



G. S. LAKIE MIDDLE SCHOOL

GRADE 6 OPTION COURSES 2017 - 2018

Congratulations!! You are about to be the new grade 6 students at G.S. Lakie Middle School. We know you are excited and probably a bit nervous, but don't worry. The staff at Lakie will help you every step of the way.

We are very proud of our option program and it is definitely one of the highlights you will experience at our school. There are many different courses you can choose from as outlined in your handbook. Don't be afraid to try something new. You can look forward to learning new things, making new friends and facing new challenges in life.

Remember to ask questions and keep smiling. Your time at G.S. Lakie is sure to be memorable, and we are looking forward to working with you.

Have a terrific summer! See you in September!

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Registration Information

WELCOME TO G.S. LAKIE MIDDLE SCHOOL!!!! This booklet contains information about the Option Courses which are offered at G.S. Lakie. At our school, students rotate through seven class periods a day. The “Core Classes” – Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Language Arts and Physical Education, fill five of the class periods with the remaining two periods being “Option Courses.” The school year is divided into three report periods and in each report period students rotate into two “new” options. Grade six students at G.S. Lakie have an opportunity to experience **SIX** option courses.

G.S. Lakie offers a broad selection of options and we, at the school, are very proud of the fact that our teachers are well-qualified to teach such a wide range of subjects. We hope that your children have a wide exposure to all different kinds of programs in their three years here at Lakie.

PLEASE NOTE: Depending on student numbers and the students’ option course choices, new courses may be created or courses could be cancelled.

Option Courses

It is important to remember that **BAND, CHOIR, DANCE**(some classes) and **FRENCH** run more than one report period. **BAND** is scheduled for three report periods; **CHOIR, FRENCH and DANCE**(some classes) for two report periods.

Art 6



EVERYONE can draw and create art!!! If you think you can only draw a stick man, take this class, and you will amaze yourself at what you can do as an artist!! Art is about making people feel, see or think differently; not just about technique or skill.

This Art 6 class will focus mostly on the process of drawing; using intensity of shadows, highlights and texture to evoke realism within a composition. We will also play with sculptural and abstract art concepts. Most commonly used media is graphite (pencil).

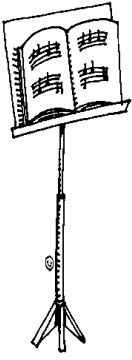
ARTing Around the World 6

If you love arting around then this is the class for you! Let your creativity flow in this fun art class that takes you around the world – figuratively speaking. You will be given the opportunity to learn different styles, techniques and mediums of art inspired by different cultures from around the world and create finished pieces of your own. This class will tap into your curiosity and imagination and instill an understanding and respect for the diverse and magical world we live in.

ARTing Through Time 6

If you love arting around then this is the class for you! Let your creativity flourish in this hands-on art class that takes you on a tour of art through different time periods. You will be given the opportunity to learn a variety of styles, techniques and mediums of art inspired by different art movements from ancient civilizations to innovative artists of today. This class will tap into your imagination and give you a chance to learn from the greats all the while making your own great works of art.

Band 6



Do you love music and trying new musical instruments? Then grade 6 Band is the option for you to explore music. Band 6 is a **performance** option. All students currently in grade 5 are invited to join our band where they will learn to play and perform on one of the following instruments: flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, french horn, trombone, baritone, tuba or bass guitar. **All Students** will learn some drum set and percussion. Band 6 occurs during all **3 terms**. Performance highlights of the year include **a beginner clinic** and concert in September, **Christmas concert**, and most importantly, the grade 6 band will be travelling **to Red Deer to participate in the Alberta Band Association festival of bands in May**. After developing skills for a year, band students in grade 7 & 8 have additional opportunities to perform in extended tours of Southern Alberta.

Parent's Note: Students are required to provide their own instrument for band, with the exception of the french horn, baritone and tuba which are rented from the school. Instrument choices will be made in June. **Do not make arrangements for a rental instrument until a recommendation has been obtained from the band teacher.** If the family already owns an instrument, the student may use it; otherwise, an instrument may be obtained from one of the local suppliers of rental instruments.

