



<b><u>Monday May 19<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <b>Victoria Day</b>  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b><u>Tuesday May 20<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <b>Professional Learning</b> <b>Day for Staff –</b>  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b><u>Wednesday May 21<sup>st</sup></u></b>  <b>Modern Music Academy</b> <b>Trip to Edmonton</b>  <b>School ends at 2:00 p.m.</b>	<b><u>Thursday May 22<sup>nd</sup></u></b>  <b>Modern Music</b> <b>Academy Trip to</b> <b>Edmonton</b>	<b><u>Friday May 23<sup>rd</sup></u></b>  <b>Modern Music Academy</b> <b>Trip to Edmonton</b>  <b>Students are dismissed</b> <b>at 11:30 a.m.</b>  <b>Friday 1 Option</b>  <b>Option Selections for</b> <b>25/26 Close</b>
<b><u>Monday May 26<sup>th</sup></u></b>	<b><u>Tuesday May 27<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <b>LSAA Track Meet @</b> <b>UofL Stadium</b>	<b><u>Wednesday May 28<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <b>ELA PAT Part A</b>  <b>School ends at 2:00 p.m.</b>  <b>Lakie Talent Show</b> <b>6:00pm</b>	<b><u>Thursday May 29<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <b>LSD Indigenous</b> <b>Awards</b> <b>5:30pm @ Lakie</b>	<b><u>Friday May 30<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <b>Students are dismissed</b> <b>at 11:30 a.m.</b>  <b>Friday 2 Option</b>

## **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 23<sup>rd</sup>.** Please see the infographic below or visit the link above to obtain detailed instructions on how to select options.

### **Lakie Talent Show!**

G.S. Lakie presents the Gator Talent Show May 28th at 6:00 pm. No need to watch American television shows – get your homegrown, tariff-free talent fix right here in our very own theatre! Students and staff will showcase a variety of talents: comedy, music, dance, hockey skills, and so much more. Everyone welcome! Donations will be accepted at the door in support of our Fine Arts Program. “I thought these acts were incredible!” – Simon Cowell

### **Lethbridge School Division Indigenous Awards Banquet**

Lakie is the site of the 2025 LSD Indigenous Awards Banquet. This event takes place Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at GS Lakie. Families of award recipients will be notified by school staff prior to the event.

### **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 31<sup>st</sup>**

### **LSAA City Championships Track Meet – May 27<sup>th</sup>**

The LSAA City Championships for Track & Field will be held May 27<sup>th</sup> at the University of Lethbridge Stadium. Students that qualified for this annual event from our school track meet will be notified along with an informational letter to have been brought home. Parents are welcome to attend.

### **Bussing for 25/26**

If your child qualifies for bussing, please look for a School Division email regarding transportation registration in the next week or so. Bus registration is often rolled out in three phases: Elementary, Middle, and then High School. I believe Elementary School registration could come out as early as this Friday. The email will contain detailed instructions on how to register your child for bussing using the Parent Portal in PowerSchool.

***Please note the provincial government has once again altered the distance criteria from student residence to their designated school. The distances are:***

*At least 1.6 kms from designated school for K-Grade 6*

*At least 2 km from designated school for Grade 7-12*

### **CHS Girls' Volleyball Spring Camp 2025**

Chinook High School is running a spring volleyball camp which is open to all interested grade 8 girls. The camp is \$40 and runs June 9-13. Click [here](#) to access the registration form, which contains more information.

### **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](http://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

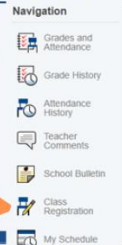
**GS LAKIE  
MIDDLE SCHOOL**





**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**  


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The selection box will turn blue if you have checked it.		

**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/>



**G.S. LAKIE FINE ARTS PRESENTS**

# TALENT SHOW

**CENTER STAGE**

**MAY 28<sup>TH</sup> 6:00PM**

Students and Staff will showcase their amazing talents in a one-night extravaganza. Comedy, singing, video animation, music, dancing, hockey skills, and much more will be on display on this magical night.  
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Don't miss this once in a lifetime event!

**DONATIONS IN SUPPORT OF OUR FINE ARTS PROGRAM WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR**



LOCATED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF 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 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**6 classes total**

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

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



**PARTNERED WITH HORNS REC**



Email [yabbafitnessprogram@gmail.com](mailto:yabbafitnessprogram@gmail.com) to register or for more information

## SOUTHERN ALBERTA

# YOUTH RANGE DAYS

**SAVE THE DATE!**



**JULY 22-25<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**  
Kimball, Alberta

**RANGELAND MANAGEMENT, WILDLIFE SURVEYS, WATERSHED HEALTH, AND MUCH MORE!**

This interactive, multi-day camp welcomes youth aged 13-18 that are interested in learning more about natural resource management!

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

**REGISTRATION : \$100/PERSON** **TYLER ERESMAN: TYLER@MRWCC.CA**



# Food Order Menu

[Click here to order](#)



## Lunch Menu

### Hot Lunch

**May 21-29**



#### WEEK 1

**WEDNESDAY May 21: 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

**TUESDAY May 27: 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 May 29: 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