



<p><u>Monday Sept 2nd</u></p> <p>No School Labor Day holiday</p>	<p><u>Tuesday Sept 3rd</u></p> <p>First Day for Grade 6 Students Only</p>	<p><u>Wednesday Sept 4th</u></p> <p>First Day for Grade 7 & 8 Students Only</p> <p>School ends at 2:00 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Thursday Sept 5th</u></p> <p>All grades attend</p> <p>Power Card Fundraiser Kickoff</p> <p>Running Club & Volleyball ID Camps Commence</p> <p>Meet the Teacher 6:30-7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Friday Sept 6th</u></p> <p>Fundraiser FISH Friday</p> <p>Students are dismissed at 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Friday 1 Option</p> <p>Beginner Band Clinic 12:00-1:30 p.m.</p>
<p><u>Monday Sept 9th</u></p> <p>Canteen orders taken on School Cash Online for Sept 16th and beyond</p>	<p><u>Tuesday Sept 10th</u></p> <p>Picture Day</p>	<p><u>Wednesday Sept 11th</u></p> <p>Fire Drill 12:45</p> <p>School ends at 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Week 1 Fundraiser totals calculated</p>	<p><u>Thursday Sept 12th</u></p> <p>Lakie Cross Country Run @ Nicholas Sheran Park</p> <p>Terry Fox Day – Bring a Toonie for Terry</p> <p>Week 2 Power Card sales start</p>	<p><u>Friday Sept 13th</u></p> <p>Fundraiser FISH Friday</p> <p>Students are dismissed at 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Friday 2 Option</p>

Welcome to the 2024/25 School Year!!
 Welcome back to all new and returning Gators! We are thrilled to begin the 2024/25 school year, which promises to be another outstanding year at Lakie. By now, you should have received our informational letter containing essential details about the first week of school. This letter was initially sent in June and has been resent recently. For your convenience, you can view it again by clicking here.

Please pay particular attention to the section regarding requests for option changes and the restrictions on homeroom changes.

Our weekly publication, Gator Gab, will be a primary source of communication throughout the year. We also encourage you to follow our updates via our [website](#), Facebook page, Twitter, and Instagram. We believe these platforms will keep our parent community well-informed about all activities at Lakie.

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 [The FISH! Philosophy Story – FISH! Philosophy Training \(fishphilosophy.com\)](#)

Meet the Teacher Night

We are excited to invite all parents/guardians to attend our Meet the Teacher information evening on Thursday, September 5th with a complimentary BBQ starting at 6:30 p.m., information at 6:45 and an open house to follow. You will hear our administrative team speak to many informational items at this event, as well as having the opportunity to tour the school and meet your child's teachers.

Electronic Devices

In accordance with the Government of Alberta's Ministerial [Order #014/2024](#) and our G.S. Lakie Personal Device Policy (click [here](#) to view), personal devices are to either stay at home or be placed in student lockers during all instructional time.

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. We encourage all students to leave devices at home. If brought to school, devices must be stored in the student's locker and can only be used before school, lunch time and/or after school. 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 bussing provider for Lethbridge School Division. For more information, as well as access to the MyBusStop app, visit the Southland website at <https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/transportation/mybusstop-app>. To access your school code, visit the page, and enter the password: **southlandcodes**. A reminder that to qualify for bussing, a grade 6 student's primary address must be 1.0 km's or more away from the school while grade 7 & 8's must be a minimum of 2.0 km's.

Attendance - Absences

Daily attendance is critical to student success. Please do what you can to get your child to school on time each day to help maximize their potential. Teachers, Administration and Counsellors will be following up with students and families struggling to attend regularly to create an action plan.

That said, families can monitor daily attendance through PowerSchool. If your child is going to be away or needs to leave early, please inform our office staff in advance. The best method to do so is through the Safe Arrival app. You can download this in the app store on your phone (SchoolMessenger app) or submit absences through the Safe Arrival website (<https://go.schoolmessenger.com>). Alternatively, you are welcome to excuse your child's absence by calling our front office.

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 (<https://gsl.lethsd.ab.ca>), 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 <https://www.boxcleveredu.ca/our-products/schoolguide-app>. Lastly, in pertinent situations, Synvoices 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.

