

Lloyd Garrison School NEWS



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LGS - Your Family School

Did you know....your school is made up of "multi-age" or split grade classrooms. This misunderstood system we use out of necessity because of few numbers is now being copied by many urban areas. Urban areas have realized the advantages of small schools. Students work at their own level on a daily basis within their multi-graded classroom.

Multi-age classrooms promote social development as older children are partnered with younger children and engage them in a multitude of things such as taking turns, sharing, reading to them, showing leadership, acceptance and cooperation from a very early age.

The multi-age classroom is in fact a richer educational opportunity that is a cooperative working environment which we all want for our children.

Everyone is involved and far less likely to "fall through the cracks" because they are more like family.

Our school is a necessary part of our rural community and its future. We all need to celebrate the learning atmosphere of our rural school where our children become competent, independent and confident learners before they go on to higher education.

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Students enjoyed a pancake breakfast on the last day of school before Christmas break - provided by staff.

LGS School Council Meeting

Wednesday

January 14, 2015

@7:00PM

LGS Library

(FREE babysitting provided)



"Christmas is Our Favourite Time of Year" - Kudos to Mrs. McCann and her troupe— singing, dancing and Bell Choir—a great LGS Christmas Concert!!



Superintendent's Message



Parents: Have a Voice in Education

In January and February many parents will receive a survey in the mail from Alberta Education. Please take a few moments to complete this survey - your participation is very important to us.

The responses collected in the survey are provided to and reviewed by all school staff, the board of trustees and the Alberta Government so that we can learn what is working in schools and what needs improvement. Your answers to the questions on the survey will be considered in school and divisional planning and therefore will have a direct impact on your child's educational experience. This important annual survey provides you with another way to be involved in decision making at your child's school.

The survey is mailed to parents in grades 4, 7 and 10 (unless the school has fewer than 120 students in grades 4-12 in which case the survey will be expanded to include all students and parents). To ensure we receive as many responses back from parents as possible, the survey comes with a postage paid return envelope.

Thank you in advance for your time spent in completing the survey. Through working and learning together, your input and involvement makes our schools great places to grow, learn and be.

Paul Bennett

Superintendent of Schools
Peace River School Division No. 10

BERWYN BOOK BUGS STORY TIME

Free Community Program for children aged 0-6 and their caregivers



Berwyn School

Thursdays

2:00 - 3:30 P.M.

For more information please contact Tracey at the Berwyn office Phone 780-618-7829



STUDENT CLOTHING

ADVISORY

Please remember to make sure your children have appropriate outer clothing. This would include winter coats hats, mittens and boots. The temperature has dropped and the wind is very cold. Elementary students are expected to go outside for fresh air during recesses and noon hour and as such need to be properly dressed.



January 27 is Family Literacy Day

Did you know...

The results from the survey that arrives in your mailbox from Alberta Education is reviewed by the government, school division management staff and your child's school administration and staff? YOUR RESPONSES to the survey questions identify areas of satisfaction and areas to improve. This impacts school and divisional planning which in turn *impacts your child's educational programming and overall school experience* PLUS it provides you with a voice in your child's education.

Thank you in advance for your time in providing your valuable input. Parental input is key in providing students with the best educational experience possible.

Your Voice Matters!

15 Minutes of Fun!

ABC Life Literacy Canada is encouraging Canadian families to have "15 Minutes of Fun" learning together. Learning can happen at any time. Practicing literacy together every day has tremendous benefits for both children and parents. Here are some great ways to get started:

1. Read a "wake up" story in the morning (after reading your bedtime story the night before).
2. Search online for fun places to go in your community. Pick out a spot for your next family day trip.
3. Make up a new recipe together and post it online.
4. Tell knock-knock jokes together while doing the dishes.
5. Create a story with your family: take turns writing one sentence at a time, then read the whole story aloud when you're done.
6. Write a review of a book you read together as a family. Send it to the author through email or snail mail.
7. Organize a book swap at your school, or with your friends.
8. Track your trip to school, the park, and the grocery store on a map. Find a different route to take to each place.
9. Learn to play a musical instrument. What about the ukulele?
10. Write a note to include in a grown-up's lunch – ask them to write back!
11. Make a popsicle stick model with your family.
12. Write your names graffiti-style using chalk on your sidewalk – you may need to shovel first!
13. Play a board game together.
14. Look up the words to your favourite song online. Have a sing-off with your friends!
15. Count how many steps it takes to get from your bedroom to your kitchen. Find out who in your family has the most steps to a snack

Hot Dog Hot lunch order form

Wednesday January 21, 2015

(please return order by January 16th)

Name _____

ITEM	PRICE	AMOUNT	COST
HOT DOG	\$2.00	_____	_____
JUICE BOX	\$1.00	_____	_____
TOTAL			_____

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