



<u>Monday Dec 9th</u>	<u>Tuesday Dec 10th</u> <i>Book Fair Ends</i>	<u>Wednesday Dec 11th</u> <i>School ends at 2:00 p.m.</i> <i>Winter Band Concert 7:00 pm</i>	<u>Thursday Dec 12th</u>	<u>Friday Dec 13th</u> <i>Students are dismissed at 11:30 a.m.</i> <i>Friday 1 Option</i>
<u>Monday Dec 16th</u>	<u>Tuesday Dec 17th</u>	<u>Wednesday Dec 18th</u> <i>School ends at 2:00 p.m.</i>	<u>Thursday Dec 19th</u> <i>Gr 6 to Yates Memorial Theater 11:15-2:30 pm</i>	<u>Friday Dec 20th</u> <i>Students are dismissed at 11:30 a.m.</i> <i>Friday 2 Option</i> Last Day of School Before Winter Break

Attendance Matters!

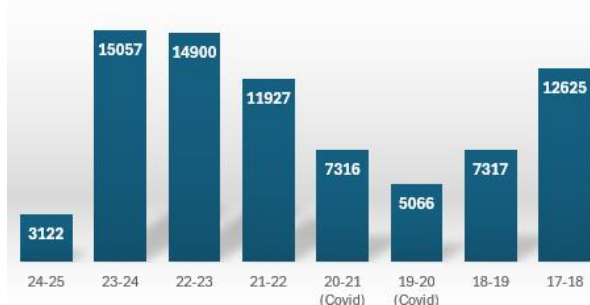
Attendance Trends at G.S. Lakie

As you may be aware, one of our key initiatives at Lakie this year is to address the growing concern surrounding student attendance, as outlined in our [Annual School Assurance Plan](#). Declining school attendance has become a significant issue across many schools and school divisions, both nationally and globally.

To raise awareness and offer support, we utilize our weekly Gator Gab newsletter, which includes tips for families. We acknowledge that the issue of absenteeism is multifaceted, and we approach it with the utmost respect for our students and their families.

Our Division Technology Team has compiled PowerSchool data from the past eight years (includes this year) to highlight the increasing concern regarding absenteeism. The graph below illustrates the number of blocks missed each year, not days, based on the following absence codes: Absent, Excused Absent, and Illness. It is important to note that this data reflects overall trends rather than individual student attendance, but it nonetheless serves as a point for reflection.

Absences at G.S. Lakie



Term 1 Report Cards

Term 1 marks and comments will be accessible in PowerSchool as of 11:00 am today (December 6). We encourage you to review your child's progress and reach out to the teaching staff if you have any questions.

Lakie Book Fair

Bring on the Bookjoy! The Scholastic Book Fair is almost here. Get ready...your students' favourite characters and series, cool posters, and all the awesome stuff they need to help create their own story are coming to Lakie! Students will have a chance to browse and/or shop as a class in their weekly visit, or individually over lunch and after school from November 28th - December 10th. Parents, if you are joining us for Salsa in the Swamp on the 27th, pop into the Learning Commons to check it out yourself! – **Flyer Link** ([click here](#))

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.

Theme Days – December 16-20

We're excited to once again host some fun theme days in the final school week of 2024. Please encourage your child to join in the fun by dressing up! Themes for each day are on the poster below!

Student Fees Are Due

All student fees are due. Please go to [School Cash Online](#) to pay any outstanding fees as soon as possible. Thank you!

Yearbook Orders

You can order your child a yearbook on [School Cash Online](#) for \$35 and they will be delivered to students in late June.

Lakie Hot Lunch Orders

Hot lunch orders need to be made the week before on [School Cash Online](#) with the cutoff 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.

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.

LSD Multi-Cultural & Diversity Newsletter – December

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

Division Indigenous Education Newsletter – November

You can find the November edition of the LSD Indigenous Education Newsletter [here](#).

Division Digital Wellness Newsletter – December

You can find the December edition of the LSD Wellness Newsletter [here](#).

School & Community Informational Flyers

SCHOLASTIC
It's **BOOK FAIR** time!

November 29–December 10

- At lunch (not Advisor)
- After school for 30 minutes
- A class visit for each pattern on their regular "library" day!

In the Learning Commons!

COME TO THE FAIR CHOOSE BOOKS YOU LOVE

Dates / Times / Place

Every purchase at the Fair benefits our school! Woo hoo!

