

# LAKELAND NEWS

Monthly Communication from Lakeland's Staff, Students and PTO

*An International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program School*

## November Dates To Remember:

4: Daylight Savings Time Ends  
 5: Coffee with McKenna  
 5: PD Day Students Dismissed at 12:10pm  
 7: Election Day  
 8: Hearing Screening Gr Tk/K, 2nd, 4th  
 12: Book Fair Begins  
 11: Veterans Day  
 12 Veterans Day Assembly 3:00pm  
 16: Sip and Sign PTO Fundraiser  
 19/20: Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:30 pm  
 21-23: Thanksgiving Break  
 28: PTO Mtg  
 29: First Graders Lars Hockstead Field Trip  
 30: PD Day Students Dismissed at 12:10pm  
 30: Holiday Craft Workshop 5:30-7:00pm

## 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*

## A Note from Mr. McKenna...

Thanks to each of you for your support in making the start of this school year a success! With continued communication, high expectations for all and personal best given each and every day, we will continue to have a great school year! As we start the season of "thanks," please be sure to take note of the updates and reminders listed below.

**November 5th:** Is a 1/2 day for students with release at 12:10pm. Teachers will be involved in professional development for the remainder of the afternoon.

**Coffee with McKenna:** Over the last few weeks I have had the chance to communicate with some of you about the changes to our Halloween traditions. Through these communications it is apparent that the monthly parent forum, called Coffee with McKenna, would help with transparency and communication. After a two year break, we will be bringing back the parent forum *Coffee with McKenna*. These meetings will occur on the first Monday of every month from 9:05-9:30am in the cafeteria. *Coffee with McKenna* will allow me to update parents on initiatives throughout the building and district and also allow parents the opportunity to communicate directly with me. Light refreshments and coffee will be available and I hope to see many of you next Monday, November 5th!

**Veterans Day:** Will be celebrated throughout the district on Monday, November 12th. Lakeland will host our annual assembly at 3:00pm in the gymnasium. If your schedule allows please plan to attend this important assembly.

**Picture Retakes:** Will occur on November 14th. If your child was absent on picture day or if their picture needs to be retaken, please have your child prepared to have their pictures taken during the morning of November 15<sup>th</sup>. Picture packets will be available in the office.

**Head Lice Reminder:** The colder weather also seems to coincide with an increase in identified head lice cases. Please remember to be checking your children for head lice on a weekly



## Parent Teacher Conferences

Thursday, November 1, 2018

Fall parent teacher conferences will take place on **Monday, November 19th and Tuesday, November 20th from 4:30-7:30pm.** Research clearly shows the direct connection between student achievement and parent involvement. As a staff our goal is to meet with 100% of our parents. To assist with conference scheduling Lakeland will be utilizing the School Bookings website again this year. Please look for scheduling information in the November 5th e-blast!

### Calendar Change!

Please make sure to note the calendar change on Friday, November 30th which is now a 1/2 day of instruction for students with a 12:10pm release. This change is necessitated by the need for teacher professional development.



basis and to seek treatment if any lice/nits are found. If head lice are present, everyone within the family should be treated. Daily “combing” and “picking” will be necessary to ensure eradication. We also ask that you contact the school so that all parents within the classroom can be notified through our confidential pink note procedures. Please follow the link below to learn more:

[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/Final\\_Michigan\\_Head\\_Lice\\_Manual\\_103750\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/Final_Michigan_Head_Lice_Manual_103750_7.pdf)

**Winter Clothing Expectations:** Although it has been a beautiful fall so far, we all know that colder weather is around the corner. I remind you our handbook spells out our winter clothing guidelines. In summary, temperatures between 40-60 degrees requires students wear a jacket, temperatures below 40 degrees requires students wear winter clothing (coat, snow pants, gloves, hats, boots.) Outdoor recess will always occur unless it is raining or wind chill temperature falls below 0 degrees. Please be sure to label all winter clothing with your child’s name and if an item is missing, chances are that it can be found on our lost/found table outside the cafeteria.

**Attendance Policy:** Regular attendance and classroom participation are integral to a student’s success and developing lifelong skills. Lakeland follows MDE compulsory attendance mandates and implements our attendance policy listed below:

- 10 absences/tardies--a letter will be sent home
- 20 absences/tardies—another letter will be sent home requesting a meeting between the parent, teacher and principal to discuss a truancy support plan.
- 25 absences/tardies—another letter will be sent home and a meeting will occur. It will be up to the discretion of the building administrator to involve Antrim County Truancy Intervention Officer.

**Substitute Paraprofessionals Needed:** On Thursday, November 8th from 4-4:30pm Lakeland will be holding a Paraprofessional “Job Fair.” If you have ever considered joining our team as a substitute paraprofessional this meeting is for you! At this meeting we will discuss roles, expectations, requirements and complete the registration process to become a substitute paraprofessionals. These roles are perfect for those that are looking for seasonal work, with a flexible schedule, extra money around the holiday season and a rewarding way to give back to our community. If you have interest and would like to learn more please call Beth Veeder at 264-8289

## PTO Update! By Kelly Croftchik

A new tradition arrived at Lakeland last Friday! The parking lot in front of the school was brought to life with many decorated trunks, a dance floor, emergency vehicles, a bounce house, and 100's of kids and their families! The First Annual Lakeland Fall Festival was a HUGE success and loved by many. Thank you to everyone who came and volunteered! The Fall Fest truly would not have happened without the support of our community and our families at Lakeland. What an amazing way to end October!

November has another "first" for the PTO and that would be a new event called Sip n' Sign. This fundraising event will take place on Friday, November 16th., at Townline Ciderworks. There will be cider to "sip" on and up to five "signs" to make. The signs would make perfect gifts for the upcoming holiday season and this event would make a perfect girls-night-out. For more details, check out the Lakeland PTO facebook page and next Monday's e-blast. Limited space is available, so you will want to reserve your spot for this event ASAP.

The PTO will end November with The Annual Holiday Workshop on Friday, November 30th. This event is for all the kids at Lakeland and is definitely a fan favorite! Several DIY crafting stations will be setup, each consisting of their own individual holiday treasure. The workshop is a great way to kick off the holiday season! Details for this event will be coming soon, but mark your calendars now, as your child will not want to miss out!

Thank you to the many parents that came to our October PTO meeting. There was a lot to discuss and take in, and we appreciate everyone's input. Our October Meeting Minutes will be available online soon as we work on transparency and to also inform those that cannot make the PTO meetings. Our November meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 28th., at 4:15 pm. As the date draws near, look for the November PTO Meeting Parent Forum post on the Lakeland PTO facebook page to appear, and reply with any questions, comments or concerns you may have. We want your voice heard and we will be reading any replies at the meeting and answering them shortly thereafter.

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