*****Note:** Students can take only one of the following: Band or Guitar.

Choral 6

The Performing Arts at G.S. Lakie.
EXPERIENCE THE "JOY" OF SINGING

Do you find yourself singing along with the radio or scouring Youtube for new music? Are you a karaoke master? Do you eat, sleep and breathe music or even just enjoy singing in the shower? Well..... Choral 6 is the class for you. We will be teaching the correct way to use your voice and get you singing like a superstar. The curricular program is designed for all students regardless of self-perceived musical ability, background or experience. Simply put: come out to enjoy singing and learning more about expressing music! We will sing all kinds of music....from BACH to Rock! Scheduled concert activities include a Christmas concert, Singing for our Soup concert, and the Spring concert.

*****Note:** Students can take only one of the following: Choir or French



Dance 6: Hip-Hop Performance



During this class students will have the opportunity to master new dance skills and original choreography. This class is suitable for all levels from **BEGINNER** to advanced and it runs for **two terms**. Please note students enrolled in this class will have the opportunity to perform in a culminating production that will be viewed by thousands of audience members. You will feel like a star performing onstage with stylish costumes and cool lighting effects. This course incorporates various dance styles such as hip-hop, break dancing, house, tutting, waving, gliding, crumping, pop/locking and stomp.

In this class you will also get to participate in our **student choreography** unit. During this unit you will select your favorite music, choreograph a dance routine, design lighting and choose your favorite performance outfit! Using Audacity (music editing software) Mrs. Legge will show you how to splice a variety of songs together and edit the music as you see fit. This will allow you to showcase all your favorite dance styles within your final project. Our student choreography unit challenges students to be creative, innovative and cooperative!

Through dance, students will gain spatial awareness, self-awareness, self-confidence, musicality and develop a greater appreciation for the arts. Participation in dance will improve muscle strength, balance, coordination, flexibility, core stability and cardiovascular fitness.

If you want to have a blast moving to the music you love then come join Mrs. Legge in her Hip-Hop Performance class!

Please note this option runs for two terms. A pair of indoor runners will be needed for this class. There is a **\$30 production fee** for this course.

Dance 6: Dance Fusion Performance



During this class students will have the opportunity to master new dance skills and original choreography. This class is suitable for all levels from **BEGINNER** to advanced and it runs for **two terms**. Please note students enrolled in this class will have the opportunity to perform in a culminating production that will be viewed by thousands of audience members. You will feel like a star performing onstage with stylish costumes and cool lighting effects. This course incorporates various dance styles such as Hip-hop, Jazz, Tap, Modern, Bollywood, Broadway, Ballet, Latin, African and Caribbean.

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Beginner Dance Fusion 6

During Mrs. Legge's beginner dance fusion class students will have the opportunity to will have the opportunity to learn new dance skills and original choreography. Not to worry if you are a first time dancer, we will be learning at a very slow pace during this class. Students will explore various dance styles such as Hip-hop, Jazz, Tap, Modern, Bollywood, Broadway, Ballet, Latin, African and Caribbean. As a culminating project students will get to choreograph their own dance to a song from a musical of their choice. Students may have an additional opportunity to perform in one of our school productions. This class will improve students muscle strength, balance, coordination, flexibility, core stability and cardiovascular fitness. Through dance, students will gain spatial awareness, self-awareness, self-confidence, musicality and develop a greater appreciation for the arts.

Recreational Hip-Hop & Breakdance 6

During Mrs. Legge's recreational hip-hop class students will have the opportunity to learn new dance skills and original choreography. Not to worry if you are a first time dancer, we will be learning at a very slow pace during this class. This course incorporates various dance styles such as hip-hop, break dancing, house, tutting, waving, gliding, crumping, pop 'n locking and stomp. During our student choreography unit dancers will have the opportunity to create their very own routine! Students will also have the opportunity to design lighting, costumes and learn how to splice music for their student choreographed performance piece. This will challenge students to be creative and cooperative! Through dance, students will gain spatial awareness, self-awareness, self-confidence, musicality and develop a greater appreciation for the arts. If you want to have a blast moving to the music you love then this is the option for you! Please note a pair of indoor runners will be needed for this class (Preferably with white soles).



Digital Art 6

Digital Art 6 offers students a chance to develop their technology skills, while experiencing components of the grade 6 Art curriculum in a digital environment. The aim of the course is to expose students to digital image manipulation, digital drawing and online image/art tools. Students will investigate career connections and create a digital portfolio to showcase final projects.



