like Your Favourite Character day on Thursday, February 1, Family Literacy Bingo beginning Monday, January 31, creation of Bulletin Board books scenes, and much more! There will be daily chances to win prizes and lots of opportunities to read and write!

Thank You Lakeview Literacy Committee