

• Friday, October 3, 2025

Lakeview Elementary Weekly News



Dear Lakeview Community,

What a fantastic start to the school year! September was a whirlwind of activity as students settled into routines, classrooms came alive with learning, and our school community came together in so many meaningful ways. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our families for the incredible support you've shown in helping your children transition smoothly into the school year.

Your participation in events like the Terry Fox Run, Orange Shirt Day, Cross Country Running, and our PAC Hot Lunch has truly made a difference in our community. These moments not only build school spirit but also strengthen the connections between home and school—thank you for being part of them.

As we move forward through the year, let's continue to build on these connections. Together, we can support one another in creating a safe, inclusive, and healthy learning environment where every child feels valued and empowered to thrive.

Looking ahead in October, we will have our school safety week in the middle of the month. This is where we will practice a different drill each week. Keep an eye on next week's Weekly News; I will outline each drill for families so they can help prepare their children.

Thank you for your continued support.

Amelia Poitras
Principal Lakeview Elementary

Dates to note:

- Sun. Oct. 5 – World Teacher's Day
- Mon., Oct. 6 – Boys Volleyball Practice
- Tues., Oct. 7 – Girls Volleyball 12:25
- Tues., Oct. 7 – Crochet Club 12:30
- Wed., Oct. 8 – Crochet Club 12:30
- Thurs. Oct. 9 – Awards Cross Country Meet
- Fri., Oct. 10 – Grade 2 Gardening Club 12:30
- Mon. Oct. 13 – **Thanksgiving – No School**
- Tues., Oct. 14 – Boys Volleyball Game
- Oct 14-17- Safety Drill Week
- Thurs., Oct. 16 Girls Volleyball Game
- Thurs., Oct. 16 PAC Meeting @ 7:00 (Zoom)
- Mon., Oct. 20 Photo Retakes
- Fri., Oct. 24 Pro-D Day – No School



In our school library this week, we explored the festival through *The Shadow in the Moon* by Christina Matula, learning about its cultural significance and traditions. The Mid-Autumn Moon Festival celebrates Chinese culture with mooncakes, lanterns, and family gatherings; and is a significant holiday in many Asian countries today. Ask your child if they can remember any parts of the story, or why there is an image of a lady on the moon and many mooncakes we see in markets today! - Ms. Buchanan



Thank you to all the families who came through with the cans for Music class! Our primary grades have been practicing quarter notes, eighth notes and sixteenth notes on their "drum sets" and it has been a huge success!

School Photos

Exciting news! Your online gallery from your school 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: October 17 2025**
- All orders will be shipped to the school. *If you miss the deadline, your order will be shipped with your school's Catch Up Photo Day orders at no extra cost, however this will take 3-5 weeks.*

Catch Up Photo Day:

- Did you miss the first photo day or are needing a retake? Retakes are offered for expression, poor posture, or head tilt; not for personal style changes (ie: change of clothing or hair). Please note all glass glare is removed on final prints.
- If you would like your photo taken, we will be at your school on: **October 20, 2025**
- [Click Here](#) to sign up. The cutoff to sign up is **October 16, 2025**

Missing your login code? No problem!

1. Visit <https://www.mountainwest.ca/support-for-families>
2. Enter the information required.
3. Your code will be emailed within 1 business day.

[Click Here](#) to find out more about ordering.

Phone: 1.888.644.4494

Email: help@mountainwest.ca

LAKEVIEW ELEMENTARY PAC MEETING

Thursday, October 16th

7:00 PM

VIA ZOOM

ALL ARE WELCOME

Please join us on Thursday, October 16th for our first PAC Meeting of the year.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/63785114273?pwd=YiaGf7CUaYxWfoYURuBNdDF8hkNpgj.1>

Meeting ID: 637 8511 4273

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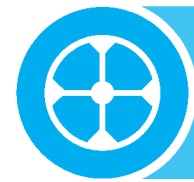
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Join instructions

<https://ca01web.zoom.us/join/63785114273/invitations?signature=bNe71Ptp06p58kfr45OHgcoUohd1WrZ2nrEu85Pi82k>

