



# Lakefield Elementary

*All members of the Lakefield School Community will reach their maximum potential.*

## Peanuts and Nut Products

Lakefield Elementary School has 8 children who have been diagnosed with a severe, possibly life-threatening allergy to peanuts and/or nuts and peanut/nut products. Exposure to even a very tiny amount of this allergen can cause anaphylactic shock which could result in throat tightness or closing, loss of consciousness *and, possibly, death*. Because peanuts and nut products are such a threat to the safety of these children, it's essential that the *entire* LES community takes seriously the need to eliminate them from the school.

We have informed the parents/guardians of children with classmates with peanut allergies, with the intention of keeping

peanuts and nut products completely out of the school. We suggest that it is not prudent to send any child with a peanut product into a building where so many peanut/nut allergic children inhabit, even if none are classmates. The advice that schools are getting, which we pass along to you, is that prevention – to the extent possible given the difficulty of being totally sure about the ingredients in some common lunch and snack items – is the best approach from both a “do unto others...” and a legal perspective.

### Hot Lunch Program

Five days per week, beginning on Thursday, October 1st. Orders are done online at [Lakefield.hotlunches.net](http://Lakefield.hotlunches.net) Ordering will open on the 10th of each month and close on the 20th at midnight for the following month. ***Please register your child with the appropriate teacher.*** White and chocolate milk will be available daily. Orders are placed monthly – no “standing or special orders”. Late orders cannot be processed.



*Welcome to all our new Lakefield families!*

Glad you are part of this wonderful school.

### School Fees

This year some of the classes have purchased your child's school supplies for you at the cost of \$50.00 or \$35.00 per child. They were able to buy in bulk to get you a great deal.

Our school fees is \$10, school based performances.

The \$10, \$35 and \$50 payment can be done on line through [schoolcashionline.com](http://schoolcashionline.com) You need to register to take advantage of this simple way to pay for school items. Instruction for registering for cashless schools has been sent home in an e mail and also can be found on the school's webpage.



## Arrival and Departure Protocol

Our teachers begin their duty at 7:40 a.m, therefore, walkers and students who are dropped off at the school before 7:40 are somewhat at risk. We ask that you do not drop your child off in the bus loading zone near the sidewalk. Please park and walk your child over to the

school yard. The best location to drop off students is in at the back door of the school or at the path on Winchester. The two staff parking lots are for staff only and we ask that you do not use them for dropping off and picking up students.

Our parking spaces are limited and at times these can be dangerous areas for children to be. We ask that you use either the lower parking lot, near our front doors, at the path on Winchester or the back door of the school. Do not wait in either of our staff parking lots to pick up children.

### Terry Fox Walk

Lakefield School will again participate in the Terry Fox Walk in support of cancer research and in keeping Terry's dream alive. On **Tuesday, September 29th** any parent wishing to join us are welcome to walk through the neighborhood starting shortly after 12:25. We are asking the students to send in a Toonie for Terry to help support this charity.



### School Pictures

Harvey Studios will once again be taking our school pictures. All students will have their pictures taken on Wednesday, September 30th. If a student is absent they will have their picture taken at a later date. Once that date is confirmed parents will be notified via e mail. Remember to bring your smiles on the 30th!!

## Guidance—WITS



**W**alk Away  
**I**gnore  
**T**alk it Out  
**S**eek Help

Welcome to a new year of Guidance! The students will begin the year by learning the WITS Program. WITS is a program that our district adopted a couple of years ago. The WITS Program brings together schools, families and communities to create responsive environments that help children deal with bullying and peer conflict. WITS teaches Kindergarten to Grade 5 children to *Walk away, Ignore, Talk it out and Seek help* when faced with peer conflict. The acronym also provides a common language that children and the adults around them can use to talk about and respond to problems.