Digital Presentations & Animations 6

Create animated music videos, animated storybooks, digital game animations and digital quiz/survey communications. Students will create effective communication tools using video, audio, print media and online productions tools.

Drama 6

Express yourself! The goal of drama 6 is to encourage a positive self-concept that explores life and situations by taking on the roles of others. Drama students will experiment with **dramatic play, movement, speech, and theatre study** in a variety of forms. Drama 6 encourages you to work with other people in the school, communicate within small and large groups, as well as work together as a class. If you want to get to know more people in your school, play games, improvise scenes, and perform sketches for an audience, then DRAMA 6 is the place to be! Be prepared to have fun, work hard, and showcase your awesome!

Film Studies 6

Do you love movies? This option class is for grade 6 students who love movies and how they are made. The class will watch a number of films and analyze them with regards to: the script, photography, music, special effects and of course, acting. We will also do some fun projects with various movies like filming short segments or commercials for them, creating movie posters or even stop frame animation. When students have some practical experience with these concepts and have shown some understanding, they will be given the opportunity to plan and create a film project of their own.

By the very nature of this course, we will be using some technology, but there will also be acting, directing and film production aspects to the course. Since cooperation and teamwork are

absolutely crucial elements in the film making, the way students work together is vitally important in this class. Are you just a critic or do you have what it takes to be a Spielberg?

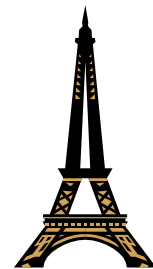


Foods and Nutrition 6

This is an introductory course. Topics emphasized will be nutrition and healthy food choices as well as basic food preparation. Students will learn measuring, basic cooking techniques, operation of appliances and equipment. Students will have an opportunity to sample their efforts in the kitchen throughout the term. They will then celebrate at the end of the course by inviting a guest to lunch. The focus of the course is on choosing and preparing healthy food choices including breakfasts, lunches, suppers and snacks.

French 6

Lethbridge School District No.51 offers a "Nine Year" French program, which means that students begin studying French in grade four and may continue to do so through grade 12. In middle school, French is optional. If students choose not to take French in grade six, it is not recommended that they re-enter in grade 7 or 8, but there may be exceptions. Students will learn to read, write and speak the French language while experiencing and appreciating an integral part of our bilingual country. French 6 is scheduled for **two terms**.



*****Note:** Students can take only one of the following: Choir or French

Guitar 6

This class is an “intro” to playing the guitar. Students will start by learning the parts of the instrument and the different types of guitars. Reading music notation on the guitar will be covered leading into basic chords, songs, and proper playing technique. Students will learn to play many styles including rock, blues, and classical. The class will also perform for assemblies and special events like our annual “GATORSTOCK” concert. These performances will be in a guitar ensemble and rock band setting. Beginner players will leave playing well, and intermediate players will acquire advanced techniques.

*****Note:** Students can take only one of the following: Band or Guitar.

ION Science 6

Do you want to be a scientist? Do you love learning about how things work? Then this is the class for you! We will learn about such topics as forensics (CSI), Neuroscience (brains), Engineering (Lego and model-building), astronomy and space exploration, fun science experiments, new discoveries and all that science has to offer are yours. We will keep an ‘ION’ all things science!

Leadership 6

Do you want a say in how Grade 6 at Lakie should be? Do you have great ideas on how to make a school more fun? Then this course is for you. This course will allow students to participate in shaping their grade six year. Students will be introduced to and learn about the organization of school activities and projects. They will learn about building positive school climate and atmosphere. Some of the activities students could be helping to organize are pep rallies, dances, intramurals, buddy systems, community activities and assemblies. Students will develop leadership, citizenship and organization skills throughout this course.

Math Magic 6

Immerse yourself in the world of patterns, finances and numbers. This is no math class! Through games and activities, we explore the centuries old art of having fun! You will learn such valuable skills as ‘how not to go bankrupt!’ You will learn how to design and build real-world structures. Math homework support will be available to you. You will get to play around with the most up-to-date math software, apps, manipulatives and games that teach you about number sense. I pads and cellphones are welcome in this class!



