

LAKELAND NEWS

A Joint Communication from Lakeland's Staff, PTO and Students

October Dates to Remember

3: Picture Day
 3: Student Count Day
 5: Professional Development Day: Student's Dismissed 12:10pm
 10: National Walk To School Day
 7-13: Fire Prevention Week
 11: ERFD Fire Safety Visit Gr. Tk/K/3rd
 11: 5th Grade to Camp Hayo Went Ha 9:00am-5:00pm
 24: PTO Mtg 4:15
 26: PTO Fall Festival

School Communication

REMIND: Is the all school communication app for emergency information, bus delays and snow day cancellation. **Please text @24ae2b9 to the number 81010** to register.

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

A PYP World Recognized School!

A Note from Mr. McKenna...

Students and staff continue to transition into another successful year. Your support, guidance and consistent presence in your child's education is appreciated. A few reminders and key points for the month of October are below:



Student Count Day: Is this Wednesday, October 3rd. Your child's attendance helps accurately communicate enrollment to the state of Michigan for 90% of our yearly school funding. If your child will be absent for an extended period of time please be in communication with your child's teacher.

Picture Day: Is also this Wednesday, October 3rd. If your child is absent on this day a make up day will be scheduled later in November.

Professional Development Day: This Friday, October 5th is a Professional Development Day for teachers. Students will be dismissed at 12:10pm.

Home/School Communication: In addition to our weekly e-blast expect to see this Monthly Newsletter that will highlight events for the new month. In addition to these communications you can also also follow:

- Lakeland on Facebook at ***Lakeland Elks***

Announcement and Events.

- Sign up for alerts related to transportation delays and school cancellations due to weather through ***Remind***. *Remind* is a free, one-way direct messaging app that allows information to be texted to subscribers. Please see the left hand column of this page for registration information.

Halloween Parade

Another reminder that 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.

Fire Prevention Week

October 7th-13th is National Fire Prevention Week.

Members of the Elk Rapids Fire Department will be visiting with our TK/K and third grade students on Thursday, October 11th. ERFD will discuss and demonstrate fire prevention strategies to help keep children and families safe in case a fire emergency should ever occur. Our day will end with a school-wide fire drill in which our local fire department will observe and critique our exiting procedures. Please let this week serve as a reminder to check your family's smoke detectors.

Attendance Policy: Research clearly shows that daily attendance at school leads to greater academic performance. Please review existing attendance policy listed below:

- Tardy: Arrival after 8:55 AM
- Arrival after 10:45 is marked as an AM absence
- Departure before 2:15 PM is marked as a PM absence
- Picked up after 2:15 PM is marked as a Left Early
- Please be sure to call Lakeland between the hours of 4:30pm-8:30am to communicate absences

Procedural Reminders:

Morning Drop Offs: Please remember that students can be dropped off between 8:30-8:45am each morning. Drop offs should occur in the west parking lot on the sidewalk in front of the bike rack or in front of the main island sidewalk. The main driveway is for busses only from 8:30-9:00am.

End of Day Pick Ups: If you are picking up your child at the end of day please remember to wait patiently in the cafeteria. This helps keep the end of the day dismissal as safe and orderly as possible.

Teacher Meeting Requests: If you need to meet with your child's teacher we do ask that you email or call to arrange such a meeting. Each morning and after school teacher's are faced with many meetings and unscheduled meeting requests may not be able to be granted.

Transportation Changes: If your child has a change to their normal end of the day transportation schedule we do ask that a letter is written communicating the change. Your child should show their note to their teacher, who will initial the note and then send to the office for changes to be communicated with our transportation department. Please remember that our phone system will be directed to voicemail between 3:15-3:45pm each day.

National Walk To School Day: On Wednesday, October 10th, Lakeland will take part in supporting NORTE and the National Walk To School Day. For those that can participate we will be meeting as a school at 8:15am in the parking lot of the Riverwalk Grill to begin our walk to school! More info in next Monday's eblast!

PTO Update!

by President Kelly Croftchik

18-19 PTO Members
President: Kelly Croftchik
V. President: Sara Bogard
Treasurer: Leah Short
Secretary: Tera Garrow
Membership: Melinda Smith/Julie Plum
Committees: Jackie Paulosky/Melanie Crawford
Publications: Jennifer Springstead
Room Reps: Melinda Day/Wendy Vanderheide
Teacher Reps: Katie Veith/Jen Coleman

PTO!

We just completed the Lakeland PTO's first major fundraiser of the year with the Jog-a-thon and it went off without a hitch. The students of Lakeland Elementary racked up many laps as they ran around the track sporting HUGE smiles and school spirit! This event is forecast to bring in over \$5,500 for our kids at Lakeland. With awesome incentives for those with most number of pledges and highest amount raised, the kids are motivated to bring in their envelopes stuffed with money!

Looking ahead to later this month, the PTO will be hosting Lakeland's Fall Festival on Friday, October 26th. Many exciting activities are being planned which include a Trunk or Treat, pumpkin decoration, Bounce House, cider and donuts...just to name a few. More information will be coming out soon, but mark it on your calendars now, your child will not want to miss out on the fun!

We will be taking a break from the Lakeland Dinner and Silent Auction this year; however, we have a new fundraising event planned for November that we are very excited about! Stay tuned...

To stay up to date on events that are happening at Lakeland and around the community, please join our Lakeland PTO facebook page. If you would like to attend our next PTO meeting, it will be held on Wednesday, October 24th., at 4:15 pm in the staff lounge at Lakeland.

Have a great October and we'll see you in November with another update!

