

• Friday, March 8, 2024

Lakeview Elementary Weekly News



Dear Lakeview Community,

This week classes have been busy preparing for Student Led Conferences next week. Students are excited to have family members come to showcase the learning they have been engaged in all year. A reminder to families, Wednesday, March 13th will be early dismissal. Students will be dismissed at 1:45 and conferences will begin at 2:00. Please see the next page for additional details regarding Student-Led Conferences.

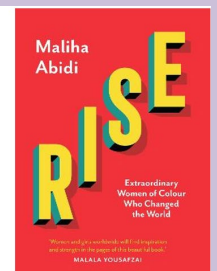
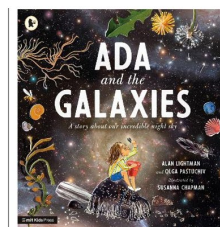
Recently I received some updated data on different facets of our school community. I was impressed to see that there are at least 32 different languages spoken by students at our school. Lakeview is a wonderfully diverse school. Representation is important to us; we are making efforts to include information around different celebrations and days of acknowledgment that are important to each member of the community. We are always open to contributions from families and will share resources to support our growing understanding of our diverse community.

The Burnaby School District is committed to anti-racism, equity and inclusion. We are committed to engaging with students, staff, families and community partners with care and compassion to ensure students and families feel welcome, included and respected. Our schools are for everyone. We recognize that barriers exist and seek to identify and remove them. Learners are at the centre of what we do. We focus on their lives within our schools and support them in their lives away from our schools. Inclusive and caring communities know that diversity is strength.

Enjoy your weekend!
Amelia Poitras, Principal Lakeview Elementary

Dates to note:

- March 10 Ramadan Begins
- March 11 Speech Competition
- March 12 Division 4 Field Trip 9:00-2:00
- March 12 Primary Days of Music @ 9:00
- **March 13 Early Student Dismissal @ 1:45**
- March 13 Student Led Conferences 2:00-6:00
- March 14 Unique Hair Day
- March 15 Shamrock Shuffle Run @ 2:15
- March 15 Term 2 Learning Updates go home



Happy International Women's Day!

International Women's Day is an opportunity to bring attention to issues such as gender equality, reproductive rights and violence and abuse against women, girls, Two-Spirit and non-binary people across the world. The theme for 2024 is "innovation and technology for gender equality. It is observed annually on March 8th.

Resources:

[International Women's Day Website](#)

[United Nations: International Women's Day](#)

Student-Led Conferences: Wednesday, March 13th there will be an **Early Dismissal at 1:45 pm**

Student-led conferences are an important part of the learning process. Your child(ren) will have the opportunity to share with you some of their work this year and demonstrate progress in school activities to date. This is a proud time for your child as they take a lead role in discussing learning achievements and areas for growth. The structure and format of the conferences will vary according to students' grade and the work that they have been doing in each classroom. Students may demonstrate their learning in a variety of ways. For example, they may show you portfolios, journal entries, reports, artwork or writing samples. Some of the materials you see during the conference may have been chosen by your child's teacher. Often items are selected for a specific reason. The selections may not always be finished or the most polished piece of work but might demonstrate growth or an area of improvement.

Our students are excited about sharing their knowledge and their ability to be reflective thinkers. We ask that you listen, ask questions, and encourage your child in this reflective process.

To facilitate a successful experience, we suggest:

- allowing your child to lead the conference
- listening carefully.
- commenting positively on your child's achievement and progress
- asking the teacher for a meeting at another time if you would like to speak about specific concerns



Upcoming Parent Event: Health Relationship- Monday, April 12, 2024 @ 7:00 via Zoom

After Spring Break, we would like to invite families to a presentation with Burnaby's Safe and Caring Schools Team in partnership with Lakeview Elementary. As children develop, they begin to navigate friendships with increasing independence. In this presentation, we will talk about peer relationships and the conflicts that can occur as children enter this stage. We'll look at how schools respond when there is conflict and what we can do as schools and parents to guide our children and to nurture the problem-solving skills they are developing.

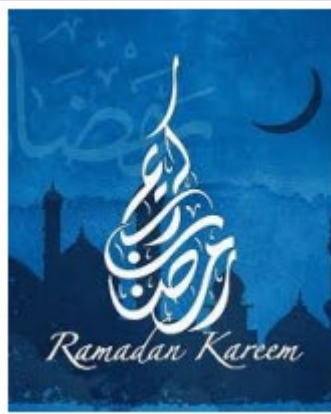
I will send out a link for the Zoom invite after Spring Break, but I wanted folks to have the information to support your planning.

Ramadan: March 10-April 9

The ninth month of the lunar Islamic calendar. During this month, Muslims worldwide fast for 29 or 30 days. A Muslim fast is observed by abstaining from all food and drink from before sunrise until sunset. Muslims are permitted to eat and drink from sunset until the beginning of the next day's fast.

Note: The traditional Muslim calendar, also known as the Hijri Calendar, is tied to the phases of the moon. The calendar has twelve months, each lasting either 29 or 30 days. For more information on the Hijri Calendar, refer to [Islamic Calendar \(timeanddate.com\)](http://islamiccalendar.timeanddate.com)

Resources:
[PBS- Ramadan Promoting Understanding](http://pbs.org)



Accommodating Muslim Students During Ramadan
By Aya Khalil | Illustrated by Huda Fahmy
PRACTICAL TIPS FOR EDUCATORS

IF THEY DO FAST, PROVIDE A SAFE SPACE FOR THEM TO BE DURING LUNCH.

