

Monday Sept 12 th	<u>Tuesday Sept 13th</u>	Wednesday Sept 14 th	<u>Thursday Sept 15th</u>	<u>Friday Sept 16th</u>
Canteen orders taken on School Cash Online for Sept 19 th and beyond		Firedrill 12:15 p.m. School ends at 2:00 p.m. Week 1 Fundraiser totals calculated	Lakie Cross Country Run @ Nicholas Sheran Park Week 2 Power Card sales start	Terry Fox Day – Bring a Toonie for Terry Fundraiser FISH Friday Students are dismissed at 11:30 a.m. Friday 2 Option
Monday Sept 19 th	<u>Tuesday Sept 20th</u>	Wednesday Sept 21 st	Thursday Sept 22 nd	<u>Friday Sept 23rd</u>
Canteen Opens for Service (pre-orders on School Cash Online)	Parent Council 6:00 p.m.	LSAA Cross Country Run @ Nicholas Sheran Park School ends at 2:00 p.m. Week 2 Fundraiser totals calculated	Week 3 Power Card sales start	Fundraiser FISH Friday Students are dismissed at 11:30 a.m. Friday 1 Option

FISH Philosophy

Here at Lakie, we live by and promote the FISH philosophy. You will see signage around our school promoting FISH and we speak to students about it regularly. The four pillars of the FISH philosophy are to Be There, Play, Make Their Day & to Choose Your Attitude. They are facets of life that aren't just important here at school but could and should be translated into everyday life. It isn't hard to find literature online or in print explaining the FISH philosophy in more depth. Feel free to seek some out if you wish! Here is one such example <u>The FISH! Philosophy Story – FISH! Philosophy Training (fishphilosophy.com)</u>

Electronic Devices

As I'm sure you can appreciate, devices are a significant source of stress within schools. Issues resulting from students bringing devices to school range from damage and theft to lack of attention and engagement in the classroom. Furthermore, they sometimes create peer issues due to misuse in and out of school. This leads to many, many hours being lost to dealing with such issues. That said, we do feel there is a time and place for them to supplement learning in the classroom. At Lakie all students have a school issued lock and locker where valuables should be stored. Devices should remain in lockers unless teachers invite students to bring them to class for educational reasons. If you need to contact your child, we are more than willing to relay messages through our front office. We ask you to please support us with this policy as it is in the best interest of your child and their learning.

Bus Information

Southland Transportation Ltd is the provider for bussing in our Division. For more information, as well as access to the MyBusStop app, visit the Southland website at <u>https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/transportation/mybusstop-app</u>. To access your school code, visit the page, and enter the password: **southlandcodes**. A reminder that to qualify for bussing, a student's

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primary address must qualify by being 2.4km's or more away from the school. This, according to the software they use, as opposed to the likes of Google Maps. If you feel your address qualifies your child for bussing, but they currently don't, please contact Christine in our office.

Attendance - Absences

Daily attendance can be monitored via PowerSchool, as mentioned above. If your child is going to be away or needs to leave early, please inform the office in advance. This can be done by phone, or better yet, the Safe Arrival app. You can download this in the app store on your phone (SchoolMessenger app) or submit it on the Safe Arrival website (<u>https://go.schoolmessenger.com</u>).

Lakie Communication

Staff at G.S. Lakie will strive to communicate with families, throughout the year, to the best of our abilities. We will utilize many modes of communication to do so. Lakie has a website (<u>https://gsl.lethsd.ab.ca</u>), a Facebook account, Twitter account and Instagram account to compliment this weekly Gator Gab newsletter. We will also post some items on our digital sign on the front lawn as well as providing daily, morning announcements to all students in attendance. LSD51 schools also use the School Guide app. If you have students in other schools, all will be live on this app at <u>https://www.boxcleveredu.ca/our-products/schoolguide-app.</u> Lastly, in pertinent situations, Synervoices will call home as well. We strongly encourage families to use these tools, along with PowerSchool and Safe Arrival to get the most of your child's time at Lakie.

PowerSchool & School Cash Online

PowerSchool allows you to view updated information on your child's grades, homework and attendance. School Cash Online is an electronic payment system for all fees, etc. *This year School Cash Online will be used for preordering lunches for your child.*

If you need assistance signing up for PowerSchool or School Cash Online, please call the office at 403-327-3465.

Gator Volleyball

A reminder that our volleyball ID camps will run from September 8-13 for all interested students. Participant abilities will be assessed at that time and all athletes will then be placed into a program that suits their current level of ability. The three levels of play are House, Development and Rep. Details are posted on the athletics tab of our <u>website</u>. A complete season schedule will also be posted here.

