

# LAKELAND NEWS

Monthly Communication from Lakeland's Staff, Students and PTO

## September Dates to Remember

11: Grade 1-5 Parent Meetings  
 12-21NWEA/Aims web testing window  
 17: Raven Hill Field Trip Gr 4-5  
 20: Raven Hill Field Trip Gr 2-3  
 21: Raven Hill Field Trip Gr:Tk, K,1  
 26: PTO Mtg 4:15  
 28: Homecoming  
 28: Jog-a-thon  
 Oct 3: Picture Day  
 Oct 5: PD Day 1/2 Day for Students Dismissed at 12:10pm

## School Communication:

REMIND: Is the all school communication app for emergency information, bus delays, snow day cancellation.

**Please text @24ae2b9 to the number 81010 to register.**

Facebook: Please search and like: ***lakeland elks announcements and events***



## A Note from Mr. McKenna



Dear Lakeland Families,

A great first week! Students returned well rested and eager to begin another great school year! After the major rain falls at the start of the week our bus routes, schedules and routines started to fall into place. Below are important reminders with some minor changes to existing building level policies noted. Contact the office with any questions.

**Back to School Parent Meetings:** Are scheduled for this Tuesday, September 11th. These meetings are crucial for all parents to understand classroom expectations for the new school year. Parents in first-second grade will meet in their child's classroom from 5:00-5:30pm. From 5:30-5:40pm all parents should report to the cafeteria for a quick *Status of Lakeland* meeting with myself. Third-fifth grade parents will then meet with their child's new teachers from 5:40-6:10pm.

**New Staff Members:** Lakeland welcomes the following staff members to our team:

Mrs. Christy Britton: Music Teacher

Mrs. Kris Zemper: 5th Grade Teacher

Mr. Bret Gutknecht: Instructional Paraprofessional

Mrs. Molly Russell: Instructional Paraprofessional

Ms. Bailey Apps: Kids Club/Pre-School Para-pro

**Please see updates related to school procedures listed below**

- **Front Drive:** Our front driveway is one way

## Dress Code Reminders

Please remember the recent updates to our dress code:

**Shoes:** Flip flops should not be worn, due to risk of injury and interruptions to the learning environment. Sandals may be worn as long as they strap securely to the foot.

**Tank Tops:** Students may wear tank tops as long as shoulder straps measure two finger widths across each strap. No spaghetti straps, crop/half shirts that expose the belly are allowed.

## Technology Reminders

Elk Rapids Schools operates under a Tk-12th grade one-one device program. As a district we understand the importance of technology within today's education and the future for our students. With this understanding we also feel it is important to support students safety and effective use of technology. This summer our staff updated our technology policy and procedures. Please see below for important reminders related to cell phone use and smartwatch use at Lakeland.

**Cell Phones:** As in past years, students are allowed to have cell phones at school. Cell phones must remain in lockers from 8:45-3:48pm each day.

**Smartwatches:** Any watch that can be used as a cell phone, to send/receive texts or access the internet is considered a smart watch. Smart watches will be treated the same as cell phones. Students may have smart watches at school but they must remain in lockers from 8:45-3:48pm each day.

traffic flowing from west to east at all times. Access to the drive between 8:30-9:00am and 3:30-4:00pm is restricted to **bus use only**. Once buses are in the driveway all vehicles will be blocked from exiting the parking lot. During the beginning and ending of the day it is best to park in the west parking lot, the south side of Buckley Street, at Sacred Heart Church or in the tennis court field.

- **Morning Drop-Offs:** Parents that are dropping students off in the morning can do so at 8:30am. Drop offs should occur in the west parking lot on the sidewalk in front of the bike rack. Students can also be dropped off at the sidewalk in front of Buckley St that crosses the front island. If you are walking your child/children into the building, we do ask that all parents stay in the foyer area. Your cooperation will ease hallway congestion and assures an efficient start each morning.

- **After School Pick-Ups:** If you are picking up your child/children please be sure to wait patiently **in the cafeteria**. Teachers will walk students down to this central location for dismissal. We ask that the front foyer area remain parent free to ease congestion for our students existing for buses.

- **End of Day Phone Calls:** Our phone system will be in "voice-mail" mode starting at 3:15pm until 3:50pm each day. This policy is in place to assist office staff and to ensure that buses are departing on time each day. All changes to normal transportation plans should be communicated in writing only.



## School Safety

As we start the new school year, school safety continues to be a priority at all times. Research clearly shows it takes a community-wide effort to ensure our building's students and staff are as safe as possible. Please see below for reminders and updates to our school wide procedures.

**Visitors:** All school visitors must report to the office to sign in and receive a visitors pass. Without this visitors pass clearly visible staff may ask you to return to the office to make sure you have followed appropriate procedures.

**Volunteers:** A huge part of Lakeland's success are the volunteers that work within our building each day. Please know that before you may begin volunteering that a volunteer application form must be completed and all volunteers will undergo a Michigan State Police background check.

**Beginning/Ending of the Day Routines:** Please remember that if you are walking your child into the school in the morning we ask all parents say their good-byes in the front foyer area upon arrival each day and that students walk to their locker un-escorted. At the end of the day, parents should only enter through the front foyer entrance and need to report to the cafeteria and patiently wait for their child's dismissal.

**Halloween Parade:** After consulting local law enforcement, staff and parent groups due to mounting safety concerns, the long standing traditional Halloween Parade will be coming to an end this year. Grade levels may still celebrate the holiday but we will no longer hold a school wide parade. We hope to start a new tradition with a PTO sponsored *Fall Festival* the Friday before Halloween. More information regarding the Fall Festival will be communicated within the next few weeks.

## MSTEP Results 17-18 School Year

Lakeland continues to exceed state proficiency levels and functions as one of the top achieving schools in the region. Below are proficiency levels for last year's third-fifth grade students who completed the state mandated MSTEP assessment last spring. The results of these assessments are due to the combined effort of our students and staff. And, are evidence that our Primary Years Program framework of instruction and recent investments in the CKLS reading program, Math Expressions and Second Step programs are having a positive impact on student learning.

	ELA		Math		Social Studies	
	LES %	State %	LES %	State %	LES %	State %
Third Grade	68%	44%	70%	46%	Not Tested	
Fourth Grade	64%	45%	60%	42%	Not Tested	
Fifth Grade	63%	47%	42%	34%	31%/18%	