Happy Ramadan! ACKNOWLEDGE THE MONTH OF RAMADAN IS COMING UP.
(IT'S OK TO MAKE SURE THE STUDENTS IN YOUR CLASS ARE ACTUALLY MUSLIM. DO NOT ASSUME THEY ARE B/C THEY'RE ARAB OR BROWN!)

IF STUDENTS ARE YOUNG, REACH OUT TO PARENTS TO WISH THEM A HAPPY RAMADAN & SEE IF THEIR KIDS ARE PLANNING TO FAST.

GYM CLASS WILL BE CHALLENGING. DON'T REQUIRE THEM TO RUN THE MILE IF THEY'RE FASTING.
LITTLE HELP! UNLESS THEY WANT TOO!

LOW IMPACT PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IS GOOD.

KEEP IN MIND THAT OUTDOOR GYM IS EVEN MORE CHALLENGING. IT'S HOT. (REMEMBER NOT EVEN WATER.)

DON'T SAY THINGS LIKE "WOW! THAT'S A LOT!" "THAT MUST BE HARD!"

DO SAY THINGS LIKE "I'M SURE YOU'RE EXCITED TO CELEBRATE RAMADAN!" "WHAT ARE YOU EATING FOR IF TAR?"

STANDARDIZED TESTING AND TESTING IN GENERAL CAN BE CHALLENGING DURING RAMADAN.
SHHH! GRUMBLE GRUMBLE

TALK TO THE STUDENT AND SEE WHAT THEY'RE COMFORTABLE WITH.
YOU CAN TALK TO ME NOW OR SPEAK TO ME IN PRIVATE. WE'LL WORK SOMETHING OUT TOGETHER.

TRY TO ACCOMMODATE IF POSSIBLE. MAKE IT EARLY DURING THE DAY WHEN THEY'RE MORE ALERT/LESS LETHARGIC.
STUDYING CHANGES (PREGNANT) PREGNANT STUDENTS NEED TO TAKE A BREAK!

FOR VARIOUS REASONS, SOME MUSLIM STUDENTS WON'T FAST.
MISS! LOOK! SHE'S BEEN FARTING THIS WHOLE TIME!

PLEASE BE UNDERSTANDING AND COMPASSIONATE. MANY MUSLIMS PERFORM NIGHTLY PRAYERS (TARAVEEH) & MAY BE SLEEPING LATER THAN USUAL.

DON'T ASK WHY.

IT COULD BE DUE TO:
HEALTH ISSUES (heart icon) PERIOD/PREGNANCY (pregnant woman icon) DISABILITY (wheelchair icon)

THANK YOU TO ALL EDUCATORS WHO CONTINUE TO MAKE THEIR CLASSROOMS AN INCLUSIVE AND SAFE SPACE.

HAPPY RAMADAN!

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LAKEVIEW HOT LUNCH FUNDRAISER

Winter 2024



I can't believe we are heading into the last term of hot lunch for the year. Thank you to everyone who participated in the first and second term. This is our schools main fundraiser for the year and helps provide funding for field trips, new books, new technology and various other activities.

This year almost all of our vendors have increased their prices slightly so we have also had to increase the prices. We as a PAC hope you understand and will continue to support our fundraiser.

Our vendors will remain the same for this term. They're Pizza Hut, Boston Pizza, Wok Box, White Spot, Quesada, Subway and Agra Tandoori. We have two recess treat days this term that is TCBY frozen yogurt.

All orders are to be processed using Munch A Lunch. We will be opening the system for all orders on Monday March 4th and it will be closed Sunday March 17th at 9:00pm.

*****NEW FOR THIS YEAR WE WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTING CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS THROUGH MUNCH A LUNCH. YOUR PAYMENT WILL NEED TO BE MADE WITHIN TWO HOURS OF ADDING YOUR ORDER TO YOUR CART OR YOUR ORDER WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY CANCELLED. IF YOU DON'T PAY WITHIN TIME FRAME YOU WILL RECEIVE AN AUTOMATED EMAIL ADVISING YOUR ORDER HAS BEEN CANCELLED****
This is a new feature on Munch a Lunch system and if you have any questions or concerns in regards to payments please contact myself, Allison Sibelle, or our school principal Ms. Poitreas for assistance.

If you do not have a Munch a Lunch account please go to:

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/LakeviewBC>
(link is also located on school website under Notices - PAC notices)

All orders are final once ordering is closed

No late orders or refunds

We can not accommodate late orders or change orders due to deadlines with vendors

In case of absence:: If your child is ill on a lunch date please contact the office to advise the hot lunch team that you would like their lunch to be held for pick up in the gym. Any lunches that we have not been advised to hold by 12:15pm will be donated to other students without a lunch as we cannot keep the food for them for the next day.

The hot lunch program can only run smoothly and for the two days a week with the help of parent volunteers. If you are able to help volunteer for about 1 hour once to maximum twice per school term it is greatly appreciated. We need volunteers on Thursday or Friday from 11:30 till 12:30. If you are able to help please email lakeviewelementary.hotlunch@gmail.com with your contact details or you can fill out the form below and return it to the school office. Thank you in advance for your help.

Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Preferred Day (Thur/Fri): _____