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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
 - Click [here](#) for information on how to purchase supplies using School Start (for all three grades).
- [2024/25 Bell Schedule](#) – click for link
- [School Handbook](#) – click for link
- [2024/25 School Calendar](#) – click for link
- Our **Grade 6 Open House** will be **Thursday, Aug 29 from 1:30-2:30 p.m.**
- Meet the Teacher evening – **Thursday, September 5th from 6:30-7:30 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.



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- Front doors will open daily at roughly 7:45 a.m.
- In consideration of the safety of students and staff, doors will remain locked throughout the day. 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 30, 2024.
- Our canteen is a “hot-lunch” style of pre-order service where families can purchase items on SchoolCashOnline twice per week. This is scheduled to open mid-September. More details will be sent out closer to that date.
- G.S. Lakie website - [Home | G.S. Lakie Middle School \(letbsd.ab.ca\)](https://www.letbsd.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 3, 2024 - 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 1st 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 4, 2024 – 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.



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- 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.
- 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 5, 2024

- ALL grade 6-8 students will attend on this day. Regular timetables will commence on September 5th.
- Our school-wide fundraiser will also begin for all students on this day and will last the month of September.
- Volleyball ID Camps will begin 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 6, 2024

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



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G.S. Lakie Middle School Teaching Teams 2024/25

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

Erin Wallace
Dale Friesen
Kristi Legge
Kate Waldie

Nate Fulcher
Austin Davenport
Sheldon Arvay

Ryan Letasy
Keith Griffioen
Ashley Lynch

Advisor Teachers

Grade 6

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

Grade 7

7A – Tavis Newman
7B – Kristin Grant
7C – Nicole Meier
7D – Nick Rickards
7E – Keith Griffioen
7F – Kate Waldie
7G – Dale Friesen

Grade 8

8A – Kathleen Janzen
8B – Frank Lowe
8C – Sydney Huculak
8D – Brenda Anderberg
8E – Sophia Zruna