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Happy New Year!

Principal's Message:

Happy New Year! We hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday. The Lakewood Elementary School faculty and staff are excited about the 2nd semester of school, as our focus continues on teaching and learning.

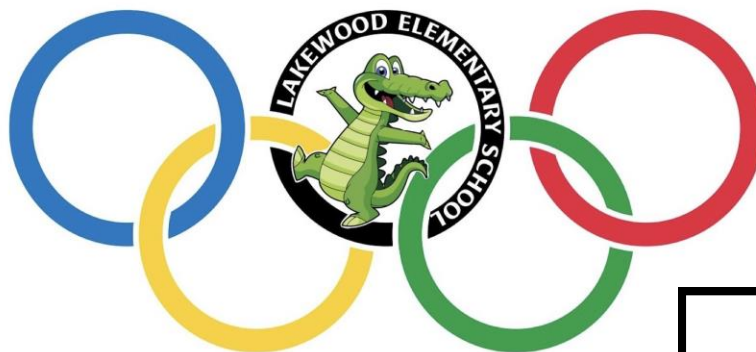
Thank you to all of the Lakewood families who made our holidays special. The faculty and staff appreciate all of your gifts, treats, and warm holiday wishes. In addition, thank you to our PTO for items for our student Christmas raffle.

Report cards will be distributed on January 12, and our students will revisit their goals, celebrating their successes and focusing on "Success and Nothing Less." Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on February 1 and 2, and we encourage our students to participate.

As we enter the 2nd semester of school, please help to remind our students of Lakewood Elementary's expectations for student success: be respectful, be responsible, and be safe. 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.

Kelli Oertling,
LWE Principal

Success Has No Finish Line



Go For Your Gold

Don't forget to
follow us on Twitter
[@Lakewood_Gators](https://twitter.com/Lakewood_Gators)

Parent Teacher Organization

PTO is exploring ways to achieve more at Lakewood Elementary!

LWE teachers and staff were treated to lunch, breakfast, and a raffle in December to celebrate the holidays.

The PTO Board also celebrated with brunch and had a great time. Please consider joining the board next year! Nomination forms will be going out in March. Be on the lookout!

Please remember to scan your receipts so Lakewood Elementary can continue to earn money through Box Tops. It is a free app and easy to scan, and you can see your impact every time you scan.

We do have a limited number of spirit shirts and sweat shirts in stock. Please contact us via Facebook or email to purchase spirit items.

As always, thank you for your continued support in helping to make this year a success for LWE students, faculty and staff! We could not do it without parents and guardians like you!



EARN CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL WHEN YOU...

| BUY IN STORE | BUY ONLINE |
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|  BUY Box Tops Products | 1 SIGN UP on the app or at BTFE.com |
|  SCAN your store receipt | 2 SHOP online |
|  EARN Box Tops for your school | 3 FORWARD your digital receipt |
| | 4 EARN Box Tops for your school |

School Bus Spotlight

This month we are highlighting Bus 1 and Bus 441 the students who are **going for gold** this year by following bus expectations and showing good character.



Bus 1 - Driver- Keya Francis
Students- Brilee McLeod
and Jase Ford



Bus 441 - Driver- Nichole Hensley
Students- Kelsi Bunch
and Noelle Michel



“Success and Nothing Less for All”

Digital Wellness:

Help Boost Kids' Safety, Privacy, and Security

When kids start to go online, whether they're playing multiplayer games, using educational apps, or just following their curiosity on Google, it's important that they understand the basics of online privacy and safety. With some general guidelines around what information is and isn't OK to share, and some help from parents when they're unsure, kids can have fun and learn a lot in the digital world.

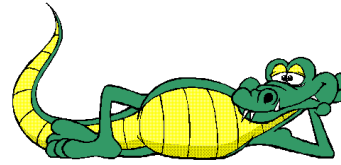
1. **Discuss personal vs. private info.**
Talk about the difference between what's OK to share online (favorite color) and what's not (home address).
2. **Use privacy settings.**
Together, go through the settings on all new apps to make sure you both know what information your kids are sharing. Especially in the beginning, it's better to share very little.
3. **Avoid location tracking.**
Location-aware apps can be super helpful. But apps that use a device's location to help people find your kid or offer them ads for nearby businesses should be used with caution. Turn them off if you can.
4. **Power up passwords.**
Work together with kids to help them come up with complex passwords. Think outside the dictionary. Use phrases and special characters that make passwords hard to guess but easy to remember. Remind kids to keep passwords private and change them regularly.
5. **Skip quizzes.**
Help kids identify and avoid clickbait, quizzes, special offers, and anything that asks for personal or private information. This helps keep information secure and devices safe.

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



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



Internet Safety Night
January 17, 2024 6:00 pm
Lakewood Elementary Gymnasium

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Science Fair Winners

Biological Science:

1st Place: Canaan Haydel (bottom right)
Honorable Mention: Isabelle Brevelle, Leila Hilken, and Maya Nelson

Chemical Science:

1st Place: Jackson Degenhart (second on right)
2nd Place: Kerrison Cranford
3rd Place: Violet Mason
Honorable Mention: Ellie Bruce, Carter Hammack, Sam Hilken

Earth / Environmental Science:

1st Place: Avery Bays (top right)
Honorable Mention: Brayden Bordelon, Rocio Cabrera, Alexa Green, Suzanne Lendle

Physical Science:

2nd Place: Sloan Daunie
Honorable Mention: Ashlyn Dupre

Social Studies Fair Winners

Anthropology

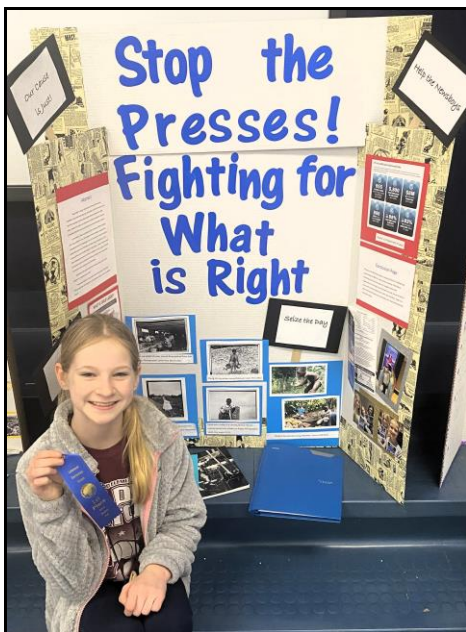
3rd Place: Suzette Davison

History

1st Place: Alice Callero (third on right)
3rd Place: Milana Wilson

Sociology

1st: Amelie Fuselier (below)



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Third Grade Artists



After learning about the artist Paul Klee, 3rd grade students complete an art project relating to the artist.

Above: Violet McStay Below: Lucas Hermus



School Holiday Performance



The Gatoettes dance team performed for their fellow students at the school holiday performance.



The Lakewood Choir sang some holiday favorites.



The 5th Grade Band performed holiday tunes.



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Carpool Christmas Spirit



The carpool crew had fun before Christmas break. Some LWE families even got in on the fun and came with their cars decorated.

Golden Gators



Congratulations to the Golden Gators for November!

Front: Camden Waits, Declan Blanchard, Elleanna Arcement, Dominick Davis, Urijah Bourg, Grady Matherne, Olivia Danford, Kaitlyn Palmer



Middle: Dylan Mautino, King Pierre, Gus Schmill, Lincoln Kroll, Tsuan Sheyin, Rory Frickey, Suzette Davison, Grant Keller

Back: Shay Norfleet, Chloe Lemoine, Benjamin White, Isabella Fierro, Jayden Mayeux, Landon Gregory, Aiden Lay, Tysen Maiava, Charleigh Harmon, Lily Sacra

Not pictured: Hailey Deroche

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January 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|-----------|---|--|---|--|--|---|
| 7 | 8 3 rd 9 weeks begins | 9 Robotics 3:15-4:15 pm | 10 Beta Meeting 3-3:50 pm | 11 Gatorettes 3-4 pm /Running Club 3:10 pm-4:10 pm/ Robotics 3:15-4:15 pm | 12 Report Cards go home | 13 |
| 14 | 15 MLK Holiday- NO SCHOOL  | 16 Robotics 3:15-4:15 pm/ 4-H & Cloverbuds 3-4pm | 17 Internet Safety Parent Night 6 pm (Parents Only) | 18 Gatorettes 3-4 pm /Running Club 3:10 pm-4:10 pm/ Robotics 3:15-4:15 pm/ Talented Art Workshop Field Trip | 19 Early Dismissal 11:55 am  | 20 Parish Honor Band Elementary Auditions 8 am- 12 pm @ RJV |
| 21 | 22 Gatorettes 3-4 pm | 23 Robotics 3:15-4:15 pm/ SCPPS Science Fair | 24 | 25 Gatorettes 3-4 pm /Running Club 3:10 pm-4:10 pm/ Robotics 3:15-4:15 pm | 26 | 27 Running Club: Laketown Distance Festival 8-10 am |
| 28 | 29 Gatorettes 3-4 pm/ YALL Fest: Regional Art Festival 8 am- 3 pm @ LPAC | 30 Golden Gators Celebration 7:50 am/ Robotics 3:15-4:15 pm/ Parish Honor Band Rehearsal 6-8 pm @ LPAC/ NEAP Testing (select students) | 31 | 1 Early Dismissal 11:55 am/ Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:45-5:45pm/ Parish Honor Band Rehearsal 6-8 pm @ LPAC | 2 Early Dismissal 11:55 am/ Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:45-3:45pm | 3 |

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

February 5, 8, 19, 22, 26, 29: Gatorettes 3-4 pm
February 5: Parish Honor Band Rehearsal 6-8 pm @ LPAC
February 6: Parish Honor Band Rehearsal 8am-2:30 pm/ Parish Honor Band Concert 7-8:30 pm @ LPAC
February 6, 8, 20, 22, 27, 29: Robotics 3:15-4:15 pm
February 7: Beta Meeting 3-3:50 pm
February 8, 22, 29: Running Club 3:10 pm-4:10 pm
February 9: Multicultural Celebration 8:30-9:30/ LWE Mardi Gras Parade 1:00 pm
February 12-16: Mardi Gras Break- NO SCHOOL
February 21: Golden Gators Celebration 7:50 am
February 24: Running Club: Run on the Bayou 8-10 am @ Bayou Segnette State Park
February 26 & 27: YALL Fest: Choir 8 am- 3 pm @ LPAC
February 27: 4-H & Cloverbuds 3-4pm
February 28 & 29: YALL Fest: Band 8 am- 3 pm @ LPAC

Homework Assistance Offered Through State Library of Louisiana

The State Library of Louisiana offers FREE homework assistance services to parents and students at <http://www.homeworkla.org>.

Homework Louisiana offers free online tutoring and academic resources from Tutor.com for Louisiana residents from kindergarten students through adult learners. Get help in math, science, social studies or English from a live tutor. The one-to-one tutoring hours are now 2 pm to Midnight, 7 Days a Week! Students may now access this service from any internet-connected computer or mobile device during these hours.

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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