



<p><u>Monday Jan 27th</u></p>	<p><u>Tuesday Jan 28th</u></p>	<p><u>Wednesday Jan 29th</u> <i>Parent Teacher Bookings CLOSE for Families (2:00 pm)</i> <i>School ends at 2:00 p.m.</i></p>	<p><u>Thursday Jan 30th</u> <i>Regular Day of School with Parent-Teacher Interviews 4:00-8:00</i></p>	<p><u>Friday Jan 31st</u> <i>No School for Students – Parent Teacher Interviews 8:00-11:30 am</i> <i>Yearbook Order Deadline</i></p>
<p><u>Monday Feb 3rd</u></p>	<p><u>Tuesday Feb 4th</u> <i>LSD Town Hall 6:30-8:30 pm Victoria Park High School (gym)</i></p>	<p><u>Wednesday Feb 5th</u> <i>School ends at 2:00 p.m.</i></p>	<p><u>Thursday Feb 6th</u></p>	<p><u>Friday Feb 7th</u> <i>Friday 2 Option</i> <i>Students are dismissed at 11:30 a.m.</i></p>

Attendance Matters!

Attendance on Fridays tends to be less consistent compared to other weekdays. For some students, reaching the end of the week can be challenging, while others may perceive Fridays as less important due to the shorter school day. Additionally, some students miss Fridays due to family commitments or extracurricular activities. Regardless of the reason, it is important to emphasize that Fridays at Lakie are not simply a time for relaxation or less serious activities.

While we do celebrate our FISH philosophy with a "FISH Friday" event at the beginning of each Friday, the academic expectations and rigor remain consistent with the rest of the week. In fact, approximately 15% of a student's core class time occurs on Fridays, meaning that missing even one Friday per month can significantly impact their learning.

Over the past few years, we have implemented several changes to our Friday schedule to enhance student engagement and attendance:

- FISH Friday activities now begin just prior to the 8:00 am bell and run until approximately 8:20 am. Aside from being fun and engaging, they also reinforce the four pillars of the FISH philosophy and build community in our school.
- We have introduced a Friday 1/Friday 2 rotation, offering students 1 of 2 of the electives they've chosen. This rotation aims to increase motivation and encourage consistent attendance.
- Core teachers now lead their own classes on Fridays, replacing previous practices where other staff members provided coverage to meet timetable requirements.

These adjustments are designed to create a more engaging and academically rigorous environment, ensuring that Fridays remain a valuable part of the learning experience.

Westside Invitational Basketball Tournament

Our annual basketball tournament, in partnership with Senator Joyce Fairbairn MS, will be held January 24th & 25th. The boys draw will take place at Lakie with the girls playing at SJF. Click [here](#) to access both the boys and girls tournament draws. It would be great to see students and families come out to support our teams!

Yearbook Orders

This is a friendly reminder that yearbook sales for the 2024-2025 school year will **close on Friday, January 31st**. The cost is \$35, and yearbooks serve as a cherished keepsake for students. To ensure you don't miss out, please place your order today via [School Cash Online](#). Yearbooks will be distributed in late June to those who have purchased them, with designated time for students to have their peers sign them.

Parent Teacher Interviews

In-person interviews will take place January 30th (4:00-8:00 p.m.) and 31st (8:00-11:30 a.m.). You will need to book your interviews in advance on our G.S. Lakie website under the "[Bookings](#)" tab. The bookings tab will open January 20th at 9:00 a.m. and close at 2:00 p.m. January 29th.

Personalized Waste Bin Fundraiser

Mrs. Waldie is running a fundraiser in support of our Dance and Design programs that allows people to purchase personalized waste bin labels! A set of three only costs \$12! Go to [SchoolCashOnline](#) to purchase and then email kate.waldie@lethsd.ab.ca the address you would like on your labels to complete the order.

LSD Town Hall – Need Volunteers

The annual Lethbridge School Division Town Hall is scheduled for Tuesday, February 4th from 6:30-8:30 pm at Victoria Park High School (gymnasium). Each school has been asked to advertise the event as well as find volunteers to attend. We are in need of six parent volunteers, four students and one community member to attend this event on behalf of our school. A cross section of attendees brings diverse perspectives to the table. Click [here](#) for more information on the event. Please email brad.dersch@lethsd.ab.ca if you would like to be a part of this.

Ultra Dance Odyssey

Mrs. Legge's annual dance show is getting closer! The show will once again take place at the Yates Memorial Centre on March 6th. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased by calling 403-329-SEAT or online at [GS Lakie Presents ULTRA: A Dance Odyssey | VisitLethbridge.com Arena - Lethbridge, Alberta!](#)

Lakie Online Clothing Store

We have partnered with Custom Clothing to open an online clothing store that is active all year long. 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.

