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*Below you will find information about the first week back in September for students.*

### **General Information:**

- [Grade 6 Supply List](#) – click for link
- [Grade 7 Supply List](#) – click for link
- [Grade 8 Supply List](#) – click for link
- [2023/24 Bell Schedule](#) – click for link
- [Parent/Student Handbook 2023/24](#) – click for link
- [2023/24 School Calendar](#) – click for link
- Our **Grade 6 Open House** will be **Thursday, Aug 31 from 1:30-2:30 p.m.**
- Meet the Teacher evening – **Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30 p.m.**
- Homeroom and Option Change Requests
  - A great deal of thought, consideration and collaboration goes into developing class rosters each year. As such, we will **not** entertain conversations or requests for students to change homerooms. Variables considered when creating classes each year are:
    - Student needs
    - Academic factors and student assessment data
    - Available educational assistant support
    - Gender ratios
    - Student behaviors
    - Number of students in classes
    - Student relationships with other students/class chemistry
    - Input from our counselling team
    - Data from learning team meetings regarding your child
  - Can we change my child's option classes?
    - a. Yes – Students chose their options in the spring, but we know things change and we are open to listening to them. If they did not choose options, they are assigned options.
    - b. We can change students' options, but it is important to follow the following guidelines, as we have over 500 students. Students must have the permission of their parents and can then request a change through their grade level administrator. Particularly at the start of the school year, changes often take time to accommodate. We will work through requests as quickly as possible, but please be patient as this transpires.
    - c. We ask that option change requests occur within the first 1-2 weeks of each term.
      - Option changes need to have the consent of student's parent/guardian and go through the grade level administrator.
- All students will enter and exit through the main doors at the front of the building each day.
  - Front doors will open daily at roughly 7:45 a.m.



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- In consideration of the safety of students and staff, doors will remain locked throughout the day in 23/24. Parents and guests will be required to enter through the main doors and sign in upon entry.
- Students and families will be able to see their timetable on PowerSchool as of Thursday, Aug 31, 2023.
- Our canteen is scheduled to open Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Students will be required to bring lunches from home until then. More details will be sent out closer to that date.
- G.S. Lakie website - [Home | G.S. Lakie Middle School \(lethsd.ab.ca\)](https://www.lethsd.ab.ca). Information will be posted on our Lakie website and social media accounts throughout the year.
- Devices are not permitted in classes at any time. We strongly encourage them to be left at home. If brought to school, they are to be stored in a student's locker. Click [here](#) for our device policy.

### **First Few Days of School:**

#### **Tuesday, September 5, 2023 - The first official day of school for all grade 6 students only**

- There will be **no grade 7 or 8 students** in the building on this day
- School busses will be running that morning for those that qualify
  - Bus passes will be distributed to students when they arrive to school on the 1<sup>st</sup> day
- First bell goes at 7:55 a.m. with school starting at 8:00 a.m.
- Students will enter through the main entrance and head directly to homeroom classes with their supplies
- All focus on this day will be committed to our newest and most vulnerable students. We will do our best to give them crucial information on this day to set them up for success.
- Students will receive a locker and a school issued lock to keep belongings safe
- There will not be a canteen open on this day, so please pack a lunch for your child
- Students will have plenty of time with their teachers today. They will receive school tours, go over timetables, be introduced to other staff, set up lockers, receive bus passes, hear about our FISH philosophy, and get a general understanding of expectations at Lakie.
- Students will also partake in some FISH activities today. If not familiar with the [FISH Philosophy](#), we hope you will be soon!

#### **Wednesday, September 6, 2023 – First official day of school for all grade 7 & 8 students only**

- There will be no grade 6 students in the building on this day
- School busses will be operational and will transport those that qualify to and from school.
  - Bus passes will be distributed later that morning, once students arrive at school
- First bell goes at 7:55 a.m. with school starting at 8:00 a.m.
- Students will enter through the main entrance and head directly to homeroom classes with their supplies.
- Students will receive a locker and school issued lock to keep belongings safe



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- There will not be a canteen open the first week of school. Please supply your child with a lunch.
- Students will have plenty of time with advisors and teachers today to go over expectations, timetables, etc. Students will also go through a condensed version of their timetable today to meet all teachers and get necessary information.
- Grade 7's & 8's will also partake in opening day FISH activities. The FISH philosophy is engrained in the culture of our building and it's important for us to integrate it from day one, on.
- Students dismissed at 2:00 p.m. – this is the regular dismissal time each Wednesday of the year.

#### **Thursday, September 7, 2023**

- ALL grade 6-8 students will attend on this day. Regular timetables will commence on September 7<sup>th</sup>
- Fundraiser will commence for all students (month of September)
- Volleyball ID Camps will commence for all interested athletes. Details will be posted late August.
- Meet the teacher (all families welcome to attend) – 6:30-7:30 p.m.

#### **Friday, September 8, 2023**

- School ends at 11:30 a.m. each Friday

#### **Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

- Regular programming for all students
- Picture day for all students



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## **G.S. Lakie Middle School Teaching Teams 2023/24**

### **Office Staff**

Brad Dersch (Principal); Aimee Dewacht (Vice-Principal); Matt Brunner (Vice-Principal)

Cathy Widmer, Christine Schooten (Administrative Assistants)

Fay Coleby & Jennifer Melting Tallow (Wellness Team)

Sheridan Mustard (Learning Commons Facilitator)

Joseph Wright (ELL & LST) & Kate Waldie (LST)

Ashley Lynch – Life Skills Program

### **CAP Team**

Lori Adamson  
Courtney Wehlage  
Kristi Legge

Gord Smith  
Jenelle Macdonald  
Sheldon Arvay

Ryan Letasy  
Keith Griffioen  
Ashley Lynch

### **Advisor Teachers**

#### **Grade 6**

6A – Amanda Oliver  
6B – Brandon Fletcher  
6C – Lisa McGee  
6D – Rus Milder  
6E – Courtney Wehlage  
6F – Kristi Legge

#### **Grade 7**

7A – Tavis Newman  
7B – Kristin Grant  
7C – Nicole Meier  
7D – Nick Rickards  
7E – Lori Adamson

#### **Grade 8**

8A – Keith Griffioen  
8B – Rod Kornelsen  
8C – Sydney Huculak  
8D – Brenda Anderberg  
8E – Frank Lowe