Music 6

Music 6 is a one term option designed to meet the Alberta curriculum requirements for grade 6 students. This class will be mandatory for all grade 6 students not enrolled in any other music options at G.S. Lakie. In this hands-on music class, students will have an opportunity to try a lot of different instruments: brass, woodwinds, guitars, drums, percussion and even some singing. No previous musical training is required to be successful in this class. Our goal is to let everyone experience the fun of playing music together on various instruments.

Parent’s Note: All of the instruments played in this class will be provided by the school. Students will be able to borrow the instruments to practice at home. Special care must be taken when the instruments are signed out as they are very expensive.

Musical Theatre 6

BRINGING BROADWAY TO THE CLASSROOM!

Newsies, Annie, Les Misérables, Hairspray and more! Do you love singing along with your favorite musicals or just want a chance to bring song and dance together? In this class we will focus on the three elements of musical theatre: singing, acting and dancing. In addition to listening to, watching and learning about dozens of musicals, students will be given a variety of group and/or solo projects and will have the opportunity to block and choreograph their own songs and scenes for a final class performance. You don’t need to be an experienced singer, actor or dancer to enjoy this lively class. Just come as you are and leave as a performer!

Outdoor Education 6: Archery

Another “outdoor” sport you will most certainly enjoy! In this option you will learn about safe range set-up and procedures, determine your dominant eye, make a string bow, learn and use the 11 basic steps to archery success, and of course practice, practice, practice, in order to become proficient at shooting arrows at a target. The best part is ANYONE can shoot a bow and get good at it with practice and focus so why not give it a try?

NOTE: This option will be taught by a nationally certified archery instructor (sponsored by AHEIA and NASP) and all equipment will be provided for the course. There is a **\$25 fee** attached to this course.

Outdoor Education 6: Fishing

Yes you read correctly.... fishing! In this option you will learn basic fishing – everything from fisheries management to fish identification, fishing techniques and equipment, knot tying and casting, safety, preparing and cooking the catch and of course the best part of all you will go fishing! So, whether you LOVE to fish or you’ve always wanted to try fishing, this is the option for you. (No equipment necessary but is certainly welcome). There is a **\$10 fee** attached to this course.

Outdoor Education 6: Wilderness Survival

If you like the outdoors, and you love a challenge, then this is the option for YOU! This course is one of three Outdoor Education courses being offered at GS Lakie. The focus of this course will be on practical knowledge about how to be safe when outdoors. What if you were stranded outdoors? Or lost? What would you do? Well if you want to know, I can teach you! Be prepared to learn everything from using a map and compass, to starting a fire and be prepared to work with others. This option will be action packed with many hands-on activities and will also involve many little challenge tasks along the way. There will be a fee attached to this course.

Outdoor Sports and Adventures 6

Improve your skills and knowledge in popular outdoor sports. Games will include flag football, baseball, hockey, golf, ultimate frisbee, orienteering and bocce. This option will challenge your abilities, build your confidence and develop your leadership skills.

Party Around the World 6

Students will explore the diversity of various countries around the world. They will learn basic phrases in the different languages while learning about the culture, traditions, folk dances, music and food! Students will have a chance to speak with natives from the various countries and will get to try their hand at some ethnic cooking.

Sewing 6

When students register in Sewing, they will be given an opportunity to create garments and other projects while learning skills and techniques for sewing on the machine. Projects will be a pillow, pillowcase and PJ pants. There may be an opportunity to make another project of their choice. The focus of the course is to learn life-long skills in a fun environment. There is a **\$4 fee** for this course.

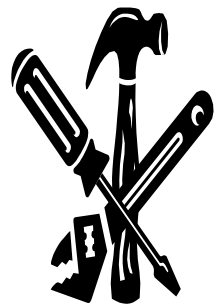


Shop 6 – Introduction to Construction and Fabrication 6

Please Note: Due to safety considerations in the shop area, only a limited number of students are able to take shop at one time.

There will be a \$10 shop fee added to school fees.

Students will learn basic hand tool and machine skills by designing and constructing projects out of wood, metal and plastic. Some possible project choices may include CO2 Race Cars, wooden puzzles, mini sticks, bird houses, CD/DVD crates, bent metal door hooks, sheet metal pencil boxes, plastic key holders, and formed plastic dishes. Safety, an important part of every shop class, will be taught and emphasized continuously during project design and construction.



