

• Friday, October 9, 2026

Lakeview Elementary Weekly News



Dear Lakeview Community,

We will have our school safety drill week next week. This is where we practice a different drill each day. Drills can sometimes be scary for students, so it is helpful if families can walk through each with their children and assure them that this is just practice in case we need it. When we practice drills, we do so in the most calm and supportive way possible. Next week, we will practice the following:

Tuesday – Shelter in Place – This occurs when there is an outdoor safety hazard, such as a wild animal. We have everyone stay in the building, close doors and windows and remain in place until released by the principal. Classroom learning continues.

Wednesday – Hold and Secure – This occurs when there is a safety/security concern in the neighbourhood. We remain in our classrooms with the doors/windows locked and covered until released by the principal; classroom learning continues.

Thursday – Earthquake – When we feel shaking, everyone will drop, cover and hold. After the shaking stops, we wait for at least 60 seconds before evacuating the building. Once deemed safe, we reenter the building.

Friday – Lockdown – This is practice to help keep everyone safe in case something unsafe is in the building. During the drill, we quietly hide in a safe spot in the classroom until the principal comes to the class to say it's all clear.

Thank you for supporting us in ensuring students are prepared for our safety drill week.

Amelia Poitras
Principal Lakeview Elementary

Dates to note:

- Mon. Oct. 12 **Thanksgiving – No School**
- Oct. 13-19 Safety Drill Week
- Tues. Oct. 13 Turkey Trot – School Run
- Wed. Oct. 14 Kindergarten Dental Screening
- Thurs. Oct. 15 Cross Country Meet @ 3:30
- Fri. Oct. 16 Division 3 Edmonds Pool 1:00-3:00
- Mon. Oct. 19 Tennis Lessons start
- Mon. Oct 19 Dialogue Circles Start
- Tues. Oct. 20 Virtual Indigenous Teachings
- **Fri. Oct. 23 Provincial Pro-D – No School**
- Mon. Oct. 26 Photo Retakes
- Oct. 26-30 Digital Literacy and Citizenship Week

FRASER HEALTH – DENTAL RESOURCES

Fraser Health has a variety of dental resources available for the 2026/2027 school year.

Many families do not have private dental insurance but may qualify for one of the following programs:

[Healthy Kids Program](#)– Children under 19 years of age may be eligible for basic dental services.

[Canadian Dental Care Plan \(CDCP\)](#) – Families who do not have access to private dental insurance may be eligible for dental coverage.

[UBC Dentistry](#)– Offers a free dental program for children 12 years of age and younger. Please see the attached application form for more information.

[Affordable dentistry options for children](#) - Fraser Health Authority– **Fraser Health Authority**

Grade 2 Gardening Club



At our first Grade 2 Gardening Club meeting, we weeded the front planters to prepare for planting bulbs in the coming weeks. Students did a great job learning how to use gardening tools, weed effectively, and conserve soil. A wonderful start on such a gorgeous fall day! We will meet weekly in October on Thursdays (12:35-1:00). Great work Lakeview gardeners!

Mrs. Patterson & Ms. Buchanan



School Photos

Hello Families!

Exciting news! The online gallery from our 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 white QR flyer your child was given on photo day. Please check with them.
- Any active email address can be used to login.
- The order deadline is: October 23, 2026
- 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.*

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.

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: Friday, October 26
- [Lakeview Elementary \(Burnaby\) Retakes CLICK HERE](#) to sign up. The cutoff to sign up is Thursday, October 22, 2026.

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

Phone: 1.888.644.4494

Email: help@mountainwest.ca

Lakeview Library Visits



Welcome to another year of reading and shared story in our School Library.

When borrowing books, students are encouraged to choose a “just right” book: one that matches their reading ability, interests, and helps them grow as readers. They are also encouraged to take home books they can share with their family, so please share and celebrate their reading in a way that works for you.

