

<u>Monday June 16<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Tuesday June 17<sup>th</sup></u>	Wednesday June 18 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Thursday June 19<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Friday June 20<sup>th</sup></u>
Gr 8's Visit CHS (PM)	Gr 6 Math PAT Part B Gr 6 Agora (PM)	Gr 6 Social PAT Gr 7 Academic Awards 9-11 Gr 6 Academic Awards 12-2 Gr 8 to Calaway Park School ends at 2:00 p.m.	Gr 6 Science PAT (AM) & Movie Mill in PM Gr 7/8 ELA Final Exam	Final Day for Gr 6 Gr 7/8 Math Final Exam Yearbooks Distributed Students are dismissed at 11:30 a.m.
<u>Monday June 23<sup>rd</sup></u> Gr 7/8 Science Final Dismissal & Bus Pickup at 10:30AM	<u>Tuesday June 24<sup>th</sup></u> Gr 7/8 Social Final Dismissal & Bus Pickup at 10:30AM	<u>Wednesday June 25<sup>th</sup></u> Exam Makeup Day (for anyone requiring it)	<u>Thursday June 26<sup>th</sup></u> Last Day for Teachers	<u>Friday June 27<sup>th</sup></u>

# **Attendance Matters!**



The "Attendance Matters!" initiative was launched in response to growing concerns about irregular school attendance, as highlighted in last year's <u>Annual School Assurance Plan</u>. Declining attendance has become a pressing challenge for schools and districts both nationally and globally.

I shared initial progress before the holiday break, and I'm pleased to now provide an updated report showing a significant improvement in attendance. The figures above reflect the total number of classes missed by students—and they clearly demonstrate meaningful progress this year!

Thank you for your continued support of this important initiative. We firmly believe that "Being There" begins with consistent attendance. Developing perseverance is a vital life skill, and together, we can help our students build this foundation for success.

# Final Message of 2025/26!

This marks the final Gator Gab of the school year—can you believe how fast it's flown by? I want to sincerely thank you for entrusting our dedicated staff with your children throughout this year. We're incredibly lucky to have such wonderful young people and a passionate team caring for and educating them.

To our Grade 8 students, we wish you all the best as you embark on your high school journey this fall. You've been outstanding leaders in our community, and we're excited to see the amazing things your futures hold.

For families of Grade 6 and 7 students returning next year, keep an eye out for a detailed letter with important start-ofyear information, coming your way before summer's end.

Wishing you a joyful and relaxing summer filled with quality time with your loved ones!

Brad Dersch Principal

# Option Selection for 25/26 - NOW OVERDUE

Option selection for the 25/26 school year is now overdue. We're strongly encouraging all students/families to get this done ASAP. Detailed descriptions of all available options, along with associated fees, are accessible in the option description booklets located at <u>Option Description Booklets | G.S. Lakie Middle School</u>. You can also find detailed instructions and a how-to video on our website as well.

# PAT & Final Exam Schedule

June 12 – Gr 6 ELA PAT Part B Exam June 13 – Gr 6 Math PAT Part A Exam, Gr 8 Math Part A Final June 17 – Gr 6 Math PAT Part B June 18 – Gr 6 Social PAT June 19 – Gr 6 Science PAT, Gr 7/8 ELA Final June 20 – LAST DAY FOR GR 6, Gr 7/8 Math Final June 23 – Gr 7/8 Science Final; Early Dismissal @ 10:30 AM June 24 – Gr 7/8 Social Final; Early Dismissal @ 10:30 AM June 25 – Exam makeup day for students in need – No school for students otherwise June 26 – **Staff only (no students)** 

# Award Ceremonies

Lakie is proud to celebrate student achievements at our year-end Awards Ceremonies

- Grade 7 Wednesday, June 18, 9-11 AM
- Grade 6 Wednesday, June 18, 12-2 PM
- Grade 8 Awards will be presented during the Celebrate 8 ceremony on Thursday, June 19.

Parents/Guardians of award recipients will be notified by email and are warmly invited 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 Grade7-12

### Yearbook Distribution

Yearbooks will be distributed on June 20<sup>th</sup> to anyone who purchased one. Students will be given the opportunity to have peers sign it at this time. There will be a limited quantity of extras for those that didn't pre-order. These are available on a first come, first serve basis (first ones paid). Students will need to check with the office on the day of to check availability.

# Ready, Set, Go! 2025 - Registration

Families can register for Ready, Set, Go 2025 at <u>lethbridgeymca.ca/ready-set-go</u>. More information on this important event can be found on our website at <u>Ready, Set, Go! 2025 Registration | G.S. Lakie Middle School</u>

# MHCB's Summer Fun Calendar

Please see the attached calendar (*flyer below*) for <u>*FREE*</u> activities throughout the summer. These activities are family-focused and suitable for all ages, drop in style. We would love to see you and your family this summer out in the community.

Tuesdays & Wednesdays-Events include booths of community partners such as Building Brains, Family Center, YMCA and Holy Spirit MHCB. Each booth has a different interactive activity for families to complete.

Thursdays are quieter days with just MHCB and Building Brains but also have activities to do at the park and goodies to take home.

Everyone is welcome!! Everything is free. Come have some fun!

#### School Supply Lists for 2025/26

Supply lists for the 2025/26 school year can be found on our G.S. Lakie website at <u>School Supply Lists | G.S. Lakie Middle</u> <u>School (lethsd.ab.ca)</u>. New this year, families will have the option to purchase all required supplies through <u>School Start</u>. It's an easy service to use and supplies can be delivered straight to your doorstep or to the school. Instructions on how to do so are on the Lakie link above.



#### 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 – June

You can find the June edition of the LSD Multi-Cultural & Diversity Newsletter here.

#### **Division Indigenous Education Newsletter – June**

You can find the June 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



Hello Lethbridge Football Families,

Whether you're a tackle football player looking to take the next step in your development or a flag football player interested in learning the tackle game in a safe, supportive environment, this is the camp for you! With camps in 19 cities across Canada and partnerships with the CFL, UBC, U of C, and more, RAW Sports offers one of the most respected development programs in the country. And we're proud to bring that same standard of excellence back to Lethbridge this summer for our 5th straight year!

This year's Lethbridge camp is just one month away, and we don't want you to miss out on the opportunity to sharpen your skills and prepare for a successful 2025 season.



# Camp Details

This is a **Shells (Partial Contact)** camp where players will wear **helmets**, **shoulder pads**, **and shorts or workout attire**. Players will participate in **"thud" contact**, meaning they'll work on the mechanics of blocking, tackling, and contact without finishing plays to the ground. This allows us to safely teach contact football while reducing injury risk.

- The top cause of football injuries is poor technique—and that's exactly what we focus on fixing. Athletes will receive:
  - Position-specific instruction
  - Safe contact and tackling drills
  - Speed, conditioning & agility training
  - Chalk talk and football IQ sessions
  - One-on-ones and competitive drills
  - Team install periods for offensive/defensive concepts

Whether you're brand new to tackle or preparing for post-secondary football, we'll meet you where you're at and help you take that next step.

**High School athletes**: Be ready for a demanding curriculum that mirrors what's expected at the university level. Big goals require a big work ethic—and we'll match it.

#### **Mage Groups**

- Atoms (8–9)
- Peewees (10–12)
- Bantams (13–14)
- High School (15–18)

Each age group follows a separate, personalized curriculum tailored to their stage of development.