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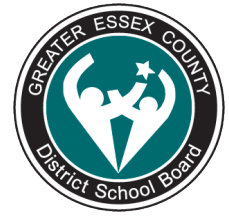
Raptor Report



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Let's We Forget

HOME OF THE RAPTORS

Lakeshore Discovery



It was great to see so many of you during our 'Meet the Staff' BBQ—look for more community events on our school website. Once again, September has come and gone in the blink of an eye. The Scholastic Book-Fair, intramural football, the running club, cross country and soccer have been some of the many activities that keep our Raptors engaged during and after the school day. Raptors also participated in the 'Terry Fox' raising almost \$1200!

We will continue to run our healthy snack program on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for our Raptors. Thank you Ms. Renaud for helping to prepare these delicious snacks. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the school. Snack preparation is on Monday and requires a couple hours of your time.

Once again, the Bricks for Kids program has been running through the month of October into November. We have a large

group of students learning the art of coding. Look for another program to be offered in the spring. This program ends November 13th.

As part of our School Improvement Plan for Student Achievement, our focus will continue to be on mathematics #conceptual understanding, topic development in writing, and overall mental health and well-being.

School Messenger combined with EDSBY, the school website calendar, and our Twitter feed @LDS_Raptors will keep you current with events. Have you joined our EDSBY Announcement group—available to all parents and visible when you log in—just click join and you will have up to date access to the latest happenings at Lakeshore.

Many staff continue to use EDSBY as one of the many means of communication with you as parents/guardians. Please be sure to

check your child's agenda too - many activities occur during the nutrition breaks.

Did you know you can subscribe to our school calendar on your smartphone - click on this link from your smart device - <https://www.publicboard.ca/school/lakeshorediscovery/Lists/Calendar/calendar.aspx> - and click subscribe. That's it. It'll update as events get added/ deleted right on your mobile device.

Thank you for your support with our recent food days. Monies raised continue to be used to purchase iPads, projectors, uniforms, band equipment and to subsidize field trips for our #Raptors.

I am so fortunate to be a part of this great community!

Clayton Callow,
Principal

Student Supervision

Please remember that **there is no student supervision before 8:05 am. If your child is being dropped off at school in the morning, they must not arrive prior to 8:05 am.**



Important Dates

- Harvest Fresh & Green Heart begin
- Nov. 7 Hot Dog Food Day
- Nov. 11th Remembrance Day
- Nov. 14th Progress Reports Go Home
- Nov. 17th Parent Teacher Interviews
- Nov. 21 Pizza Food Day
- Nov 21st Well-Being Night (4:00-7:00pm)
- Nov 29th Loonie License Day

Once a Week—Take a Peek!

It is the time of the year where head lice continues to be an ongoing issue, especially in school-aged children. Anyone can get head lice. It has nothing to do with whether you have clean or dirty hair, or the cleanliness of your home. Over the summer, head lice have been spreading mainly by head-to-head contact especially as children have been enjoying summer activities. Head lice will continue to spread at school and during after school activities causing a frustrating year-long problem, unless we have every family's co-operation to get rid of them completely.

To combat this problem, we need your help. Please check your child's head once



a week.

If you find lice:

- Call the school so a Head Lice notice can be sent home with classmates to encourage families to check for head lice.
- Check every person in your house for head lice.
- Talk with your doctor first about what to use if the person needing treatment or doing the treatment is pregnant; is breast-feeding; is under the age of 2; has asthma or seizure disorder.
- Treat everyone who has lice, on the same day.

There are many treatment products and home remedies. Be sure to follow directions carefully. Do a second treatment as advised.

Remove all eggs or some may hatch and the lice problem will continue and spread. This is of critical importance as treatments alone are NOT effective.

Vacuum your house and wash clothing and bedding used the last 3 days. Remind your children not to share combs, brushes, hats, head-bands, etc

Co-operation in finding the lice and getting rid of them completely will help to minimize the problem at our school.

Please be aware that students who have lice/nits will be excluded from school until complete removal has been accomplished.

Digital Responsibility

More and more of our students are using electronic devices as part of their daily learning. These devices have also presented schools with new challenges as we try to educate and equip our students with the skills they will need in their future.

Our Board has developed a 'Digital Responsibility' policy which outlines the roles of staff and students. Here, is an excerpt from that policy.

Role and Responsibility of Students

When using technology, students are expected to:

- Represent and conduct themselves in accordance with school codes of conduct and expectations.

- Use a polite and respectful tone in all communications and not use speech or expression which is profane, disrespectful, slanderous, racist, sexist, libelous, insulting, threatening, hateful, discriminatory, harassing or bullying.
- Immediately inform their teacher or school Principal or Vice Principal if they mistakenly access inappropriate Digital Content while at school.
- Never agree to meet with a contact they have only met through using technology, unless as part of their educational program e.g. co-op and under the supervision of their teacher.

- Never identify their age, telephone number, home address or other personal information in User Profiles or communications or content created using Digital Services.

Together, we can ensure that our kids use technology responsibly!



