



# Gator Chronicle

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# Trunk or Treat!

## Principal's Message:

As we enter the 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 weeks on October 11, we will continue to focus on our school priorities for this school year. Our School Improvement Team met this summer to analyze data and identify areas of success and growth. Our school goals for this year are to:

- ensure each student learns at high levels,
- ensure all students read at or above benchmark,
- support students' academic, social, and emotional needs through the use and implementation of Responsive Classroom and Restorative Practices with a focus on social and emotional learning (SEL),
- develop and retain a diverse, engaged, and effective workforce focused on continuous improvement,
- provide a psychologically and physically safe, clean, and supportive learning environment, and
- promote and develop meaningful engagement between students, families, business community and Lakewood Elementary.

Our faculty meets regularly to discuss our progress toward these goals, and our efforts are clearly making a difference in our school.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on October 26 and 27, and you will be receiving letters to schedule parent conferences soon. We will try very hard to accommodate your requests, as we understand the importance of parent-teacher communication. Conferences will be held in person, and Sign-up Genius will be used to schedule appointments. We encourage our students to participate in the conferences.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. We appreciate your continued support and commitment to helping our students succeed.

## Success Has No Finish Line



**Go For Your Gold**

*Kelli Oertling,*  
LWE Principal

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# Parent Teacher Organization

## PTO is exploring ways to achieve more at Lakewood Elementary!

LWE PTO hopes all of our students, faculty, parents, grandparents and guardians have had a great start to the school year!

Joining PTO is an easy way to help support our school, and it's never too late to join! We currently have 235 PTO members and will be accepting membership donations all throughout the school year. You can send your name and child's name with \$5 cash or check made out to LWE PTO.

PTO will also be accepting spirit orders all year long and filling those with what we have in stock. If we are out of your size, we will contact you.

One of our biggest fundraisers, World's Finest Chocolate, is in full swing! The fundraiser runs from October 2 through October 20. Please reach out to us if you have any questions. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser.

Trunk or Treat is scheduled for October 31. Please be on the lookout for more information that will be sent out soon.

Don't forget to continue scanning your receipts using the app for BOX TOPS!

If you ever have any questions for us, we can be reached at [lakewoodpto@yahoo.com](mailto:lakewoodpto@yahoo.com) or on our Facebook page at Lakewood Elementary PTO, Luling, LA.

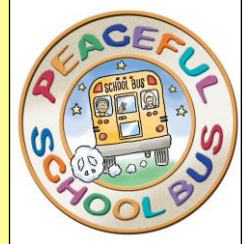
Thank you for your continued support in helping to make this year a success for all LWE students, faculty and staff!

LWE PTO

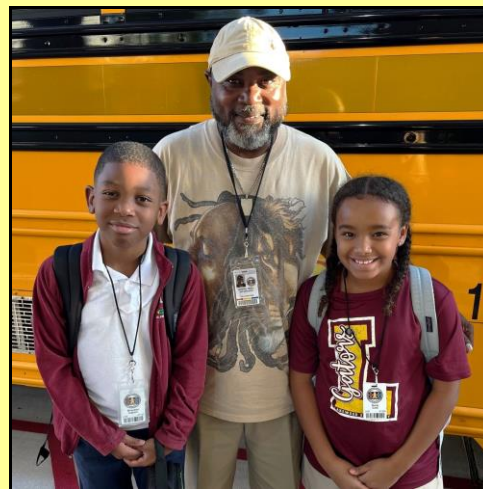


## School Bus Spotlight

This month we are highlighting Bus and Bus and the students who are **going for gold** this year by following bus expectations and showing good character.



Bus 95 - Driver- Paige Harris  
Students- Delilah Montamat  
and Bentley Daous



Bus 121 - Driver- Kendall Gross  
Students- Brayden Ingram  
and Suraj Cola

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## Tangled Web Greeting



Mrs. DeJean's homeroom worked on cooperation by creating and undoing a spider web for our morning meeting greeting.