Lakie Canteen – Need Parent Volunteers!

G.S Lakie is excited to welcome back our canteen provider from last year, Munchies. As was the case last year, Munchies will operate off a pre-order system. Orders will need to be made on <u>School Cash Online</u> the week before with the cutoff for orders Thursday evening of each week. This year Munchies will try walkup sales one day a week to see how it goes. If sales go well with the walkups, there may be an opportunity to build off that going forward. Once they communicate which day of the week that will be, we will communicate it with parents.

Weekly menus will be posted on the school website and in our weekly Gator Gab newsletter. **Online ordering will be available Monday, Sept. 12**th. You will be able to purchase lunches weeks in advance throughout the year, if you wish. Munchies also provides a well-stocked vending machines on site with an assortment of snacks and drinks.

As was the case last year, we will need to rely on parent to help distribute food each day in our canteen (Monday-Thursday). Ideally, our hope is to obtain 10-12 volunteers so each person would only need to commit a couple hours every other week. The commitment would simply require volunteers to take pre-packaged orders and place them in bins for a student from each cohort to pick up just prior to their eating time. The time commitment would be:

Mon, Tue, Thu – 11:10-12:10 p.m. Wed – 10:45-11:45 a.m.

If able to assist with this service, please email matthew.brunner@lethsd.ab.ca

After School Band Opportunities

Ms. Latta is Lakie's new band teacher for 2022/23 and she is excited to roll out some opportunities for new and experienced band students. Her beginner band program will start up Monday, September 12th and the grade 7 & 8 continuing band students' program will start Tuesday, September 13th. Please see the attached flyer and/or go to her band <u>website</u> for more details!!

Running Club

Our annual Lakie Running Club will commence Thursday, September 8th. See the attached flyer for details!

Power Card Fundraiser

This year's annual Power Card Fundraiser kicks off on Thursday, September 1st and run until September 29th. We wish to remind you this is our only fundraiser of the year and funds raised go towards wonderful initiatives in the building. Sales packages will go home with each student on the 1st, please watch for these. We ask for your support by setting a target of selling a minimum of three cards per family. More would obviously benefit our community but setting a target of three is both manageable and reasonable. Thanks in advance for your efforts. We will promote the fundraiser at school with some fun FISH Friday activities and many great incentives draws for students selling cards. Please feel free to call Matt Brunner if you have other questions regarding the fundraiser.

Picture Day

Tuesday, September 12th. Smile ③. The picture schedule will work around PE classes to ensure students get to wear clothing of their choice!

<u>Alberta Education – New Curriculum Update</u>

Please click <u>here</u> for a curricular update from LSD's Karen Baerg-Rancier, our Director of Curriculum and Instruction.

Follow Us !!!

As always, feel free to follow us on Social Media. If you want to see all of the great things that we are doing at Lakie, check us out on one of our Social Media Platforms:



Community Information and Flyers





Interested in hockey but don't want the significant time or financial commitment that often comes with this great sport? We offer an organized non-checking recreational hockey league for all genders aged 5-17. All skill levels are welcome. One hour, once a week. Season runs from October to March. Registration closes on September 10, 2022 - spots fill quickly so don't delay!

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<u>Competitive Division:</u> (10 months) Sept-June Starts: Sept 8th	
9/10 - Mon & Thurs 6:00pm-8:15pm	\$2150
Novice (11+ - 1yr comp.) - Tues & Thurs 6:00pm-8:15pm	\$2150
11/12, 13/15, Jr/Sr - Mon, Tues & Thurs 6:00pm-9:00pm	\$2700
Masters (18+) - Tues & Thurs 7:30pm-9:00pm	\$1250

Recreational Division - AquaGo

Beginner- Levels 1-2 (10 weeks) \$250 Oct 4 - Dec 6 Tues: 6:15pm-7:15pm or Oct 7 - Dec 9 Fri: 1:30pm-2:30pm

Intermediate Levels 3-4 (10 weeks) \$350 Oct 4 - Dec 6 Tues: 6:15pm-7:45pm or Oct 7 - Dec 9 Fri: 2:30pm-4:00pm

Advanced Level 5-6 (7 months) \$1000 Oct 6 - Thurs: 6:15pm-8:00 pm

> FREE TRIAL NIGHT SEPT. 27th - 6:30pm-8:00pm visit our website to register: www.lethsynchro.ca Max Bell Regional Aquatic Centre (UofL)

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!