Books can be returned in a bin in their classroom on any school day, and it is helpful if students return any books they are finished with the day before they visit the library as a class. As always, students can hold on to the books they would like to keep for longer by renewing them when they come with their class.

Library Visit Schedule

Wednesday

Morning only

Div. 1 - Ms. Mott

Div. 9 - Ms. Chatt

Thursday

Div. 3 - Ms. Chung

Div. 6 - Ms. Mastromonaco

Div. 7 - Ms. Sinclair & Ms.
Short

Div. 8 - Ms. Patterson

Div. 11 - Ms. Ng

Friday

Div. 2 - Ms. Kwon

Div. 4 - Ms. Suh

Div. 5 - Ms. Ross

Div. 10 - Ms. Mah

Div. 12 - Ms. Knapp

Stay connected with our library

Students are always welcome to place books on hold, suggest new titles for the library collection, or connect with me by email, a note attached to returned books, or by stopping by the library. Parents and caregivers are also encouraged to reach out with questions, feedback, or book suggestions.

Thank you for supporting a lifelong love of reading!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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October 9, 2026

Dear Families:

I'm writing to share that our school will soon be conducting drills to practice what to do in the event of an emergency. This is part of our annual routine safety preparedness.

One of the drills is a lockdown response and will take place on Friday, October 16th. Each elementary and secondary school across the Burnaby School District will do this drill in October. As we do with fire drills, all students and staff will participate.

In October our school will also participate in an earthquake drill, practicing how to "Drop, Cover and Hold on," as part of the province's Great British Columbia ShakeOut.

Safety is always a priority and while the likelihood is extremely low of threatening situations in our schools, having a plan and knowing what to do in an emergency helps to protect students and staff during a critical incident. Taking the time outside of a crisis to understand what people can do to help keep everyone safe is a crucial component.

Please be assured that school staff will be there to guide and support students throughout the process and the drill, itself.

Below this letter you'll find some answers to frequently asked questions. Should you have additional questions or want to discuss anything, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your support of our school community.

Sincerely,

Amelia Poitras

Amelia Poitras
Principal
Lakeview Elementary School

Practicing School Safety Procedures: Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why are you doing a lockdown drill in October?

A real emergency is an understandably stressful time. Having a plan and knowing what to do during a critical incident helps to protect students and staff. People are more confident and better able to manage when they have had a chance to practice and process outside of an emergency situation.

2. What is the difference between a lockdown and other types of emergency protocols?

Depending on the scenario, different emergency responses may be called to protect people, including:

- **Lockdown:** There is a threat to safety in the building
- **Hold and secure:** There is a neighbourhood security concern, such as a police incident unrelated to the school
- **Shelter in place:** There is a safety hazard outside, such as a wild animal
- **Evacuate:** The hazard makes it unsafe to remain in the building, such as a fire

3. What will happen during the lockdown drill?

During the lockdown drill, all students and staff will be instructed to move quickly and quietly into their classrooms. This will involve locking all interior and exterior classroom doors and windows, turning off lights, and remaining quiet until the drill is over. The drill will be conducted in a way that is appropriate for the age and developmental level of students. Before, throughout, and after the drill, staff will be there to guide and support students.

4. What other safety drills will happen during the school year?

On October 15, our school will participate in the Great British Columbia ShakeOut, giving students an opportunity to practice how to “Drop, Cover and Hold On” during an earthquake. In addition to earthquake and lockdown drills, students will also participate in a variety of emergency preparedness exercises throughout the school year, such as drills related to fire and Hold and Secure drills. All of these exercises help students become familiar with the procedures they may need to follow during different types of emergencies.

Each emergency exercise is planned and conducted in an age and developmentally appropriate manner. Staff support students before, during, and after each drill, helping them to understand why it’s being practiced and ensuring that they feel safe and supported throughout the process.