How We're Doing Strategic Plan 2024-25 Highlights & Accomplishments



Indigenous Education & Reconciliation

- INCREASE in six-year graduation rate for Indigenous students from 64% in 2022-23 to 78% in 2023-24
- RENEWED additional leaving ceremony, through partnership with local Elders, for Indigenous students in Grade 7 going into high school
- EVERY elementary Indigenous student invited to participate in year-long local teachings & drumming for "Greeting of the Day"



Diversity & Inclusion

- FIRST high school Unified Basketball league with 6 teams of youth with disabilities or diverse abilities, alongside student leaders
- 200+ attended the District's largest yet & 3rd annual elementary Freedom to Celebrate Family Pride Picnic
- QUADRUPLED number of newcomers receiving digital literacy & navigation support in other languages or English through the Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS) program



Engagement

- FIRST Indigenous Education Council for the District established with Host Nations to support Reconciliation & Indigenous Education
- INSIGHT provided by focus groups where 10 students from 2 high schools shared thoughts to strengthen accessibility at schools
- 2900+ students, staff, parents & caregivers provided thoughts on the direction of the new Strategic Plan, helping to shape the District's future



Sustainability & Environment

- REDUCED greenhouse gas emissions by 5% or the equivalent of taking 70 cars off the road for a year with energy efficiency projects
- NEW resource portal launched to support classroom learning & teaching about sustainability
- EXPANDED pilot program to one-third of schools, reducing waste with new bins & systems to more easily align with City recycling requirements



Mental Health

- 250+ parents & caregivers attended a virtual presentation to learn how to support their children with healthier social media habits
- FIRST-EVER Mental Health Initiatives Networking Event for students representing all 8 high schools to share ideas & strategies, supporting good mental health
- NEW stress management program created to support families of students who are refugees from war-torn countries



District Leadership

- DOUBLED Summer Session afternoon sites from 4 to 8, increasing full-day options for families
- 88% of schools now offer a meal program for students, with utilization of provincial Feeding Futures fund, & 2 new sites added with support from School Food Infrastructure Program
- FIRST 50 school staff completed Rick Hansen Foundation Inclusion & Accessibility Certification to enhance accessibility in schools



Student Voice

- 150+ Indigenous students helped strengthen learning through their input at the Indigenous Youth Gathering
- 100 high school students engaged with District & McCreary Centre Society facilitators to help inform school supports for students' well-being
- NEW summer program for older newcomer youth created after students identified the need for connection outside of the school year



Student Excellence

- \$11.1 million in scholarships earned by the Class of 2025, beating last year's record by \$300,000
- 2 provincial gold winners & 1 silver national winner in the Skills Canada competitions in trades & technology
- 20% of the medals at the Concours provincial French-speaking competition earned by Burnaby Schools students, with 2 qualifying for Nationals



Staff Excellence

- 19% increase in class numbers for the District's Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC) program
- 8% increase in refugee families with children in District, many with complex needs, supported by District's SWIS program
- RECORD BREAKING total of 310 Deaf & Hard of Hearing students from across BC attended DHHproud event



Child Care

- 2 new before & after school child care centre designs completed for licensing pre-approvals, with construction to start in 2026
- COMPLETED construction on new elementary before & after school child care & preschool, creating 34 new spaces
- NEW once-per-week child care created for newcomer parents in the District for use while parents attend computer literacy programs & women's support groups



Collaboration & Partnership

- NEW Learn to Swim pilot project launched with the City of Burnaby for Grade 5 students to get swimming lessons during school hours
- EXPANDED from 9 to 11 schools the tutoring program put on with Simon Fraser University for Grade 4 to 12 students
- NEW collaborative Equity Diversity & Inclusion Committee created to develop Anti-Racism Framework for the District



Technology

- FIRST District-wide guidelines created for Artificial Intelligence use at school, along with professional development for staff to guide students with appropriate AI-use
- 6 high schools participated in Bring Your Own Device laptop program, with over 800 devices distributed to support digital learning
- 14 schools worked with Accessible Resource Centre BC to learn ways to enhance digital accessibility for students with disabilities or diverse abilities