Fog Days and Snow Days

Fall is upon us and with it comes the unpredictable nature of weather during this transitional season. Fear not! Regardless of what the weather brings, our school is prepared to deliver top quality education no matter what our students have to travel through to get here.

What to do when busses are cancelled:

- Busses can be cancelled due to fog, freezing rain or snow and can be cancelled for the morning only or both the morning and afternoon.
- The decision to cancel busses is communicated on the website www.buskids.ca by 6:30 am.
- During days when busses are cancelled

and the school is open, students are encouraged to come to school. Ultimately, the decision to send students to school on these days is up to the parents.

- During 'bus cancellation days', we will be sending out a school messenger email/call detailing instructions for pick-up at the end of the day.
- When students are picked up at the end of the day, parents will need to remain in their vehicles. Parking is very challenging.

Inclement Weather

Students benefit in many ways from time spent outdoors. Students are expected to dress appropriately for the weather but will be kept indoors when weather conditions are:

- Rainy, lightning and/or thunder
- Excessive winds



- Low visibility
- Extreme cold

Free Online Math Homework Help



Are you in grades 7 to 10? Need help with math homework? Then why not get live, online math tutoring from an Ontario teacher? It's free and easy to sign up.

The Greater Essex County District School Board, the TVO Independent Learning Centre and the Ontario Ministry of Education are pleased to partner together to bring the MATHIFY program to students in Grade 7, 8 & 10.

To log in and register, you'll need your Ontario Education Number (OEN), found at the top of your [report card near your name](#).

- 'Ask a Teacher' chat Rooms
- 'Listen and Learn' presentations with certified teachers
- Interactive tutorials
- A variety of other sessions

Live online tutoring

You can log in between 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. ET from Sunday to Thursday for one-on-one tutoring.

You can also join your grade's tutor room to see what questions other students are asking and then watch teachers walk through problems on the group whiteboard.

<https://tvo.org/mathify-reg/>

Are you interested in becoming a Part-Time School Aide?

Part-Time School Aides provide support and assistance to students for lunchtime and nutritional break activities. Part-Time School Aids will oversee students in a variety of settings including the classroom, lunch area, and outside play areas (indoor play areas in inclement weather).

Knowledge and Abilities

- Ability to communicate and work effectively with individuals from various ethical and cultural backgrounds.
- Ability to get along well with children and command their respect by respecting them.
- Ability to recognize safety in the workplace, guide children safely through the school and practice safe work habits.

If you feel that this is a job that you would be interested in doing please contact Pro Staff (519) 250-9403 info@prostaffwork.ca

A Safe Place to Learn



The staff at Lakeshore Discovery wish to preserve students' safety while continuing to engage parents and the community in school activities. The school has always had a Safe School Welcome Program. This includes: Posted signs

which request all visitors check and sign-in at the office, including parents. As well, checking in on students who are absent from school.

In keeping with the Ministry of Education guidelines regarding school safety, **staff will approach people who are on the playground or in the school to confirm your reason for being there.**

Just a reminder that parents will have to buzz in at the front doors, and wait to be let into the school. As well, please come into the office when picking up your child prior to regular dismissal times. Please be patient as we may be working with students.

Please talk to your child about important information before and after school to help reduce the number of non-emergency calls. When visiting during school hours we discourage parents from visiting their child's class during school time due to safety concerns and classroom disruption for others. Finally, thanks to everyone for your continued cooperation as we strive to ensure the safety of all our students.

#Raptor Buddy Program

We are excited to inform you that we are initiating a Raptor buddy program to support leadership and building social skills for our students during our outdoor nutrition breaks. This program is being led by our CYW and we are excited to see the positive impact of social skill building and leadership development.



Did you know that 1 in 4 children do not get enough sleep? Lack of sleep makes it hard for kids to focus in class, and raises the risk of getting sick. As a guideline, children aged 5 to 13 should get 9 to 11 hours of sleep, and those between 14 to 17 years need 8 to 10 hours. For more information, go to: <https://www.participaction.com/en-ca/benefits-and-guidelines/childrenand-youth-age-5-to-17>

- A healthy mouth is key to a healthy body. Teaching kids to care for their teeth and mouth will set up good habits for life. Adults should monitor tooth brushing until children are around 8 years old, and only a pea-sized amount of tooth paste is needed. Children should brush their teeth at least twice a day and floss once per day. Also, be sure to see a dentist regularly to check for cavities or other oral diseases and problems.
- Did you know that children are more likely to eat their lunch and snacks if they help make them? Try putting out healthy snack options and letting kids choose what they want and put it all in their own containers. If you're looking for ideas, check this link, <https://www.unlockfood.ca/en/Articles/School-Health/Articles/Healthy-Lunch-Ideas-for-the-New-School-Year.aspx>
- Did you know you can update your child's immunization record from the comfort of your own home? Log on to immune.wechu.org and enter your child's basic health information, then you can update their record whenever they receive a vaccine. It's that easy! Remember, any time your child gets a vaccine or booster shot, you need to update their permanent record with the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit. If you need assistance, call the immunization hotline at 519-258-2146 ext. 1222