5. How can families help?

We appreciate your partnership and understanding. You may wish to talk with your child about these procedures to help them feel reassured and understand that adults are there to help keep them safe. Safety is always our first priority and we are committed to responding with caution, care, and calm while supporting students throughout.

6. How can families help when a real emergency protocol is enacted?

Please be assured that an emergency protocol is typically enacted as a precautionary measure and to allow time for staff and, if necessary, first responders to assess and manage the situation safely.

When emergency procedures are activated due to a potential incident, the priority is on what is happening inside the building. To best support all involved, we ask you to please avoid coming to the school or calling the office during an active response, as staff are focused on assessing and managing the situation safely with the help of first responders, if applicable. During an emergency response, information may spread quickly through the community or online, and it may not always be accurate or provide the full picture. Please rely on messages from the school or District, as these communications contain accurate and confirmed information.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Burnaby School District's Code of Conduct has been established to maintain a safe, caring and healthy learning environment.

It is the shared responsibility of students, staff, parents / guardians and the broader community, to demonstrate positive conduct while attending any school or District related activity, at any location.

All members of the school community have an obligation to:

- Support learning
- Promote safety
- Respect property, environment, personal space and privacy
- Model courtesy, compassion and respect

All students are expected to comply with appropriate use of personal digital devices and restrictions – which may vary by the student's age and developmental stage – including:

- At elementary schools, personal digital devices will be safely stored, on silent mode, and out of sight during the school day, including non-instructional time such as recess and lunch.
- At secondary schools, personal digital devices will be safely stored, on silent mode, and out of sight during instructional time.
- At all grade levels, exceptions to restrictions apply when the classroom teacher gives permission to use personal digital devices for educational activities, and/or when students require personal digital devices for learning accessibility and/or medical purposes under school staff supervision.
- At all grade levels, expectations for conduct and use of technology as outlined in the District Technologies & Information Systems Student Acceptable Use Agreement also apply.

All members of the school community must refrain from engaging in any in-person or digital communication or behaviour that is considered to be:

- Interfering with the learning and working of others
- Bullying, harassing, intimidating, retaliating, discriminating or violent
- Unsafe or illegal including the possession, use or distribution of illegal or restricted substances, or the possession of weapons or replicas

All members of the school community are expected to comply with the purpose and spirit of the BC Human Rights Code, including not engaging in discriminatory conduct on the basis of race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or age.

Every effort will be made to support individuals and to determine the root causes of behaviour. If the safety or educational program of others is compromised, or if there is an ongoing failure to meet the expectations of the Code of Conduct, a range of consequences will follow. Whenever possible, incidents will be resolved by discussion, mediation and restitution.

All members of the Burnaby School District community have the right to be treated fairly and consistently, and should know and understand this Code of Conduct.

USING YOUR CELL PHONE AT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



**OK TO BRING
TO SCHOOL**

- Store your cell phone out of sight and on silent mode during the school day



**OK TO USE
WITH APPROVAL**

- For educational activities – with the classroom teacher's permission
- For learning accessibility – under school staff supervision
- For medical purposes – under school staff supervision



**GENERALLY
NOT OK TO USE**

- During the school day

**There's a time to use cell phones and other digital devices
and a time to have them stored out of sight and on silent mode**

Learn more in the Code of Conduct on our website
www.BurnabySchools.ca

ARE YOU A PARENT ?

DO YOU HAVE 10-15 MINUTES TO CHAT ?

I would love to listen!

My name is Heather Woolley. My mom Laura Woolley (recently retired), used to teach at Lakeview alongside her teaching partner, Nancy.

I am a student at UBC (doing a Master of Landscape Architecture) and I am trying to design a nature-based toy for kids through a program called Venture Founder. Part of this is chatting with potential users and customers.

If you're open to helping I would love chat.

Please text, call (604 :64 3037) email (Heather.w2772@gmail.com) or scan the QR code for a Calendly booking. Or I will be down at the play ground after school the occasional Monday/Wednesday in the coming week.