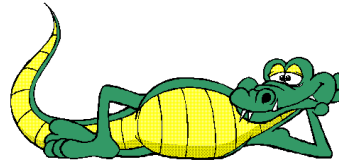
## Book Fair Fun



3<sup>rd</sup> grader, Violet Mason, was excited to visit the book fair in the LWE library.

## Lakewood's Mission

The mission of Lakewood Elementary School is to ensure success and nothing less for all.



## Lakewood's Vision

Lakewood Elementary School empowers all students to develop skills necessary to grow academically, socially, and emotionally in order to achieve success in our constantly changing world.

## Lakewood's Daily Expectations

1. Be Responsible
2. Be Respectful
3. Be Safe

## Puzzling Teamwork



Travis Williams, Kayden Reed, Cambree Mahl, and Baliee Johnson used teamwork and cooperation to complete a puzzle during closing ceremonies.

## Uniform/Sweatshirt Donations

If you have any gently used uniforms that your child outgrew and you are no longer using, please consider donating them to our school. As the weather gets colder, our need for LWE sweatshirts or plain maroon sweatshirts will especially increase.

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## Upcoming SEW Info:

**Red Ribbon Week** is October 23- October 27.  
Dress down days will be as follows:

- **Monday, October 23** “Turn our Backs on Drugs”
  - Students can wear jeans with a backwards shirt of their choice
- **Tuesday, October 24** “We are Building a Bright Future”
  - Students can wear bright/neon colored shirts with jeans.
- **Wednesday, October 25** “Team Up Against Drugs”
  - Students can wear their favorite team’s t-shirt/jersey with jeans.
- **Thursday, October 26** “Join the Fight Against Drugs”
  - Students can wear camo shirts with jeans.
- **Friday, October 27** “Be a Superhero! Say No to Drugs!”
  - Students can wear favorite superhero shirt with jeans.

### PLEASE NOTE:

The following uniform guidelines must be followed:

- Leggings are not allowed.
- Shorts and skirts cannot be shorter than 2 inches above the knee.
- Shirts must have sleeves.
- No hoodies are allowed.

Please remind students to wear tennis shoes on Physical Education days.



## **Author Visit**



On October 25, Chris Barton will visit with each grade during enrichment at LWE. Chris Barton ([www.chrisbarton.info](http://www.chrisbarton.info)) is an Austin, TX based author and the author of picture books including bestseller *Shark vs. Train*, Sibert Honor-winning *The Day-Glo Brothers*, and *Whoosh! Lonnie Johnson’s Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions*, included on 21 state lists. His newest books include *Glitter Everywhere! Where It Came From, Where It’s Found & Where It’s Going* (2023) and *Moving Forward* (an *SLJ* Best Book of 2022). Other recent titles include *How to Make a Book (About My Dog)* and *Fire Truck vs. Dragon*.

Lakewood owns many of these books both for checkout and online reading via our MackinVia app. To access the ebooks on our catalog click the link below. Students can login with Google to read the books. Guest users can contact the librarian for guest login info. [Author visit eBooks collection](#)

If you are interested in purchasing a book for Chris to autograph, we have partnered with Blue Cypress books an independent bookstore in New Orleans. All books ordered through them will be delivered to the school prior to the event. Here is the link they supplied to purchase books:

[https://bluecypressbooks.indielite.org/Lakewood\\_ChrisBarton](https://bluecypressbooks.indielite.org/Lakewood_ChrisBarton)

## **Lakewood Listens**

Scan the Q.R. code to access the Lakewood Listens section of our newsletter to give Lakewood your suggestions, concerns, and comments.



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## Art in the Library

Ms. Summers and her talented art students made the librarian's day when they delivered their finished FICTION signs to the library. These signs will be on permanent display on the walls over the LWE library's fiction section.