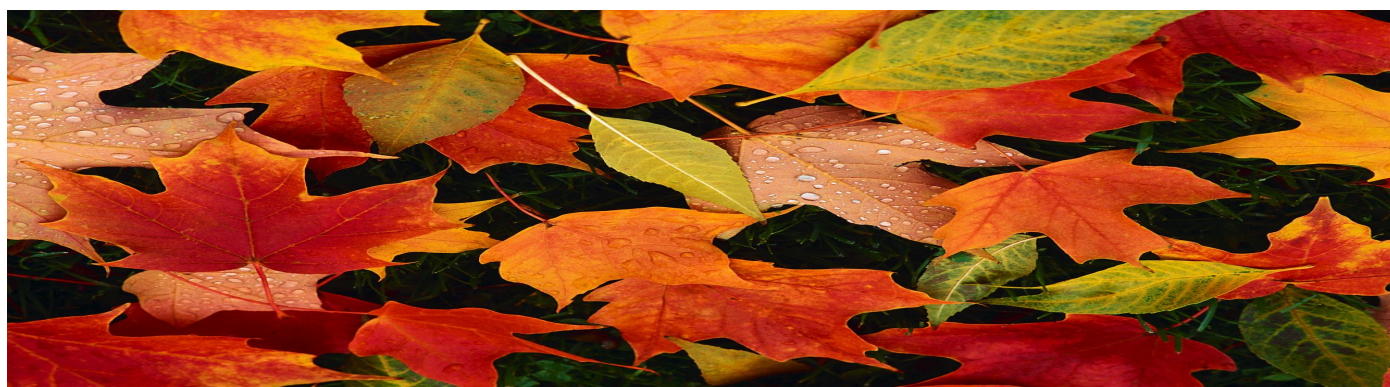
## Happenings At LES

September 21st - International Peace Day

September 28th—Home and School Meeting - **6:30 library**

September 29th - Terry Fox Walk 12:25 - 1:20 **\$2.00 donation Toonie for Terry**

September 30th - School pictures by Harvey Studios



## Welcome Staff Members

We have had most of our wonderful staff return for another year but have received some new teachers as well. We are welcoming Julie Mackay to Gr 5 FI, Sally Peters to Gr 5 Eng, Peter Wallace to Gr 2 Eng, Josh Britten to Music, Shari Patstone to Gr 3 FI and welcoming back Mr. Frank from his Educational Leave. We are also welcoming Deena Sutton to our Educational Assistant staff. I am sure all these new members will be a great addition to our amazing school.

WE know you will enjoy our wonderful school community!!!

## Home And School Volunteer

As another school year begins so does the recruitment of parent volunteers who help make our school such a fabulous place. Without the help of the parents several of our programs, such as library, hot lunch, etc, would not be able to run so effectively to the benefit of our students. A volunteer breakdown can be found on our school webpage and we ask that you consider volunteering some of your time for your children's school. Please contact the person listed on the form or at lakefieldhomeandschool@gmail.com and help our children. When parents volunteer, their children understand the importance of school and it also permits the parents access to better communication between the school, staff and home.

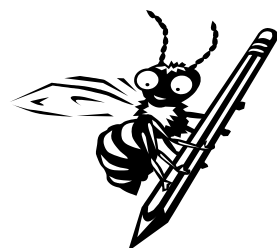
## Safe Arrival

We have implemented a safe & quick Safe Arrival process but need your help to make it work efficiently ensuring the safety of your children. An email of how we are to use this system has been sent home to each family. Please take the time to read how to use the system and register your child as soon as possible. There will be three ways to use the safe arrival program, 1. Downloaded App, 2. Safe Arrival Webpage or 3. A toll free phone line. For this program to work we need every parent to choose one of the three options and register their child and then to use the system when your child will be late or absent from school.

## Teacher's e mail addresses and Web page information

We have added our teacher's e mail addresses to our school web page so that parents will be able to communicate with the teachers using their e mail accounts. We do have to caution parents **not** to send in an email that might **be time sensitive**, as many teachers are not on their email during the school day. If you have something that is time sensitive, such as not putting your child on the bus afterschool, we ask that you contact the school directly so that Mrs. Whittaker can relay the urgent message directly to the teacher. Also, on the web page you will find all voice mails, School newsletters, School Improvement plans and much more.

Please check us out at <http://lakefieldelementary.nbed.nb.ca/> or on Facebook at **Lakefield Happenings**



*We catch more bees  
with honey than we  
do with vinegar.*