

September 2, 2021

Re: G.S. Lakie annual fundraiser

To whom it may concern,

Hello and welcome to all our Gators, new and old. For those that have had students at G.S Lakie in the past, you will know each year our school sells discount cards as our main fundraiser to bring in valuable funds that go towards various larger ticket items that students will be able to enjoy for years to come. Discount cards are \$20 each and contain savings at many local establishments. They will be available to purchase, from our students of course, for the month of September. To best benefit our school, it is necessary to fundraise early in the school year, so money raised is accessible to benefit our student body for the duration of the year. One important initiative for 2021/22 is a revitalization of our FISH philosophy. We have earmarked some of this year's fundraising money to support growth in this area.

Covid-19 brought on significant challenges for all families. Those challenges range in severity from family to family. We at Lakie are aware that one such challenge may be financial in nature. Therefore, we do not require our families to purchase discount cards in support of our fundraiser. We do, however, ask you to support us if possible. By purchasing a discount card, or selling to close family and/or friends, you are supporting OUR school and helping us provide an engaging learning environment for our students.

In years past the fundraiser has encouraged students to sell as many cards as possible. Incentive prizes were a part of the sales initiative and it was a fun way to celebrate the efforts of our students. A big part of this recognition was FISH Friday school assemblies throughout the month of September that celebrated individual efforts. Unfortunately, we are currently prohibited to offer large gatherings/assemblies. However, we will do our best to create an inclusive activity weekly. We also do not wish to encourage door-to-door sales by our students. Our first and primary focus is keeping our students and our entire Lakie community healthy and safe.

In summary, our 2021 school-wide fundraiser will look different than years past, but similar to last year. There will not be FISH Friday in-person gatherings and celebrations, we will not have homeroom challenges and we will prohibit students from going door-to-door to sell as many discount cards as possible. We are incredible sensitive to the financial reality some of our families may be experiencing related to the pandemic or otherwise. What we will do instead is ask families to get in touch with close family and/or friends to assist us in our fundraising endeavors. We are asking each family to do their best to sell a minimum of THREE discount cards. In years past we've had many families sell well beyond 20-30 cards. By asking each family to sell three we feel it's realistic and manageable, and it will still allow us to meet our financial goals here at the school.





Sales will be completed in one of two ways:

- 1. Families can purchase cards via <a href="https://lethbridge.schoolcashonline.com/">https://lethbridge.schoolcashonline.com/</a>. When you log in, under your child's name, order the amount of power cards you would like to purchase.
- 2. We have supplied a tracking sheet for your convenience. Please keep track of your customers and the amount they have ordered from you. The total amount paid needs to be paid on School Cash Online.
  - a. Please make sure order forms are filled out. All order forms and money must be turned in the school no later than September 29<sup>th</sup>, with collections taking place each day
- 3. Power card sales will refresh on a week to week basis. This allows us to better track weekly totals for our student incentive draws.
- 4. If cash needs to be brought into the school, students will bring it in a sealed envelope marked with "Fundraiser", the student's name, and the amount of cash inside.
- 5. Purchased cards will go home on Friday of each week and we strongly encourage students to deliver sold cards ASAP after receiving them!
- 6. The Power Card Fundraiser will commence September 2<sup>nd</sup> and end on Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>.

For obvious reasons, we are encouraging sales to be as "cashless" as possible. **Schoolcashonline** is a great tool and should be used if, and when possible. Once money is received, discount cards will be sent home WEEKLY (Thursdays) with corresponding students. Families are asked to deliver cards they have sold as soon as possible.

Lastly, all individual sales will be tracked with the goal of three per student. More is great, so long as students are **NOT going door-to-door!** All students selling a minimum of ONE card will be entered into the weekly draws. If a student sells three or more power cards, they will be entered into a grand prize draw. We will not do anything beyond that for our incentive prizes in 2021, and we hope you understand and support us with this.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me!

Sincerely,

Brad Dersch Vice Principal





## PARTICIPATING BUISNESSES

## 2021/22





