

Lakeland Elementary

MAKE TODAY COUNT

Our student t-shirts for the year have arrived!! Each Lakeland student will receive a "Make Today Count" t-shirt on Friday, November 4th. This will be our first school-wide celebration day. We will gather all students in the gym beginning at 9:15 for a short assembly.

The Lakeland student t-shirts were made possible by four large donations from local business and one private family donation. We are very thankful for the

support we received from Kensington Bank, Marcus Construction, Thein Well, and Tru-Journey Advisors. If you or your business would like to contribute to shirts in the future, please reach out to Gretchen or Melissa.

Each month we will celebrate our school. We encourage all students to wear their shirts on these days. As of our now, our planned celebration days will be: Wednesday, Nov 23; Thursday, Dec 22; Fri-



day, Jan 27; Friday, Feb 24, Friday, March 24; Friday, April 28; and Friday, May 28. We will send a Remind message out reminding families of the t-shirt day the day before.

With the months of September and October be-

hind us, we have had 35 days of school so far this year. Looking ahead, we 135 days left of school this year. Our goal is to make **EVERY MINUTE, EVERY HOUR, EVERY DAY COUNT at LAKELAND ELEMENTARY!!!**



Get Involved with PTSA

The kids at Lakeland have had some amazing opportunities so far this year. Many of these events are made possible by volunteers.

The Willmar Elementary PTSA, Lakeland group has provided busing for our kinders to Nelsen Farm, first graders to KandiLand Farm, and fourth graders to Robbin's Island for a day spent with Prairie

Woods Environmental Learning Center staff. They have also provided a meal for staff during conferences and sponsored the fall festival for pre-k through second grade.

Other grades will have upcoming field trips and experiences made possible by the PTSA.

Being involved with PTSA doesn't have to mean a big

time commitment. There are many ways to help support Lakeland through the PTSA.

The next meeting is Thursday, December 1st at Lakeland at 6:30.

Can't make the meeting but would still like to support? Watch for messages when supplies/donations are needed.

Elementary Handbook

The complete Willmar Public Schools Elementary Handbook can be found on the district website. To locate it, go to:

- www.willmar.k12.mn.us
- Select “Lakeland Elementary”
- Go to “Resources”
- Select “Elementary Handbook”

This handbook is a great resource to find the school/district policies.

Many times we highlight a

few of these in our monthly newsletter, however there is more information in the complete handbook than can be covered in the newsletters.

If you have questions about any of the items in the handbook, please reach out to administration. We would be happy to help in any way.



Lakeland Important Numbers

Main Line:
(320) 263-5020

Attendance Line:
(320) 263-5021

Nurse's Line:
(320) 263-5014

Principal:
(320) 263-5010

Assistant Principal:
(320) 263-5011

***You can follow
us on Twitter!***

@WillmarLake

Attendance Procedures

We miss your kids when they are not at school! If your child is absent, please call our attendance line at (320)263-5021. You may leave a message if it is outside of the school day. When reporting the absence, please leave the following information: Stu-

dent name, student grade, teacher, and specific reason for the absence.

Please note, missing bus, not having a ride, and weather (when school is in session) are not excused absences.

If your child is not in

school and we have not heard from you, a call is sent to remind you to report the absence.



(320)263-5021

We Are Hiring!!!

It takes many people to fully support our students. Do you know someone who would be a great addition to our staff? To apply, complete an application on the district website.

We are currently hiring the following positions:

- Child Guide—student days, 8:00-3:30
- Playground supervisor—student days, 10:45-1:45
- Preschool Paraprofessional—student days, 7:30-3:30
- Special Education Paraprofessional—student days, 8:00-3:30
- Sign Language Interpreter—student days, 8:00-3:30
- Second Cook, Long Term Sub—student days, 8:00-2:00



Meeting Student Needs at Lakeland

There are many ways the staff at Lakeland are working to meet students' needs both academically and emotionally.

During both math and reading, students in grades kinder through fifth grade have small group time. During this portion of the day, students are put in small groups based on their instructional need. Teachers use data to determine the grouping and provide instructional strategies that help grow students. This happens for all students.



For students who may need extra support, this is also a time that students receive specialized instruction in the area of English Language Learners, Special Education, and Title I/ADSI/Reading-Math Corps. Students in these

programs need parent permission. If you feel your child is struggling and would like more information on these supports, please reach out to your child's teacher, Mrs. Baumgarn, or Mrs. Wilson.

At Lakeland, staff also strive to meet students' various emotional needs. We use "Second Step" as our social/emotional curriculum. These lessons are taught every Monday in the classroom.

The student support team, along with administration help create individual plans

for students who may need more help in this area. Many of these plans are set up to be positive behavior plans.

These type of positive behavior plans happen with parent involvement. If you feel your child needs more support in the area of social/emotional development, please reach out to your child's teacher, Mrs. Baumgarn, or Mrs. Wilson.

Outdoor Recess Reminders

It is important for kids to get physical activity every day. Part of getting students moving at school is during recess.

At Willmar elementary schools, students will have outdoor recess unless the temperature is below zero

or a negative 10 degrees wind chill.

As the weather changes, please be sure to send your child with appropriate clothing for recess. If you are in need of assistance, please call our main office.

Outdoor Recess Clothing:

- Warm Coat
- Hat
- Gloves
- Scarf
- Snow Pants
- Snow Boots

It's a great day to have a great day!

November Is All About Gratitude

Each month at Lakeland, our student support teams teaches kids about a character word. This is most often done through The Lakeland Ticket. This is shown on the first Monday of the month in classrooms.

During the month of November, students will be hearing about Gratitude.

We are very grateful for all of our students and staff at Lakeland.

We are also especially grateful for our wonderful Lakeland families.

Our Fall Festival could not have happened without the donations and volunteers. Parents and families, you are the reason we were able

to give kids this great experience. When asked, you came through with your time and supplies for the kids. They had a great time. On behalf of PTSA, thank you!!



November 2022

31	1	2	3	4 End of 1st Term
7	8	9	10	11 Veteran's Day Lunch
14	15	16 Two Hour Late Start Report Cards Sent Home	17 Picture Retakes	18
21	22	23 Lakeland T-Shirt Day!	24 No School	25 No School
28	29	30	1	2

Upcoming Events...December 2022

December 1: PTSA Meeting at Lakeland, 6:30pm

December 7: Two Hour Late Start for Students

December 23: Lakeland T-Shirt Day

December 23-January 2: No School for Students (Winter Break)

