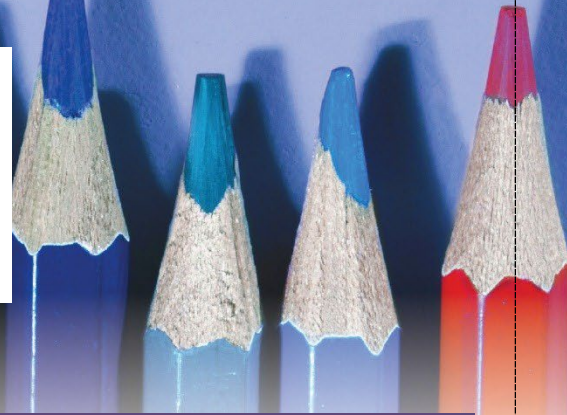


• Thursday, October 23, 2025

Lakeview Elementary Weekly News



Dear Lakeview Community,

Thank you to of you who attended our PAC Meeting last week. As part of my principal's report, I shared some information around family affordability.

In past years, the province provided schools with a "Student Family Affordability Fund" to help families with needs such as field trip fees, school supplies, or seasonal clothing. This year, that funding is no longer available.

At Lakeview, we remain committed to ensuring every student feels included and supported, regardless of financial circumstances. To continue helping families in need, we'll rely on PAC donations and the generosity of our community.

We have had several families ask about how they can help. When paying for items like field trips on School Cash Online, families will now see an option to "support another student to access this opportunity" – a simple way to contribute toward another child's participation. We've also added a general "Lakeview Donation" option on our web page for one-time contributions. If donating, please note "Lakeview Student Affordability" in the message box. Donations of \$20 or more are eligible for a tax-deductible receipt.

We will continue to ensure all students can access opportunities offered, and we will do so in creative ways. If your child needs support to access any opportunity, please connect with me or their classroom teacher.

Thank you for helping us keep Lakeview inclusive and caring for all.

Amelia Poitras, Principal Lakeview Elementary

Dates to note:

- Fri., Oct. 24 Pro-D Day – No School
- Tues. Oct. 28 – Boys Volleyball Game
- Wed., Oct. 29 – Div. 7 Halloween Treat Sale
- Thurs. Oct. 30 – Girls Volleyball Game
- Fri., Oct. 31 – Halloween Assembly @ 1:00
- Fri., Nov. 7 – Di. 3 Edmonds Pool 9:00-12:10
- Sat. Nov. 8 – National Indigenous Veterans Day
- Mon. Nov. 10 – Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45
- Tues. Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day – No School

Feeding Futures 2025-2026



The school accesses a grant called "Feeding Futures" which is intended to help support food access for students at school. Historically our school has used this fund to support families to access Hot Lunch, which we have continued to do this year.

We would like to further support food access at school. Any student needing to supplement their lunch can pick up a bag from the office between 12:00-1:00. These bags contain a fruit, cut vegetables, crackers/cheese, and a yogurt. Please note, these are available every day for any student who needs additional food at school. If you would like us to ensure your child picks one up each day, please email me at amelia.poitras@burnabyschools.ca.



Cross Country Running 2025

Well, what a season the Cross Country experienced this year! We were very fortunate with the weather and the amazing number of students who came out to experience Cross Country. With a lot of laughs, smiles and tired legs, we ran around the Lakeview field a few more times than we would like to admit to--all while smiling, running and wondering if we were playing tag at the end of the practice!

With Cross Country, the season begins very quickly after school starts and the weeks fly by! We participated in the two 'practice' meets as well as the final meet on Thursday, October 9th. Lakeview was represented by some amazing athletes. Many of our runners performed better each week and were getting 'the hang' of running a long distance.

The Cross Country Team included:

Amit B., Enzo, Gideon, Ethan J., Girogio, Kidus, Nicolas, Riyaan, Saivyk, Soohab, Bisman, Aaraw, Arjan, Arjen, Arvin, Carson, Carter, Georgie, Jack, Kayden, Ravi, Vibaay, Grace, Nina, Rika, Valeria, Yusaryah, Ayden, Isaac, Marcus, Trevor, Zion, Harjayna, Wallace, Addie, Beryl, Chloe, Maiyah, Meldoy, Naveeha, Zoe and Nanami.