Reporting Absences

Daily attendance can and should be monitored 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 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 – January

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

Division Indigenous Education Newsletter – January

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Division Digital Wellness Newsletter – January

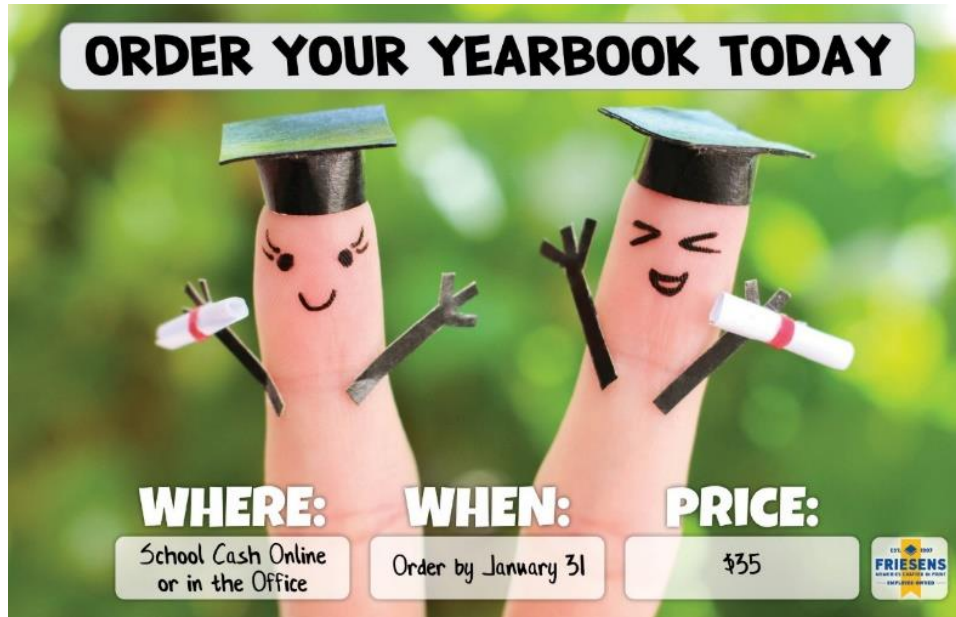
You can find the January edition of the LSD Wellness Newsletter [here](#).

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:



School & Community Informational Flyers



ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY

WHERE: School Cash Online or in the Office

WHEN: Order by January 31

PRICE: \$35

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LAKIE DANCE PROGRAM

Order your yearbook [here!](#)

Parent-Teacher Conferences

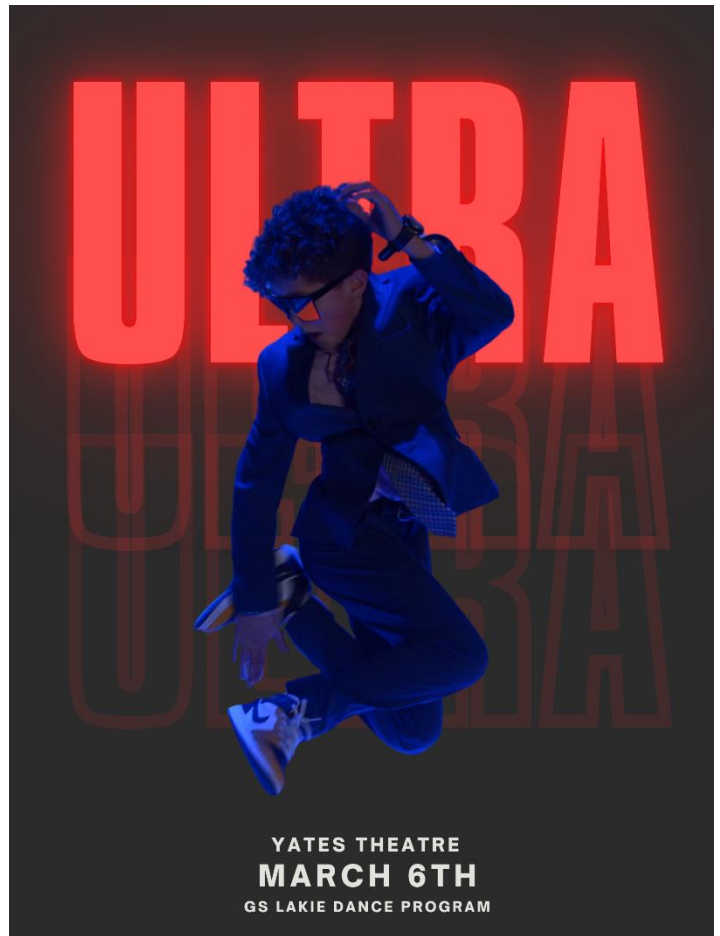
We value your involvement in your child's education and are excited to invite you to our upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Registration for interviews opens January 20th at 9:00 am and closes January 29th at 2:00 pm

Register at <https://gsl.letbsd.ab.ca/bookings>



- January 30th (4:00-8:00 pm) &
- January 31st (8:00-11:30 am)



ULTRA

YATES THEATRE
MARCH 6TH
GS LAKIE DANCE PROGRAM

homework club

What we provide:
 Homework help
 Tutoring
 Quiet/Safe workspace
 Light snack

Thursday's
 4:15pm - 5:15pm

CONTACT JEREMY OR KELSEY FOR INFO
 403-328-2414
 lh.youthoutreach@gmail.com

anfca
 alberta native friendship
 centres association

Sik-Ooh-Kotoki
 Friendship Society

Free Tutor Program

Would you like help in your school studies? The YMCA of Lethbridge is hosting a FREE tutor program for all subjects open to both high school and middle school students. The program will be held in the Upper Galleria at the Cor Van Raay YMCA.

Our tutor programs will be running Monday-Thursday from 4:30pm-7:00pm.

No membership required!

For any questions, reach out to Arnaud at:
arnaud.sparks@lethbridgeymca.ca

YOUTH SPORTS CLUB LACROSSE

Spirit North

TUESDAY'S 4PM-6PM
 AGES 5 - 18

CALL 403-328-2414 OR EMAIL
MANYFINGERSHEALY@ICLOUD.COM

Food Order Menu

[Click here to order](#)



Lunch Menu

Hot Lunch

JANUARY 28-30

WEEK 1

TUESDAY Jan. 28 : 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 Jan. 30: 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