

LAKE HILL K-5 NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

November 25, 2011

The weather the last couple of weeks has let us know that winter is officially just around the corner! The children (and some adults) are hoping for a winter wonderland again this year. We always try to get the children outside to play during the day, so please ensure your child is prepared for all that the West Coast has to offer!

During the months of November and December, Lake Hill School brings our SHARING & CARING values front and center. Our recent Remembrance Day Ceremony allowed us the time to reflect upon the past and believe in our future. The children did a fabulous job sharing with our guests and school community their message of peace and hope through music and song. After the ceremony, our staff hosted a tea for seniors, members of the Canadian Forces and their families. This has become a special event for us as it allows our community members time to get together, visit with one another and share some stories.

Thank you to the staff for all their contributions in treats and in time to make the Ceremony and Tea a success again this year. Special thanks to Mrs. McAuliffe for coordinating and directing both events and to Mrs. Blackstock for keeping us all organized. Also to our students; you did such a fabulous job demonstrating your caring nature at this Ceremony; you make us proud of each and everyone of you. To Kaitlin and Brett, Well done! You were fabulous hosts!

As December quickly approaches, we have many more opportunities for our children to demonstrate their knowledge and compassion for caring and sharing; the newsletter will describe the upcoming events. We are looking forward to an engaging, fun filled end to 2011. Thank you for sharing your children with us.

Mrs. Cindy Harte

December Events at Lake Hill

December is a very exciting and busy month. Below is a summary of Lake Hill special events:

- Nov 28—Dec 2—The Annual Christmas "Coin Caper" 
- December 3—Senior Choir singing at Saanich Municipal Hall at 5:30 pm 
- December 6—Primary Choir singing at Victoria City Hall at 12:25 pm
- December 7—Senior Choir singing at the Legislature at noon
- December 9—"Santa's Workshop" afternoon for the whole school. 
- December 14—All School at Naden Band Concert at Royal Theatre at 1:30 PM. 
- December 15—School Christmas Concerts at 10:30 AM and 1:00 PM 
- December 16—PJ Day, Pancake Lunch and Movie Afternoon 

Winter Break
December 19th—January 2nd

Scholastic Book Fair



Tis' the holiday season and Lake Hill School would like to announce a great gift shopping opportunity through our annual Scholastic Book Fair. The Book Fair will run from December 1st – 6th in the Lake Hill Library. Our sales goal is \$1,500.00. If we reach this we receive 50% sales profit which means more books for our library, our classrooms and our kids!



If you are able to help by working a shift or two please contact Delia Filipescu at deliafilipescu21@gmail.com.



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1000 Books by Age Five

Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria

Reading to Wee Ones Makes all The Difference!

A preschool child with books in the home has a much stronger chance for success in school. Would you miss 2 or 3 books for babies and preschoolers from your house? Likely not. But there are many other children who would find these books one of the best gifts. Thanks are pouring in from the families at Strong Start Centres who appreciate your ongoing giving. We have stories of children who are proud to show how they can read their very own book. So far, volunteers have gift bagged 8,500 books that Victoria families have donated. Thanks for cleaning out some of your bookshelves and for continuing to give the gift of literacy to babies and preschoolers. **During our Scholastic Book Fair, we encourage families to bring in donations to the pink drop box which will be moved to the Library from its usual spot in the Main Foyer.**



Please Support our Grade 5 Students By contributing to our 2011-2012 Bottle Drive

There are 2 ways to help:

1. Donate your bottle return money to the **Lake Hill Grade 5's**. There are 2 accounts set up: one at the Quadra location and one at the Glanford location. When you return your bottles, please let the cashier know you would like to donate the proceeds to the **Lake Hill Grade 5 Account**.
2. Save your bottles until the January 20th and 21st **Bottle Drive Blitz**. Friday Jan. 20th, on your way into the PAC Movie night, bring your bottles to put into the Griffith's hauling trailer which will be parked at the front of Lake Hill School. Or...
3. Bring your bottles to the Glanford Depot on the morning of Jan. 21st.

The Giving Tree

This year, the Giving Tree in our foyer will be decorated with gingerbread people created by the students and staff at Lake Hill School.

This tree and the ornaments symbolize our unity in caring for and sharing with others.

Here are some of the many ways that we will be doing this:

- Raising funds through our "Coin Caper" to support various organizations and families
- Donating items for "Stuff a Sock"
- Stuffing Gift Socks for Victoria's youth at risk
- Collecting non-perishable food for the Mustard Seed Food Bank
- Family and Community Performances



Winter Break

December 16–January 2

Last day of classes is December 17 &
First day of school is Tuesday, January 3

"Coin Caper" for Charity

November 28th–December 2nd

During the months of November and December, the two values we are celebrating are **Caring and Sharing**. Two excellent opportunities that everyone at Lake Hill Elementary will have to **share** a little bit to show they **care** a lot are the Coin Caper and Stuff a Sock for charity. Here's how it works!

On December 9th, during our **Santa's Workshop**, one station will be "**Stuff a Sock**". At this station, students will stuff a sock with useful toiletry items and snacks. The socks will then be donated to Sanctuary for Victoria's youth at risk. In order to off-set the cost of purchasing the items to stuff the sock with, we will be having a fund raiser called the **Coin Caper**. Each day of the week, we will ask students to bring in coins to donate. On...

Monday, November 28—**NICKELS**

Tuesday, November 29—**DIMES**

Wednesday, November 30—**QUARTERS**

Thursday, December 1—**LOONIES**

Friday, December 2—**TWOONIES**

This year, **EVERYDAY** is **PENNY DAY!**

These funds will also be used to bring holiday cheer to needy families. Thank you for your support and caring for and sharing with others.



