

Lakeview Elementary School Welcomes You!

Start-Up Memo: August 30th, 2017

Welcome Back!

School starts next week, and we are excited to welcome your children back. We're also happy to welcome new and returning families into our school community. It's been a difficult summer for many with the fires, and we're hoping getting back to routines at school will be helpful. We'll keep an eye on your children and support as necessary. We'll also monitor air pollution and use the air pollution index and better judgment for decisions regarding play and exercise outdoors.

Start-Up Week

The first day of school for students in grades 1-7 is on Wednesday, September 6th. All students go to the gym at 8:30 for an assembly, not their old classroom. At the assembly, we will review the week's events, and then students will head off with their House Team, and to their temporary classroom. Students will not need regular school supplies until week two. For the first week, please send their recess snack, lunch, indoor/outdoor shoes, and a change of clothes if needed. This first day of school is a half day and students are dismissed at 11 am. Buses leave Lakeview at 11:30; supervisors will be on site.

During the first week of school, students will once again travel in House Teams to each of our 12 teachers/classrooms. The classroom they start in following the assembly on Wednesday morning will be their home base however, and where they will go for attendance, snacks, etc. Our teachers have designed collaborative, team-focused challenges to get our kids working together, communicating, and building relationships in a multi-age format. We'll continue to talk and think about what makes a great school, and we'll support students to celebrate who they are and what makes each of them a great person. Supporting students' ability to collaborate, communicate, and work as a team is important. These lifelong skills are part of the Core Competencies of learning, and are infused throughout our re-designed curriculum. Learn more about the Core Competencies here: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/competencies>.

Students will be placed in their new classrooms on Friday afternoon, and following an assembly to end the first week. Starting the year in this format brings our school community together in a very positive way. From the start, students learn the benefits of working together in multi-age groups, and they begin to form relationships with all of our staff. Last year, it was a great format for our new students and families as a sense of belonging was created for everyone from the start. This first week program sets an important tone for our school that lasts throughout the year.

Kindergarten Start

All kindergarten students start at Lakeview on Monday, September 11th. Our kindergarten teachers will contact parents next week to let you know what class your child is in. Our school community will embrace our new K students from the beginning. Our new students will also celebrate who they are as individuals and will participate in some of the same activities our grade 1-7 students participated in the week before. We're looking forward to seeing our new cohort of students!

Allergies

Please remember that we have students with life threatening, anaphylactic allergies. Our school is peanut/tree nut free, and shellfish free. For the first week of school, please do not send any fish products including tuna and salmon. When we start week two, and students are in their regular classes, salmon and tuna can be sent with the exception of our allergic student's classroom. We'll notify parents of that classroom. Please remember that our school and all School District facilities are scent free.

Facebook!

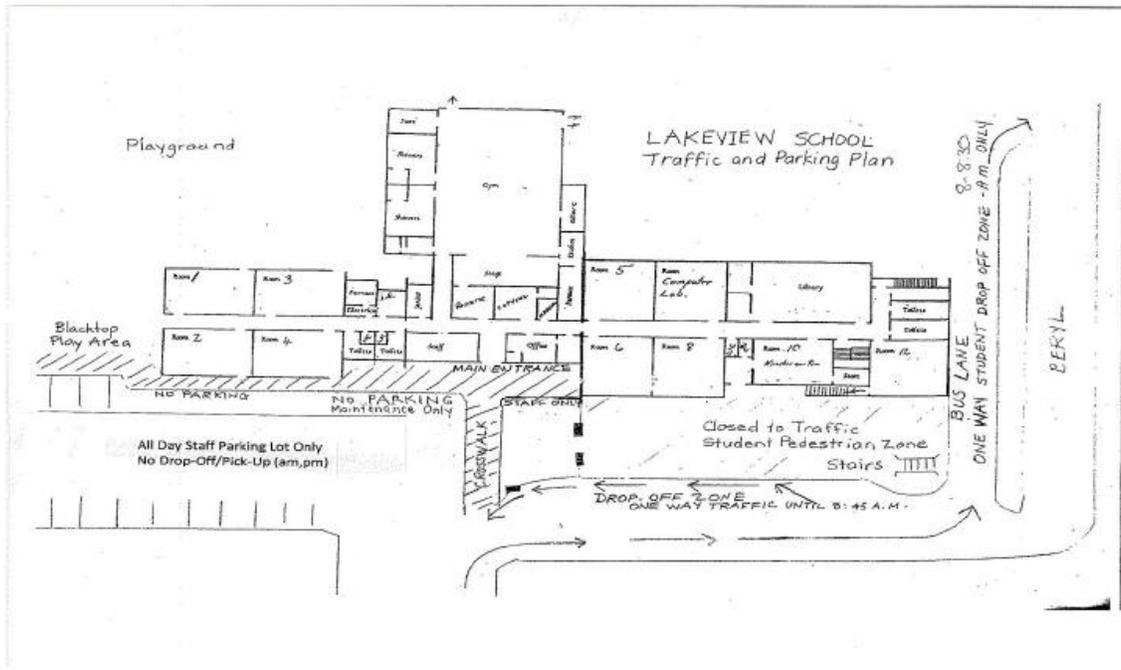
The school is now operating a closed facebook group. The page will be operated from the office, and is for sharing information and celebrating school events. It is a closed page to keep confidentiality a priority. We will share photos of events, but only for parents who have authorized this sharing through our media release (sent out every September). You can request to join the page here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lakeviewelementary/>

Parking, Pick-Up & Drop-Off

Please review the parking and drop-off guidelines attached below. It's important that we all follow these guidelines for the safety of our kids. Please remember that the main parking lot can't be used for drop-off or pick-up of students.



Lakeview Elementary: **Parking & Drop-Off/Pick-Up**



PLEASE REVIEW OUR PARKING AND STUDENT DROP-OFF/PICK-UP GUIDELINES CAREFULLY. THANK-YOU! ☺

MAIN PARKING LOT: Staff ONLY NO drop-off in morning and NO pick-up after school

DISABILITY PARKING: Parking is available in front of school, by main entrance, for those with DECALS

BUS LANE DROP-OFF: 8:00 – 8:30 Drop-off ONLY *BUSES HAVE PRIORITY AT ALL OTHER TIMES*

FRONT DROP-OFF: UNTIL 8:45 Drop-off ONLY *BECOMES ALL-DAY VISITOR PARKING AFTER 8:45*

PARKING: Park on the street where allowed, front parking area (after 8:45), or Park at the LDS Church (Thank you to the LDS Church!). There is some parking in our lower lot, but you must enter the school through our main entrance.

TUNNEL: For pick-ups at frontage road at the tunnel, park ONLY on the side of the road next to the tunnel

Please drive slowly along our roads, and always STOP to let students cross