Patricia Schmill, Evan Muller, Cambree Muller, Prestyn Lanaux, Benjamin White, Gianna Rotolo, and Reese Gaubert



Hayden Mule', Robi Luquet, Harper Judge, Jon Landry, Ms. Summers, Berklie Candies, and Mariela Monti

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# October 2023

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday  |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|-----------|
| <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b><br>WFC Fundraiser begins   | <b>3</b><br>Running Club Permission Forms, Physicals, and Fees Due  | <b>4</b><br>WFC Pickup 7:15-9 am  | <b>5</b><br>Running Club 3:10 pm-4:10 pm   | <b>6</b><br>WFC Pickup 7:15-9 am   | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b><br>End 1 <sup>st</sup> 9 weeks/ Robotics 3:15-4:15 pm/ 4-H & Cloverbuds 3-4pm/ Parish Honor Choir Rehearsal 6-8 pm @LPAC/ Gatoettes Auditions Parent Meeting 6 pm/ Trunk-or-Treat signup @ 4 pm | <b>11</b><br>2 <sup>nd</sup> 9 weeks begins/ WFC Pickup 7:15-9 am Gatoettes Clinic 3-4:30 pm/ Honor Choir Rehearsal 6-8 pm @ LPAC | <b>12</b><br>Running Club 3:10 pm-4:10 pm /Gatoettes Clinic 3-4:30 pm /Robotics 3:15-4:15 pm   | <b>13</b><br>WFC Pickup 7:15-9 am /Early Dismissal 11:55 am<br> | <b>14</b> |
| <b>15</b>   | <b>16</b><br><b>Fall Break No School</b>  | <b>17</b><br><b>Fall Break No School</b>  | <b>18</b><br>WFC Pickup 2:30-4:30 pm/ Gatoette Auditions 3-6 pm /Honor Choir Rehearsal 6-8 pm @ LPAC                              | <b>19</b><br>WFC Pickup 7:15-9 am/ Honor Choir Rehearsal 8-2:30/ Robotics 3:15-4:15 pm/ Running Club 3:10 pm-4:10 pm/ Theatre Rehearsal 3-6pm/ Honor Choir Concert 7pm @LPAC | <b>20</b><br>WFC Fundraiser Ends   | <b>21</b> |
| <b>22</b>   | <b>23</b><br>Report Cards go home   | <b>24</b><br>Robotics 3:15-4:15 pm / BETA Induction 6pm   | <b>25</b><br>Author Visit/ Theatre Rehearsal 3-6 pm   | <b>26</b><br>Golden Gators Celebration 7:55 am/ Special Person Lunch/ Early Dismissal- 11:55 am/ Parent Teacher Conferences 12:45-5:45 pm                                    | <b>27</b><br>Special Person Lunch/ Early Dismissal- 11:55 am / Theatre Rehearsal 11:55-4pm/ Parent Teacher Conferences 12:45- 3:45 pm              | <b>28</b> |
| <b>Red Ribbon Week and Penny Wars</b>   |   |   |   |  |  |           |
| <b>29</b><br> | <b>30</b><br>1 <sup>st</sup> 9 weeks Good Behavior Dress Down Day (passes) /3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Frozen Field Trip @HHS/ Talented Theatre Rehearsal 3-6 pm | <b>31</b><br>Trunk-or-Treat 1-2 pm/ Halloween Spirit Day  | <b>1</b><br><b>Fall Break No School</b>   | <b>2</b><br>Running Club 3:10 pm-4:10 pm / Robotics 3:15 pm-4:15 pm  | <b>3</b>   | <b>4</b>  |

## Upcoming Dates to Remember:

**November 6-10 :** 4-H Food Drive  
**November 6:** Gatoettes Physicals Due  
**November 7-8:** Fall Theatre Performance 6pm  
**November 14:** Picture Retakes  
**November 20-24:** Thanksgiving Break- No School  
**November 28:** Holiday Pictures  
**November 30:** Golden Gators Celebration

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