Some of the notable finishes were:

Grade Five Boys: Carson finishing 8th,
Grade Five Girls: Rika finishing 5th,
Grade Six Boys: Trevor finishing 5th and Ayden finishing 11th, and
Grade Seven Girls: Addie finishing 8th.

Don't forget to keep running and we will see you for Track season in the Spring!

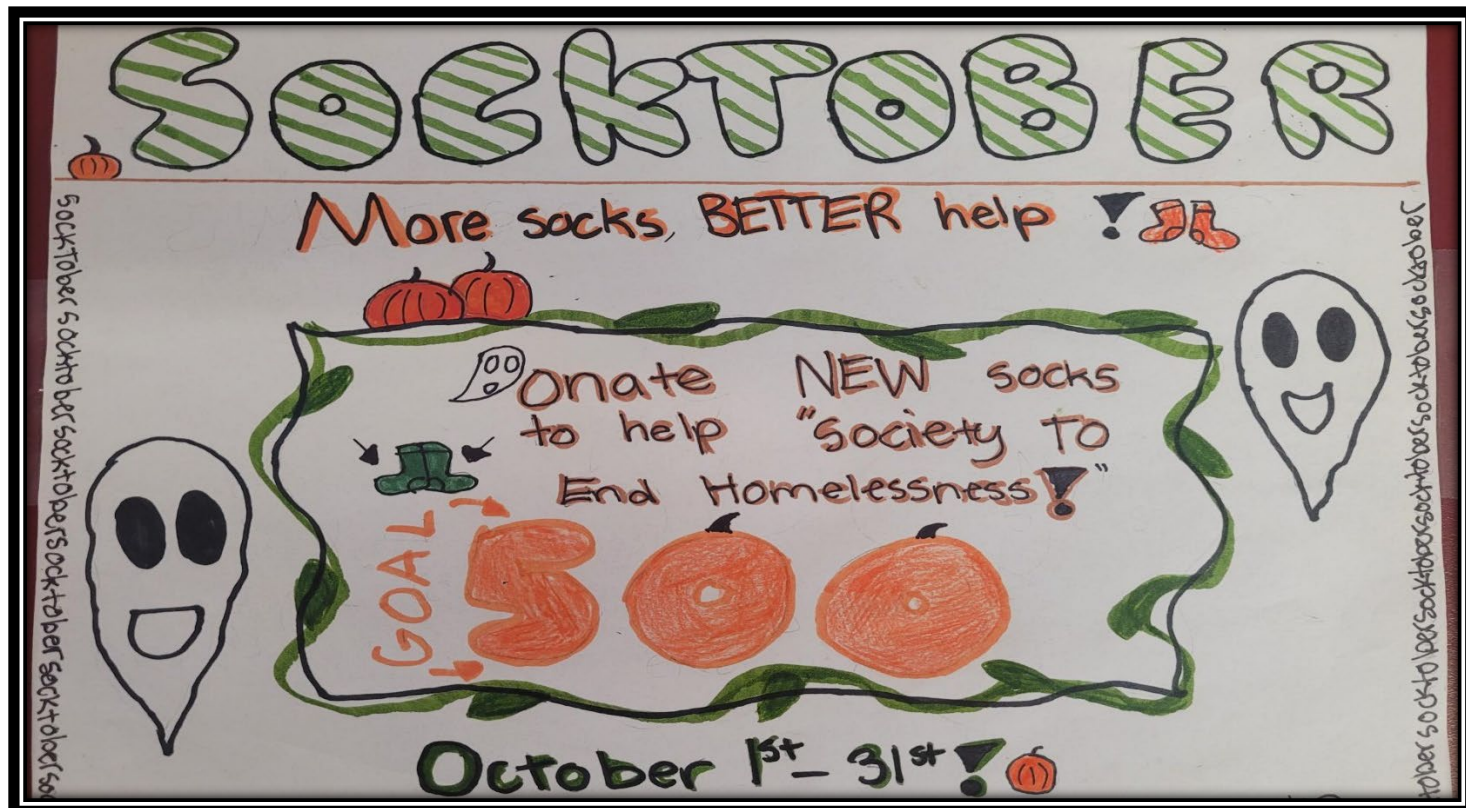
Halloween Treat Sale

Division Seven has been working on how to create a community and the importance of making sure everyone in the community feels supported and respected. They have decided to have a Halloween Treat Sale to raise money for **End Homelessness in Burnaby**. This is a registered Canadian charity which operates up on Walker Avenue right across from the Tommy Douglas Library. The organization provides a weekly meals as well as food hampers, assists with forms that may need to be filled out, searching for housing opportunities, clothing and basic hygiene care. There is also limited medical care available.



The delicious Halloween treats will be sold at recess and lunch (if there are any goodies leftover!). Treats such as cookies, rice Krispie treats, cupcakes, cake pops and more will be available. All items will be sold for \$1.00. You don't want to miss the chance to have a delicious treat before Halloween!

Thank you for helping us achieve our goal of raising \$250.00 for this well-deserving organization.





Hello Families!

Exciting news! Your online gallery from your school Catch Up photo session is now live!

- Please visit this link to access the gallery: <https://vando.imagequix.com/K9L3W9Z>
- The login code to access your images is on the yellow QR flyer your child was given on photo day. Please check with them.
- Any active email address can be used to login.
