

# LAKE HILL K-5 NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's Message



Year of the Dragon—by Jose, Grade 2

Dear Families,

Although we are learning each and every month of the school year, January is the month we choose to make this our focus value at Lake Hill School. The air is buzzing with ideas from our staff. Lots of conversations and sharing of learning in the classrooms and the growth we are seeing in our students. This Friday afternoon, our teaching staff will meet to share and discuss the many strategies they have been working on with your children in the area of writing. Exciting times!

We enjoyed our Around the World Literacy week. Students involved in our English as Second Language program conducted a survey of students and their parents who came to Canada from other lands. They created a world map which is on display in the front foyer. Please take a moment to appreciate the diversity of backgrounds that make up our school community. Thank you for helping your child get into the spirit of the event by dressing up on our Thursday Spirit Day. We hope you enjoyed working through some of the activities together in the Family Literacy Passport.

Our rehearsals are well under way for our upcoming musical *Once Upon a Lily Pad*. I would like to thank Mrs. McAuliffe, Mrs. Thomas, Ms Nickerson, Ms Thacker, Mrs. Norman, our student teachers from UVic and the many students and their families who are involved with this year's production. Our musical performance is always a treat and something we have grown to look forward too as we move from winter toward spring.

Last week Mrs. Harte, Mrs. McKeachie and I spent a lovely afternoon with a great group of preschoolers and their families at our annual Ready, Set, Learn event. This week we welcome our future Lake Hill students during Kindergarten Registration Week. If you know of friends, family or neighbours with children born in 2007, please remind them to drop in at their catchment school to register for Kindergarten.

If you have not had the opportunity to become involved at our school this year, I do encourage you to do so in 2012. We have a very welcoming and involved parent group and each of our parents is welcome and encouraged to join Lake Hill School PAC. Our parents are currently planning a Family Valentines Dance for Friday, February 10th. Help is always needed and appreciate and, knowing the planning group, I would be surprised if you did not have lots of fun!

Sincerely, Mrs. Jody Waldie





## December (Sharing) & January (Learning) Recognition Assembly

The following students were recognized at our assembly

on **Wednesday, January 25, 2012:**

**Mattea V.**—for always being so willing to share her supplies, time and thoughts with others.

**Joey M.**—for always being so willing to share her supplies, time and thoughts with others.

**Jaclyn E.**—for her enthusiasm for learning in Kindergarten.

**Jossh C.**—for always enthusiastically sharing his knowledge in our daily trivia questions.

Thanks for being our geography master!

**Peter P.**—for willingly sharing his thoughts and contributing to class discussions.

**Jesse T.**—for sharing his sledding and having fun with his classmates on a snowy day.

**Georgia B.**—for always being willing to share her supplies and her peers.

**Emma G.**—for cheerfully sharing her ideas and belongings with others.

**Airilee M.**—for volunteering to share her ideas during class discussions.

**Valentina R.**—for sharing with others.

**Liam W.**—for sharing with others.

**Brandon T.**—for sharing friendship with his classmates.

**Lucas K.**—for sharing his language with us at calendar time.

**Ty C.**—for sharing his knowledge of science with us.

**Emilio E.**—for consistently sharing his special crayons with his friends.

**William S.**—for his enthusiasm for learning and his wonderful math skills.

**Linden K.**—for working so hard at learning in Kindergarten.

**Keaton M.**—for working hard independently and showing growth in skills.

**Thomas A.**—for being passionate about learning.

**Georgia H.**—always giving her best effort to learning at school.

**Alysha B.**—for always giving her best effort to learning at school.

**Cooper A.**—for showing how well he can use his math strategies.

**Eliza M.**—for how she has learned how to use math strategies.

**Matthew G.**—for always demonstrating a positive attitude towards learning and a willingness to support his peers.

**Yahya A.**—for his dedication to our home reading program.

**Cameron S.**—for his dedication to our home reading program.

**Thomas D.**—for his dedication to our home reading program.

**Kaitlin G.**—for always working hard and having a positive attitude towards learning.

**Erika J.**—for always putting forth 100% effort into her school work.

**Kaden N.**—for always taking his time and putting care and attention into his school work.

**Aeryn W.**—for the growth in her personal learning she has shown us since September.





## 1000X5 - 1000 Books by Age Five

Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria

Teaching Reading – Yes or No?

Leave the teaching of the reading process to teachers. But it is never too early or too late to teach your child to love reading – that reading is fun. Choose bright, colourful books for little ones often with rhyming. For older children, tune into their interests: Sports? Cars? Animals? Space? Enjoy lots of shared reading – where your child holds the book and you take turns reading: even toddlers enter this process. Mostly, remember to have fun with reading, and your child will too.

Remember to drop books for babies and preschoolers into the drop box in the main foyer of Lake Hill Elementary. So far, the project has collected and shared 12,000 books. Thank you.

### Thank you Letter for "Stuff a Sock" for Charity

Cornerstone Youth Society

January 18, 2012

Dear Lake Hill Elementary Students, Staff and Parents,

A great big thank you to everyone who worked so hard putting all those socks together for the youth of Sanctuary Youth Centre! Your effort and contribution helped to make Christmas a little brighter for youth who are experiencing challenging circumstances in their teenage years.

Sanctuary Youth Centre, located in downtown Victoria, is a drop-in centre for youth who often have no other place to go. Sanctuary offers health snacks, hot drinks, shower facilities, washer/dryer, friendship and support to youth who often do without. Your donation of socks, filled with goodies, sent a powerful message to these youth that they are not forgotten by the community of Greater Victoria, and especially Lake Hill Elementary.

Again, on behalf of the youth at Sanctuary Youth Centre, thank you for your effort and thoughtfulness.

May all at Lake Hill Elementary have a health and prosperous 2012!

Sincerely,

Rob Trepanier, Director, Sanctuary Youth Centre

### Pink Shirt Day—Extension of Deadline for Orders

If you would like to purchase a shirt for your child or other family members and have not yet placed your order, **please return your form and payment directly to the office by the morning of Friday, February 3rd.**



## Lake Hill Student Showcase

### *If I was Principal ...*

- *Play on computer all day!*
- *Hockey on Fridays!*
- *Movie Day every day!*
- *Play hockey on the computer.*
- *Get iPad 1, iPad 2, and iPad3.*
- *Drink coffee all day (awesome).*
- *Eat apples in the morning.*
- *Play outside with kids.*
- *Relax all day.*
- *Fly paper airplanes around the classroom.*
- *Have fun with kids.*
- *Go to the gym...a lot.*
- *No homework.*
- *Read books a lot.*
- *Sing to classes.*
- *Give kids candy!*

*By Joe, Grade 2*



*Star Wars Snowflakes—by Cameron, Grade 3*



*Lights Over the Hills by Travis, Grade 5*



*Winter Skies by Peter, Grade 4*



*by Kenzie, Kindergarten*



*Snowman by Liam, Grade 1*