Lakie Online Clothing Store

We have partnered with Custom Clothing to open an online clothing store that is now active. There are many options with most items available in multiple colors. You can choose to pick your order up at the store, have it delivered to the school or have it delivered to you at home! Since all orders are custom, no refunds will be given. Go to Online Store | Custom

Clothing www.customclothingstore.ca to submit your order today! The store will be open for the foreseeable future with no hard-closing date at the current time.

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 5th-9th 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 [website](#). A complete season schedule will also be posted here.

Lakie Canteen – Need Parent Volunteers!

We will once again be offering hot lunches to students twice a week starting mid-September. Orders will need to be made on [School Cash Online](#) the **week before**, with the cutoff for orders being Wednesday evening of each week. Currently, we are working with Quesada, Boston Pizza, Booster Juice, and Subway as our hot lunch vendors. Weekly menus will be posted on our school website and included in our weekly Gator Gab newsletter.

As was the case last year, we will once again require parent volunteers to help distribute food two days per week. Ideally, we would have 8-10 volunteers so individuals would only need to commit a couple hours each month. 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

Beginner Band Clinics

Mr. Griffioen will once again be offering Beginner Band Clinics this September for those new to playing an instrument. The two dates for these are September 13th and 27th from 12:00-1:30 p.m.

Running Club

Our annual Lakie Running Club will commence Thursday, September 5th. See the attached flyer for details!

Power Card Fundraiser

This year's annual Power Card Fundraiser kicks off on Thursday, September 5th and runs the month of September. We wish to remind you this is our only school-wide fundraiser of the year and funds raised go towards important school initiatives. Sales packages will go home with each student on the 5th, so 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

This year's fall pictures will take place Tuesday, September 10th 😊. Our picture schedule will work around PE classes to ensure students look great for their photos!

LSD Multi-Cultural & Diversity Newsletter – September

You can find the September edition of the LSD Multi-Cultural & Diversity Newsletter [here](#).

School & Community Informational Flyers

GS LAKIE VOLLEYBALL ID CAMPS



THURS. SEPT. 5, 2024

BOYS 3:00-4:30

GIRLS 4:30-6:00

FRI. SEPT. 6, 2024

GIRLS 11:30-1:00

BOYS 1:00-2:30

MON. SEPT 9, 2024

BOYS 3:00-4:30

GIRLS 4:30-6:00



G.S. LAKIE RUN CLUB
Get ready to lace up and get some training runs in before the X-Country school meets.

Tuesdays & Thursdays (1st run on Sept 5th)
Meet in the foyer at 3:00 pm
Pick-up is at 3:30

www.gsl.lethsd.ab.ca

2024-2025 INDOOR SOCCER REGISTRATION LYS LEAGUE
www.lethbridgesoccer.com // 403-320-5425 (KICK)

ONLINE ONLY: August 1st - September 16th, 2024

INDOOR SOCCER SEASON STARTS: October 2024 - March 2025 (Dates are subject to change) ALL SESSIONS HELD AT THE STERNS SPORTS CENTRE

Register your player in their BIRTH YEAR (All age groups are from birth dates January 1 - December 31 of specified year)
Players will remain playing in their age groups no movement up or down an age group

Player Request Fee: \$40.00

If there are not enough registrants per gender in U8 - U112 age groups - Groups will be combined CoEd

