

# LAKESHORE NEWS



Welcome back to an exciting new year! We trust everyone had an enjoyable break from school and that you had a chance to spend some quality time with family and friends. We wish Mr. Raycroft all the best as the Principal of Prince Edward Public School. Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Jennifer Mills, our newest Vice Principal to the Lakeshore Community.

For the latest information specific to labour updates, please visit the Board website—

<https://www.publicboard.ca/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

How about a personalized tour for your little one? Instead of Kindergarten Open House in February, we will be providing tours throughout the school day to give you an opportunity to see the Raptor magic in action.

Please call the school to book a tour for your child/ren if they are born in 2015 or 2016 and are registering for the first time. Both 'A Day in the Life' (April 4 from 9-10am) and 'Welcome to Kindergarten' (May 8 from 3-4pm) will also be available to parents later in the school



HOME OF THE RAPTORS

# Lakeshore Discovery

## FOOD ALLERGIES / FRAGRANCE FREE ZONE

At Lakeshore Discovery, we have many students and staff who have life-threatening allergies to **peas (humus), eggs, latex, nuts, tree nuts and peanuts.**

**We are also a 'fragrance free zone' and do not permit perfume, cologne or other fragrances.**

When exposed to these substances, allergic children can become 'anaphylactic' meaning that a medical emergency may become imminent. These reactions can be fatal. For some students, these foods/scents must be ingested to result in a reaction, while for other students the allergy is 'airborne' which means that the smell alone can result in anaphylaxis.

We appreciate your support in doing your best to avoid sending these food items to school.

Staff are trained annually in how to respond to students with anaphylaxis.

### Important Dates

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| • PA Day  | Jan. 17th |
| • Parent Council Meeting                                  | Jan. 27th |
| • Kindergarten Info. Packages are available at the office | Feb. 3rd  |
| • Report Cards Go Home                                    | Feb. 10th |
| • PA Day  | Feb. 14th |
| • Family Day  | Feb. 17th |

### SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Please visit <https://www.publicboard.ca/Parents/school-cash-online/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

to register for school cash on-line. This is our preferred method of payment for any event requiring money. It is a safe and secure method of payment that is used for all our schools within the GECD SB. Create your account today.

For assistance, please call the school.

# ProStaff Employment Opportunities

Part-Time School Aides provide support and assistance to students for lunchtime and nutritional break activities. Part-Time School Aides 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 back grounds.
- 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 or [info@prostaffwork.ca](mailto:info@prostaffwork.ca)

## Morning Drop Off

Morning entry begins at 8:05. Supervision for students begins at this time.

Just a reminder to our Early Years Parents that drop off and pick up for our JK/SK students is at the South/East end of the school on Oakwood. **Please park in the parking lot on Oakwood and walk your child to and from school.**

Also if you are dropping off a child that is in grades 1 to 8 please use the **Kiss and Ride area** located in the front of the building to prevent a congestion of cars on Oakwood.

A big thank-you to those parents who are not parking in the bus bay. This area is off limits for parking as we need to keep it clear at all times for our buses. Please refrain from doing U-Turns on Oakwood for this puts our staff and students at risk.



## 7 TIPS TO SOLVE A MATH PROBLEM

**1. Practice, Practice & More Practice:** It is impossible to study math properly by just reading and listening. To study math you have to roll up your sleeves and actually solve some problems. **The more you practice answering math problems, the better.**

**2. Review Errors:** When you're practising with these problems, it's important to **work through the process for each solution**. If you have made any mistakes, you should review them and understand where your problem-solving skills let you down.

**3. Master the Key Concepts: Do not try to memorize the processes.** This is counter-productive. It is much better and rewarding in the long run to focus on understanding the process and logic that is involved. This will help you understand how you should approach such problems in the future.

**4. Understand your Doubts:** Sometimes you can get stuck trying to solve part of a math problem and find it difficult to move on to the next stage. It's common for many students to skip this question and continue on to the next. You should avoid doing this and instead spend time trying to understand the process of solving the problem.

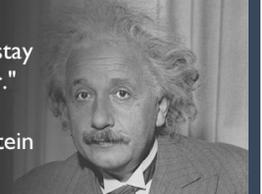
**5. Create a Distraction Free Study Environment:** Mathematics is a subject that requires more **concentration** than any other. A proper study environment and a **distraction free area** could be the determining factor when solving complex equations or problems in geometry or algebra.

**6. Create a Mathematical Dictionary:** Mathematics has specific terminology with a lot of **vocabulary**. We suggest you create [Notes](#) or [Flash-cards](#) with all the concepts, terminology and definitions you need to know. You should include their meanings, some key points and even some sample answers so you can consult them at any time and recap.

**7. Apply Math to Real World Problems:** As much as possible, try to apply real-world problems when approaching math. Math can be very abstract sometimes so looking for a practical application can help change your perspective and assimilate ideas differently.

"It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer."

—Albert Einstein



# INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDER

Winter weather may be an issue anytime during the season and it may cause bus cancellations.

**Information is posted after 6:30 am at [www.publicboard.ca](http://www.publicboard.ca) (buskids) or tune in to a local radio station.**

The school does not make these decisions and all staff get the information by checking the buskids' website or listening to the radio as well. **When the buses are cancelled due to ice and/or snow the buses will not operate for afternoon dismissal.**

On bus cancellation days, the office staff are required to conduct safe arrival calls.

Please remember that on no bus days all fieldtrips and extra-curricular events are cancelled as well.

## PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT ADVISORY

The playground equipment at the school is closed during the winter season to avoid students being injured. Winter conditions can make playground equipment unsafe for use especially when the following conditions exist:

- Freezing temperatures: at temperatures below 0 degrees C, very few types of protective ground surfacing remain resilient enough to offer any degree of protection to a falling child. If the ground cover is frozen, the play equipment is NOT safe for use.
- Snow build-up: snow can cause several problems on play structures. One example is that the play surfaces become very slippery.
- Ice or freezing rain: as noted above, can make play surfaces very slippery.
- Clothing: winter clothing is much different than normal clothing. Synthetic materials, such as nylon, reduce the sliding resistance and increase the chance of injury. As well, winter clothing is extremely bulky and is more likely to have drawstrings or hooks which can become entangled in the components of the equipment.

If your children are visiting the school property during the evenings, on weekends, or during holidays, please remind them to stay off of the equipment until better weather returns.

## COME JOIN US FOR PARENT COUNCIL

The next meeting will be held at 6:00pm on Monday, January 27th, 2020. We'd love to have you join us for your thoughts, ideas, and much more. Free child care available.

Meetings last about an hour or so. Please come on out! The latest research is showing that student achievement increases as parents become involved in their child's education. One of the ways parents can become involved is by communicating frequently with their child's teacher. Everyone is welcome! We have free 'sitters' available while we meet just let us know in advance if you need childcare.

## NOT GOING TO BE AT SCHOOL?

A huge thank you to all of the parents who have been remembering to contact the school in regards to student absences. This helps to dramatically reduce the number of phone calls made by the office staff, so thank you.

Since the winter weather is here buses may be cancelled due to snow. If buses are cancelled, they will not run the entire day. As a reminder, in order to comply with Provincial Legislation, all schools are required to attempt to make contact with the parents/guardians of absent students. You can phone and leave a message at any time. Parents can also leave a note in the child's agenda the day before an absence, for appointments and other known absences/lates. Also, parents are now able to go online to enter their child's absence through EDSBY. You can do this by going to <https://publicboard.edsb.com> or by downloading the app onto your mobile device. Just a reminder to parents to please provide the school with your email address for this will allow us to send you messages that contain important information about school events as well.