- **Your order deadline is: November 10 2025**
- All orders will be shipped to the school. *If you miss the deadline, your order will be shipped directly to your home with a shipping fee applied.*

Missing your login code? No problem!

1. Visit <https://weborders.mountainwest.ca>
2. Click on "Looking for your login code?"
3. Enter the information required.
4. Your code will be emailed within 1 business day.

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Lakeview PAC Family Photo Night Fundraiser



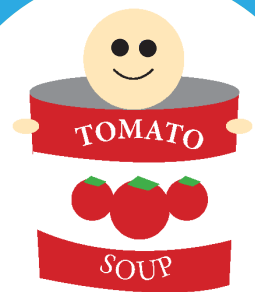
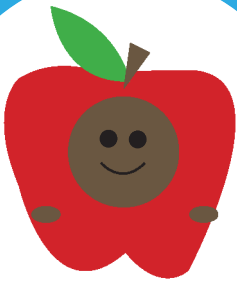
Thank you George Gomory for helping us with our family photo night fundraiser. George has completed the photography program at Langara college and we are excited for him to capture our Lakeview families. This year the fee will be \$30 with all proceeds going to the Lakeview PAC. Included in this fee you will receive unedited digital download for your personal use and just in time for Christmas cards or framed as Christmas gifts for the family!

Bring your \$30 fee in cash or cheque to your sitting in the Lakeview Library

Please use the link below to sign up for your 15 minute time slot.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E44A9AA2DA6FB6-59479205-photo>

Keeping Costumes Fun



You can be creative and have fun without causing harm.

Culture is not a costume,
such as: Indigenous regalia.

Race is not a costume,
such as: black or brown face.

Religious faith is not a costume,
such as: religious figures.

A harmful stereotype is not a costume,
such as: mocking gender.

Trauma is not a costume,
such as: weapons.

Happy Halloween!

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Happy Hallowe'en!