FESTIVE WEEK @ LAKIE!
DECEMBER 16-20TH

MONDAY **TUESDAY** **WEDNESDAY**

Red & Green Day! **Light Up Day** **Ugly Sweater Day!**

THURSDAY **FRIDAY**

Crazy Holiday Hair! **PJ Day!**

12 DAYS OF DIGITAL WELLNESS

Day	Gift	Description	📺
1	Fuel Your Mind	For the next 12 days, commit to reading 20 pages per day. Try replacing your PMD (personal mobile device) with your book around the house.	
2	Mindful Moments	Intentionally seek ways to upgrade communication and actively listening to others today. Be digitally undivided in your communication to others.	
3	Screen-Free Meals	Commit to gadget-free meals today savoring in your meals, connecting with loved ones, and practicing mindful eating.	
4	Digital Kindness	Use your technology to spread a note of positivity, appreciation, or gratitude to someone you value and appreciate today.	
5	Nature Movement	Participate in an intentional movement or exercise initiative today in nature. Invite a friend, family member, or colleague to join.	
6	Tech as a Tool	Expand your digital toolkit by learning about a new app/platform from a family member, friend, or colleague. Ask what and why they enjoy it?	
7	Sleep Preparation	Establish a screen free sleep hygiene schedule. Considering moments of gratitude in the day, reflective moments, and goals for growth tomorrow.	
8	"To Be" List	Redefine your day. Instead of focusing on tasks ("to do"), cultivate the qualities you want to embody in a "to be" list today. Reflect: Did I grow closer to that list today?	
9	Tech-Zone	Create a specific tech zone in your house, establishing all other areas as "tech-free spaces."	
10	Mindful "Self Talk"	Monitor your "self-talk" today. Encourage and frame your self chatter to find positivity, gratitude, acceptance, and learning opportunities in your day.	
11	Throwback Day	Engage in a nostalgic activity that fosters learning and community. Rediscovering the joy of collaborative play and creativity.	
12	Gratitude & Reflection	Reflect on your digital wellness journey, express gratitude for the positive changes, and set new goals for the future.	

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY

WHERE: School Cash Online or in the Office

WHEN: Order by January 31

PRICE: \$35

with PRIESERS

Order your yearbook [here!](#)

REPORT CARD ANNOUNCEMENT

Staff are currently finalizing report card comments for term 1. Parent will be able to access their child's report via PowerSchool on Friday, Dec 6 @ 11am

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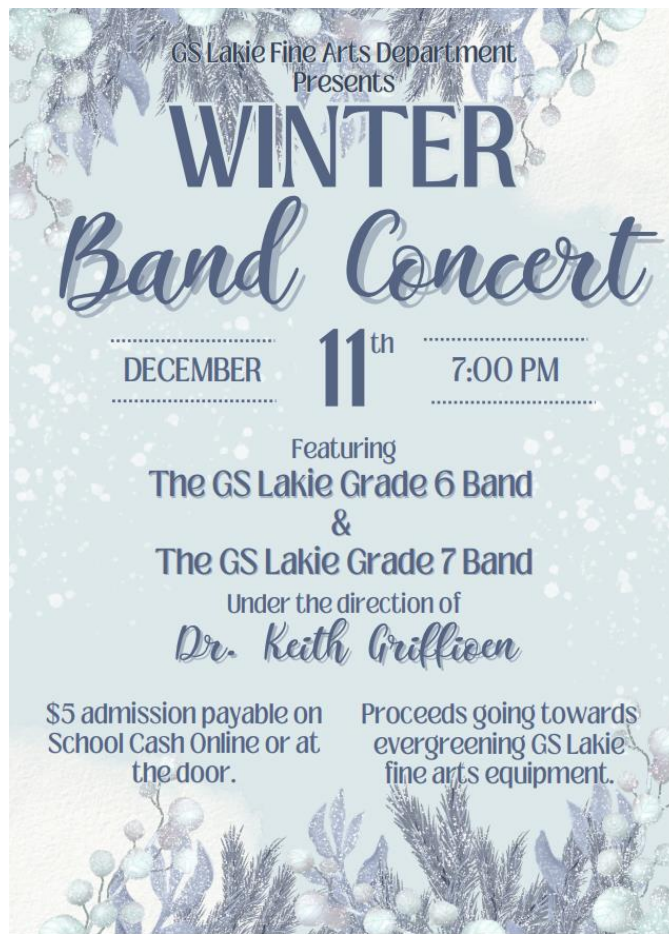
GS Lakie Fine Arts Department
Presents

WINTER Band Concert

DECEMBER 11th 7:00 PM

Featuring
The GS Lakie Grade 6 Band
&
The GS Lakie Grade 7 Band
Under the direction of
Dr. Keith Griffioen

\$5 admission payable on School Cash Online or at the door. Proceeds going towards evergreening GS Lakie fine arts equipment.



Santa-Paws

2 weeks of giving!
December 5th - 19th

Bring cat and dog foods

**EVERY CAN/BAG
MATTERS!**



Our grade 8 student leadership group is running this initiative in support of the Lethbridge and District Humane Society. Please consider supporting this important food drive!

Food Order Menu

[Click here to order](#)



Lunch Menu

Hot Lunch



DEC. 10 - 18

WEEK 1

TUESDAY Dec. 10: 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 Dec. 12: 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 Dec. 16 : Booster Juice

SMOOTHIES (355ml or 710ml) \$5.50 or \$8.75

Wraps (Various to choose from) \$5.50

WEDNESDAY Dec. 18: 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