



<u>Monday May 12th</u> Spanish 7 – Fiesta Dia de la Madre 10 :30am	<u>Tuesday May 13th</u> Lakie Track Meet @ UofL Stadium	<u>Wednesday May 14th</u> School ends at 2:00 p.m.	<u>Thursday May 15th</u> School Council 6:30pm	<u>Friday May 16th</u> Students are dismissed at 11:30 a.m. Friday 2 Option
<u>Monday May 19th</u> Victoria Day NO SCHOOL	<u>Tuesday May 20th</u> Professional Learning Day for Staff – NO SCHOOL	<u>Wednesday May 21st</u> School ends at 2:00 p.m. Modern Music Academy Trip to Edmonton	<u>Thursday May 22nd</u> Modern Music Academy Trip to Edmonton	<u>Friday May 23^d</u> Modern Music Academy Trip to Edmonton Students are dismissed at 11:30 a.m. Friday 1 Option Option Selections for 25/26 Close

Attendance Matters!

✿ Spring Into School: Tips for Daily Attendance Success ✿

As the days get longer and the weather warms up, it's easy for students to feel distracted. But regular school attendance is crucial for academic success and building lifelong habits. Here's how families can help:

✓ 1. Set a Personal Goal

Encourage your child to set a goal for the number of school days they want to attend this spring. Tracking progress can boost motivation.

🕒 2. Establish a Morning Routine

A consistent morning routine helps reduce stress and ensures your child starts the day on time and prepared.

🎯 3. Make School Enjoyable

Find activities or subjects your child enjoys and highlight them to make school more appealing.

📅 4. Track Attendance Progress

Use a calendar or chart to mark each day your child attends school. Celebrating milestones can reinforce positive behavior.

5. Communicate Openly

If your child is feeling overwhelmed or unwell, talk to their teacher or school counselor. Open communication can help address concerns early.

6. Reward Consistency

Consider small rewards for consistent attendance, like a special activity or treat. Positive reinforcement can encourage continued effort.

7. Stay Organized

Help your child keep track of assignments and deadlines to reduce stress and prevent the temptation to skip school.

Did You Know?

Chronic absenteeism—missing more than 10% of school days—can negatively impact academic success and increase the risk of dropping out. Regular attendance supports not only your child's learning but also the entire class's progress.

Let's work together to ensure every student finishes the school year strong!

Option Selection for 25/26 Is Now Open!!

It is essential for students and families to allocate time for selecting options for the 2025/26 school year. Options are not assigned on a first-come, first-served basis; however, selection is mandatory to secure desired choices. Certain options may entail additional fees to cover expenses not accounted for in our school budget. Detailed descriptions of all available options, along with associated fees, are accessible in the option description booklets located at [Option Description Booklets | G.S. Lakie Middle School](#). **The deadline to select options is Friday, May 23rd.** Please see the infographic below for more information on how to select options.

Bottle Drive/Drop-Off - Band Fundraising

Our band program is fundraising to offset the cost of their trip to Red Deer later this month. All funds raised go directly towards making the trip less expensive for families. Details are below:

- GPS Container Depot West Branch
- Bring in your bottles and cans and ask they be donated to the **GS Lakie Concert Band!**
- Donations can be made until **May 31st**

Lakie Track Meet – May 13th

Our annual school-wide track meet will be held Tuesday, May 13th at UofL Community Sports Stadium. Students have been told which events they are participating in, and parents are welcome to attend. ***Please ensure your child has proper clothing, footwear, head covering, food, water and other items to make their day a safe and enjoyable experience!*** The canteen on site will be available throughout the day as well.

Energy Drinks at School

We want to remind families that energy drinks are not recommended for middle school students. These beverages often contain high levels of caffeine and sugar, which can lead to sleep problems, anxiety, headaches, and heart issues in young

adolescents. High levels of caffeine and sugar can also lead to an increased likelihood of behaviour issues. Instead, we encourage students to stay hydrated with water and choose healthier options that support their growing bodies and minds. Thank you for helping us promote a safe and healthy learning environment.

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 – May

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

Division Indigenous Education Newsletter – May

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


Follow Us !!!

As always, feel free to follow us on social media. If you want to see all the great things that we are doing at Lakie, check us out on one of our social media platforms:



School & Community Informational Flyers

**GS LAKIE
MIDDLE SCHOOL**



registering for options

LOG INTO POWERSCHOOL
You can either use your parent login
or your child's ID and Password

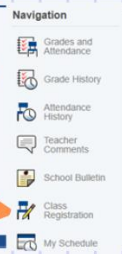
**SELECT CLASS
REGISTRATION**

**CLICK THE PENCILS
WITH RED
EXCLAMATION POINTS
BESIDE THEM**

**CHECKMARK THE BOX
ON THE LEFT HAND
SIDE OF THE OPTIONS
YOU WOULD LIKE TO
PARTICIPATE IN**

**ONCE YOU HAVE
SELECTED OPTIONS YOU
MUST **CLICK OKAY** AT
THE BOTTOM OF THE
PAGE**

FINAL STEP
You must click **SUBMIT**
on the class
registration page for
your choices to
process in the system



School website: <https://gsl.lethsd.ab.ca/>

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:
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LETHBRIDGE

YABBA YOUTH FITNESS CLASSES



Youth fitness class that will help your kids learn how to lift weights properly in a fun and safe environment while building healthy habits that will last a lifetime.

Start date: May 16th
6 classes total

Kids: ages 3-7
@ 4:10-4:40pm

Pre-teens: ages 8-13
@ 4:50-5:30pm



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Email yabbafitnessprogram@gmail.com to register or for more information

Food Order Menu

[Click here to order](#)



Lunch Menu

Hot Lunch

May 5-15



WEEK 1

MONDAY May 5: *Booster Juice*

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

Wraps (Various to choose from) \$5.50

WEDNESDAY May 7: *Firehouse Sub* - choice of white or Gluten Free bun

Medium Sub with a choice of drink, and Chips **\$11.00**

Meat - Choice of Ham, or Turkey

(lettuce, tomato & mayo with a pickle on the side)

Veggie

(lettuce, Tomato, onion & mayo with a pickle on the side)

WEEK 2

THURSDAY May 15: *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