CULTURE IS NOT A COSTUME

HOW NOT TO CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE HALLOWE'EN

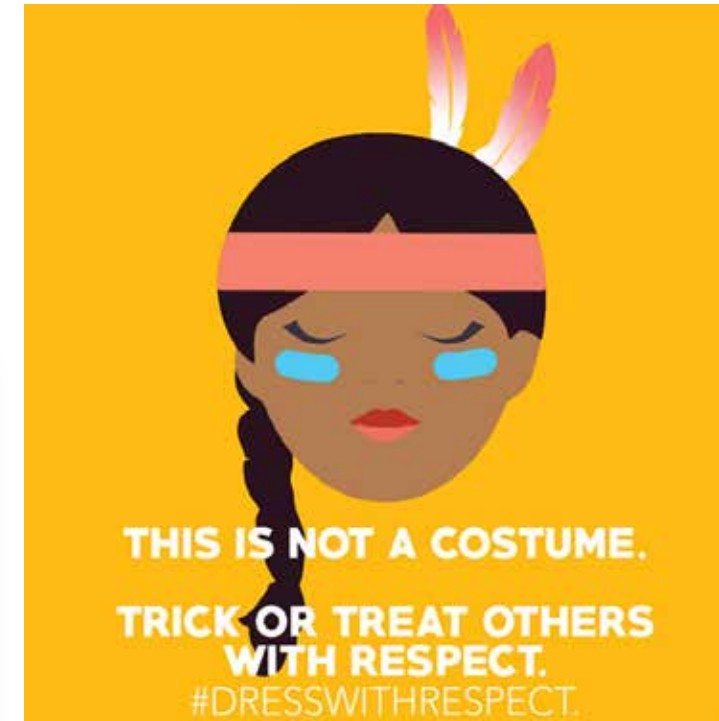
Halloween involves important decisions on costume choice. While dressing up is fun and exciting, it also runs the risk of offending others. Halloween offers the opportunity to discuss costume choices with both colleagues and students. It is important not to inadvertently mimic culture by culturally appropriating racial or ethnic groups.

CULTURAL APPROPRIATION

1. The taking- from a culture that is not one's own- of intellectual property, cultural expressions or artifacts, history and ways of knowledge (Ziff & Rao, 1997).
2. Any instance which means commonly associated with and/or perceived as belonging to another are used to further one's own ends (Shugart, 1997).
3. To take parts (symbols, artifacts, dress, words, practices, etc.) from a culture that is not your own. This can happen in a variety of forms but often around Halloween it involves wearing 'costumes' that may have some significance to other cultures.
4. A particular power dynamic in which members of a dominant culture take elements from a culture of people who have been systematically oppressed by that dominant group.

"OUR CULTURE IS NOT A COSTUME,"

said Calgarian Michelle Robinson. "We are real people with a real culture and depicting it incorrectly just adds to negative stereotypes and adds to violence we face."



Examine Your Own Practices

Ask yourself some critical questions about your costume.

Is my costume based on someone's race, ethnicity, or culture?

Am I reinforcing stereotypes with the image I am portraying?

Is my costume exploiting another culture?

Could this costume harm someone?

Engage in Dialogue

Bring up subjects like cultural appropriation with your colleagues and students. See what their views are and share your own knowledge and experiences. Dialogue is collaborative and about people working together to find a common understanding. It is about exploring, listening, and re-examining your positions, values, and assumptions.

Be an Advocate

If you see a costume that may harm someone, begin a respectful dialogue with that person at an appropriate time and place. Ask them about their costume choice. Your conversation should be about having the person think through their choice, not about right and wrong.



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Happy Hallowe'en!

Reflection Questions: **Racially, Ethnically and Culturally Based Hallowe'en Costumes**

For many people in our school communities the fun and magic of dressing up is an important tradition. Part of creating a safe school community for **ALL** students on Halloween is making sure racially, ethnically, and culturally based costumes are **not** part of our festivities. We invite you to reflect on the following questions:



1. Is the costume racially, ethnically, or culturally based?

If so, it will make most folks from those racial/cultural/ethnic group feel unsafe and disrespected.

2. Does the person (staff or student) belong to this group of people?

If the answer is no, this is not okay. Reflect on what it means to borrow someone else's culture, race or religion for a day- because for many people it is not a costume, it's their everyday lives.

3. If the costume is meant to be funny, why is it funny?

A costume that is meant to be funny because it is making light of a religious, cultural, ethnic, gender or racial group is a caricature and hurtful.

4. How would everyone feel if someone wore the costume around this group of people?

If the impact is harmful on any given day, then Hallowe'en is no exception.

5. Is the costume treating gender as a novelty?

The very idea that being a woman (or a trans woman) as a costume is really damaging. That femininity on males should become a novelty, or something humorous, is a toxic idea that is not okay.