Lake Hill School Christmas Concert

Our annual Christmas
Concert will be held on
Thursday, December 15th



The morning performance is at 10:30 am.

The afternoon performance is at 1:00 pm.

If you are unable to attend on Thursday, you are invited to the **dress rehearsal** at 10:30 am on **Wednesday, December 14th**

*Please note that Strings will not be performing at the dress rehearsal.

Admission by donation of non-perishable food items for the Mustard Seed Food Bank.

Don't Forget...On Friday, December 16th it's Pajama Day & Pancake Lunch!

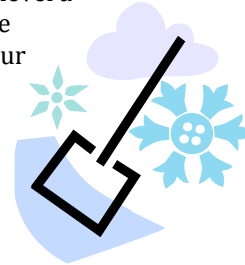


A Reminder about Inclement Weather...

With winter approaching, please be safe in the event of icy, snowy weather, especially in our parking lot which has a tendency to be quite icy. When conditions are snowy and treacherous outside, our custodian, Mr. Harrison, clears a pathway to the main front entrance. All other entrances should be avoided until weather conditions improve, or we have announced that they have been cleared and are safe.

When the roadway is very icy, Mrs. Waldie, Mrs. Harte or other Staff members will be at the four way stop (Lucas and Morris) and at the top of the driveway entrance to the school to permit vehicles to enter the drive-through one vehicle at a time. For people walking to school, please plan as level a walking route as possible. The paved basketball court at the back of the school can be particularly dangerous in icy conditions. Please avoid walking on this and remind your child it is not a safe place to play in icy conditions. Your cooperation is appreciated. We want everyone to arrive safely to school!

Please remember that appropriate dress is necessary for West Coast weather as our students go outside at recess and noon break. Please make sure your child wears warm socks, coat, hat and mittens (boots if required) during this Winter season.



And finally, important safety information from our District...

"We are now approaching the season when inclement weather may affect the safety and welfare of students. In particular, snowy weather has the potential to cause school closure or some School District 61 services to be suspended.

During inclement weather, information about schools will be updated continuously on the Greater Victoria School District 61 website at <http://www.sd61.bc.ca/>.

Within the Greater Victoria School District, the Superintendent of Schools will provide media outlets with information about the status of our facilities and transportation services by 6:30 a.m."

Lake Hill Clubs and Sports Update



Knitting Club—Ms Thacker has continued to help develop our knitting skills. Over 30 busy little pairs of hands have been hard at work creating various projects. We can always use extra hands on Mondays and/or Fridays at lunch time.

Floor Hockey is a ongoing lunch time activity for many of our students in Grades 3-5 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Mr. Harrison and Mrs. Scigliano are enjoying this time with the students and are impressed by their growing skills and sportsmanship.



Chocolate Lily Book Club—Mrs. McAuliffe will be meeting with students from K—Grade 5 to explore books written by the recipients of the 2011 Chocolate Lily Awards. They meet on Thursdays at lunch in the Library.

Garden Club has been busy this Fall moving soil, planting bulbs and day lilies, mulching and organizing the planting of our Terry Fox Garden (daffodil bulbs planted by all students and staff). We look forward to meeting again in the Spring to watch all of gardens grow!



"SHOWCASE" BY LAKE HILL STUDENTS

Personal Experience—Splash Mountain

One of the most terrifying memories I can think of was going on Splash Mountain. When I was at Disneyland I decided I was going to go on the ride so my mom, sister and I got in line for it. The whole time we were waiting I was scared to go, but I still wanted to. By the time we got moving on the boat I was really feeling frightened. At first there were smaller drops that we went down. The whole time I was holding on to my sister's seat that was in front of me. It started to get darker, it was silent and creepy. I couldn't see a thing. It was pitch black! I was terrified. Then something even more terrifying happened, a bigger drop! The whole time we went down I was screaming! Then I got really worked up because there was an even bigger drop coming up. I wanted to jump off! I was so petrified I started screaming and crying. "It's OK Erika, don't be scared." said my mom. We started to go up the big drop! Every time the track clicked I got more and more nervous. We got to the top of the big drop! And then we went down! We were going down so fast I was screaming as loud as I could. When we were at the bottom I was so happy it was over. I was so relieved it was over and shaky too. I don't think I will ever like roller coasters. That was the worst ride I've ever been on because it was terrifying! At the end, we saw our picture and I definitely looked terrified. *By Erika—Grade 5*



By Carlin—Grade 1



By Evan—Grade 4

Research Postcard—Venus

Hello Sam!

Did you know that Venus was named after a Greek goddess of love, spring and beauty? Another thing that's cool is that Venus has no moon. A weird thing about Venus is that it is made of the same thing as Earth. It is the second planet in our Solar System. Venus is 67 million miles from the Sun.

From your Brother,
Nick—Grade 3

Research Postcard—Mercury

Hi Sydney!

Did you know that Mercury is half the size of the Earth and it's very small? Mercury is made out of canyons, craters, mountains, rocks and minerals. It is the closest planet to the Sun. It's almost 70% closer to the sun than Earth. It's a red desert. Mercury spins the fastest and it is also named after an ancient god.

Your Sister,
Ava—Grade 3

Personal Experience—My Summer

Over the summer I went to Lake Cowichan with my family. I went swimming and the water was as cold as ice. Once I got into the water, my body felt numb. My dad, Cheryl and I went on a hike up a mini mountain. We saw lots of trees, bushes and a decaying cedar nursing log. We also canoed to Billy Goat Island and checked out the beaches. My dad caught three crayfish with his bare hands. I said, "That is really cool Dad!" I love Lake Cowichan because I had a great time there.

By Billy—Grade 5



"TWIN DAY" SPIRIT DAY ORGANIZED BY GRADE 5 LEADERSHIP