Age Group	Birthyear	Fee	# of games	**Days Playing	**Estimated Start Times
US CoEd	2020	\$240.00	16 (40 min. sessions)	Saturday	8:00am or 9:00am
US CoEd	2019	\$240.00	16 (40 min. sessions)	Saturday	9:00 am or 10:15am
U8 Boys	2017 & 2018	\$240.00	16 (40 min. sessions)	Saturday	11:00pm or 12:45pm
U8 Girls	2017 & 2018	\$240.00	16 (40 min. sessions)	Saturday	11:00pm or 12:45pm
U10 Boys	2015 & 2016	\$275.00	20 (55 min. sessions)	Monday and/ or Saturday	Mon 5pm* - Sat 8am*
U10 Girls	2015 & 2016	\$275.00	20 (55 min. sessions)	Monday and/ or Saturday	Mon 5pm* - Sat 8am*
U12 Boys	2013 & 2014	\$350.00	26 (55 min. sessions)	Monday and/ or Saturday (Some Friday's)	Mon 5:30pm* - Fri 5pm* - Sat 12pm*
U12 Girls	2013 & 2014	\$350.00	26 (55 min. sessions)	Monday and/ or Saturday (Some Friday's)	Mon 5:30pm* - Fri 5pm* - Sat 12pm*
U14 CoEd	2011 & 2012	\$350.00	26 (55 min. sessions)	Wednesday and/ or Saturday	Wed 5pm* - Sat 2:00pm*
U16 CoEd	2009 & 2010	\$350.00	26 (55 min. sessions)	Monday and/ or Saturday	Mon 7pm* - Sat 4:00pm*
U18 CoEd	2007 & 2008	\$350.00	26 (55 min. sessions)	Monday and/ or Saturday	Mon 8pm* - Sat 5:30pm*

****Days and Start times are subject to change and are provided as a guideline only****

PLAYER EQUIPMENT:
US & US: Tumbis Jersey, shorts & socks will be provided for each player to keep.
U8 - U18: Full kit Jersey, Shorts & Socks will be provided for each player to keep.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:
US & U6 TIMBITS: This is our introductory level, where all sessions are run by our CSA Certified Coaches who will help your child build a love for the ball.
US & U10 FUNDAMENTAL: At this stage, individual player development is paramount. Developing soccer creativity skills in a fun environment.
U12 & U14 LEARN TO TRAIN: Golden Age of Learning, that learnt technical skills are introduced to the beginning of the tactical environment.
U16 & U18 LEARN THE GAME: Combining previously developed technical and tactical skills, into a more mature game setting.

YOU COULD WIN \$10,000 + GIVE \$10,000 TO YOUR SCHOOL OF CHOICE

What if you had a whopping \$10,000 to kick off the school year?

Bear Paws® and UNO® are giving one lucky winner a chance to start September with an extra \$10,000 for their family, PLUS another \$10,000 to support their child's school!

Enter the contest by scanning the QR code or by visiting www.SnackPlayWin.ca

Every entry counts, so let's support our school and win this together!

SCAN TO WIN!

Contest closes 11:59:59 P.M EDT on September 30, 2024
*No Purchase Necessary. Subject to Official Rules at SnackPlayWin.ca.
*A Canadian publicly funded school board.

Food Order Menu

[Click here to order](#)



Lunch Menu

Hot Lunch

SEPT. 17 - 25



WEEK 1

TUESDAY Sept. 17: Quesada Burritos & Tacos
(Choice of meat or Roasted Veggies)

- Tacos (c/w 2 soft Tacos with lettuce & Cheese) \$8.50
- 8" Burrito (c/w rice, beans, corn, tomatoes, lettuce & cheese) \$8.00
- Jr. Burrito Bowl (c/w rice, beans, corn, tomatoes, lettuce & cheese) \$8.50

THURSDAY Sept. 19: Boston Pizza

- Personal Size Pizza (Pepperoni/Cheese/Hawaiian) with Drink \$8.00
- Personal size Pizza (Pepperoni/Cheese/Hawaiian) no Drink \$6.25
- Pasta (Meat Sauce/Marinara Sauce/Tomato Sauce) with Drink \$8.00
- Pasta (Meat Sauce/Marinara Sauce/Tomato Sauce) no Drink \$6.25

WEEK 2

MONDAY Sept. 23 : Booster Juice

- SMOOTHIES (355ml or 710ml) \$5.50 or \$8.75
- Wraps (Various to choose from) \$5.50

WEDNESDAY Sept. 25: Subway - choice of white or Gluten bun (\$1 extra)
(c/w white cheddar, lettuce, pickles & mayo, choice of drink, cookie or apple sauce)

- Meat (Choice of Ham, Turkey, Turkey & Ham) \$8.00
- Pizza (c/w pizza sauce, pepperoni, white cheddar) \$8.00
- Veggie (c/w white cheddar, lettuce, tomatoes, cucumber, pickles) \$8.00