Spanish 6

Did you know that Spanish is a more common native language than English? In this class, students will learn to speak, read and write in Spanish as they learn about the culture, food and music of various Spanish speaking countries. No previous experience with Spanish is required. Just come and be prepared to be immersed in a new language!

Strength and Conditioning 6

If you like a physical challenge and would like to be more fit, this option is a MUST! You are guaranteed to always be engaged in Strength and Conditioning 6. There are endless activities and challenges to put your current level of fitness to the test. Activities will range from indoor to outdoor and from games to circuits. Stations and contests will help to motivate the student athlete as well. No matter what is being done in this class, you are sure to have fun and are guaranteed to become stronger, faster, more flexible, more fit and definitely healthier!

Tech and the Real World 6

Do you love technology? Do you love to create with it? This is the option for you! We will plan, discuss, evaluate, create and post student creations using YouTube. “How to” videos, happenings at Lakie, as well as sharing and examining new technologies will also be a focus. This option will also look at fun ethical and appropriate use of social media to understand how a digital footprint affects us all.

13 Weeks - 6

Have you ever just wanted the time and opportunity to learn something? Are you open to trying new things? Imagine walking into a class each week and having it be different than the week before. 13 weeks...13 different topics! And student input will be considered in creating many of the weeks! Want to do a Mind Games Week involving strategy games like Settlers of Catan and Ticket to Ride? Let's do it! Coding Week? Yes! Anime/Manga/Cartoon Week? You got it! Let's figure out what makes you tick and create something for you!

Grade 6 Option Course Selection Form

Step 1: Grade 6 students are required to take an Art or Design option at G.S. Lakie this year. Please rate the following options in order of interest with #1 representing your first choice. You will receive one of these options.

Art 6	_____	(1 Term)
ARTing Around World 6	_____	(1 Term)
ARTing Through Time 6	_____	(1 Term)
Digital Art 6	_____	(1 Term)
Sewing 6	_____	(1 Term)
Shop 6	_____	(1 Term)

STEP 2: Grade 6 students are required to take a Music option at G.S. Lakie this year. Please rate the following options in order of interest, with #1 representing your first choice. You will receive one of these options.

Band 6	_____	(3 Terms)
Choral 6	_____	(2 Terms)
Guitar 6	_____	(1 Term)
Music 6	_____	(1 Term)
Musical Theatre 6	_____	(1 Term)

Step 3: Please rate the following options you would like to take, with #1 representing your first choice. Select your choices from #1 to #9. The options listed below will run for one term, unless otherwise specified.

Art 6	_____	ION Science 6	_____
ARTing Around World	_____	Leadership 6	_____
ARTing Around Time	_____	Math Magic 6	_____
Band 6	_____(3 Terms)	Music 6	_____
Choral 6	_____(2 Terms)	Musical Theatre 6	_____
Dance-HH Perform.	_____(2 Terms)	Outdoor Ed: Archery	_____
Dance-Fusion Perform	_____(2 Terms)	Outdoor Ed: Fishing	_____
Dance-Begin Fusion	_____	Outdoor Ed: Wilderness	_____
Dance- Rec HH	_____	Outdoor Sports & Adv	_____
Digital Art 6	_____	Partying Around World	_____
Digital Pres & Anim	_____	Sewing 6	_____
Drama 6	_____	Shop 6	_____
Film Studies 6	_____	Spanish 6	_____
Foods 6	_____	Strength & Cond. 6	_____
French 6	_____(2 Terms)	Tech & Real World 6	_____
Guitar 6	_____	13 Weeks	_____
Hockey 6	_____		

Student's Name: _____

Last School Attended: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

****Hand in this form, as well as your Hockey form to your Grade 5 teacher by May 5.**

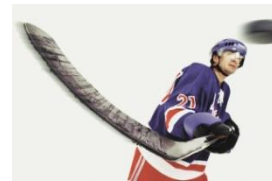
Hockey Development 6

Course Description

The hockey Development program will focus on further development of hockey basics such as skating, passing, stick handling, and shooting. Students will participate in both on and off ice activities to develop hockey skills.

There is a \$90 fee associated with this course to help defer transportation, and ice costs. There will be an information meeting held at the Parent Night on May 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the G.S. Lakie library.

There is limited space for this program.



Please note: This course is an option class and will be presented on the option form. This class will run (September-November.)

Student name: _____

Parent Signature: _____