

# Lakeland Elementary

## Welcome to the 2022-2023 School Year!

We have many great things planned for our Lakeland families this year. There are three times throughout the year to meet with your child's teacher: back to school meetings, October conferences, and February conferences.

We are also planning on having family events this winter and spring. Students will be participating in songfests/informances and field days this year.

Each grade will attend a

field trip which is paid for by PTSA. These typically take place in the spring, and more information will be coming.

School celebration days will be another highlight this year. Students will wear their Lakeland shirts on these days as we honor the ways we are making each day count during the 2022-2023 school year at Lakeland Elementary!!

\*Shirts will be provided free to all students. If



you would like to help offset the costs of these shirts, please stop by the office to make a donation.

These celebration days will take place on:

- Sept. 30
- Oct. 28
- Nov. 23
- Dec. 22
- Jan.27
- Feb. 24
- March 24
- April 28
- May 26.



### Meet our Principals... Mrs. Baumgarn and Mrs. Wilson

Mrs. Baumgarn is the head principal at Lakeland. She is beginning her 25th year in education. She began as a high school ELA teacher in Forest Lake, MN before moving to Willmar and becoming a Middle school ELA teacher. She moved to administration in 2012.

Mrs. Wilson is the assistant principal at Lakeland.

She begins her 18th year in the profession. She started her career as an early childhood special education teacher in both the Watertown-Meyer and Hutchinson school districts before moving to Willmar in 2015 as an administrator.

Both administrators are proud Willmar High School graduates who have chosen to return to

the area to raise their families as Willmar Cardinals.

Together these two make up the administration team at Lakeland. They pride themselves in leading a building that educates the whole child. Reach out to either of them if you have any concerns throughout the year.



## Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

We all need to work together to make sure kids get to and from school safely.

### BEGINNING OF THE DAY PROCEDURES:

\*Students may begin entering the building at **8:15am**. If you need your child dropped off earlier, please enroll him/her in Cardinal Place.

\*If you would like to walk your child into the school, use the parking lot and cross at the crosswalk. You are able to walk your child to his/her room the first week of school. After that,

goodbyes will need to be said in the entryway.

\*The front lane is **ONLY** for dropping off students. You must remain in your car and pull forward as traffic moves.

\*Students arriving by bus will be dropped off in the back of the school and enter through those doors.

\*Upon arrival, students report directly to their homeroom class.

\*Breakfast is served free for all students.

### END OF THE DAY PROCEDURES:

\*Parent pickup happens in the front of the building.

\*Students will wait by their grade level flag in front of the cafeteria doors.

\*Please follow the directions of staff members and pull forward as far as you can before stopping.

\*If you would like to get out of your vehicle to get your child, please use the parking lot and cross at the crosswalk.

## Don't Be Left Behind...get REMIND!

*You can follow us on Twitter!*

**@WillmarLake**

The REMIND app is a free app that will be used to deliver classroom and school news. Your child's teacher will give the code for joining that group. The Lakeland Remind group is found under: @willlake.

To be added to a group,

download the app, click "Add Class", then select "Join an existing class". Once there enter the class name (@willlake for the Lakeland school group).

This is the main delivery form of information. Some things are backpacked or

mailed home, but reminders, updates, and announcements will be sent using this platform.



**The Remind app is free!**

## Please Have Your ID Ready

It is important to keep our students safe while they are in our care.

Because of this, all visitors must show identification. Volunteers who

will be staying need to sign in at the front desk.



Any adult coming to sign a student out early will be required to show identification. We will only allow students to go with adults who have proper identification and are listed

as an authorized adult on the students' electronic information system.

If you are wondering who is authorized to sign out your child, please contact our school office. We can assist with reviewing our documents and ensuring you have the correct contacts listed.

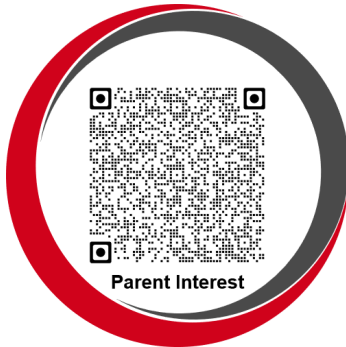
We appreciate your understanding when we ask for your identification!

## Volunteers Wanted!!

We have many opportunities for parents to volunteer throughout the school year. These can include classroom helpers, field trip chaperones, and lunch/recess support.

If you are interested in any of these, please make sure you have a current background check on file with the district and work with the classroom teacher or front office to schedule times.

To check your background status with the district, please stop by the office.



### **NEW: Parent/Admin Team**

This year, the administration will be forming a Lakeland Parent/Admin Team. This team will meet for a maximum of four times per

year for no more than an hour each time. The focus of this team is for administration to get parent input on the types of events that are planned for students and families in addition to getting feedback on our state and federal plans that are submitted each year.

Please fill out the form using the QR code if you have an interest in being a part of this team. Mrs. Baumgarn will reach out to you with more information.

This is a great way to have a voice in what happens at Lakeland!

## School Lunch Update

School lunch will no longer be free for all students this year. Students will need money in their lunch account if they will be eating school lunch. The regular price is \$2.15.

Families still have the ability to qualify for free or

reduced meals by filling out the form. Copies of this form are available in the office and can also be returned there once completed. Families will be need to pay for their meals until the application has been approved.

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

## Is your child worried about heading back to school?

Transitioning back to school can be hard for some students. This is not unusual! If your child is expressing fear or worries about starting back this fall, please take him/her seriously.

We have people at school who are trained and ready to help your child ease back into the school year.

The following people make up our team of professionals:

**Cari Bulthuis:**  
School Social Worker  
(320)263-5020 x5106

**Taylor Balkan:**  
School Counselor  
(320)263-5020 x5104

**Kathryn Thein:**  
Reflection Room  
(320)263-5020 x5192

These ladies are available to help support your child!



# September 2022

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5 No School- Labor Day	6 No School- Family/Teacher Meetings	7 No School- Family/Teacher Meetings	8 First Day K-5th Grade	9
12 First Day Pre-K	13	14	15	16
19 Vision and Hear- ing Screening	20	21	22	23
26 *WPS Homecom- ing Week!	27 Fall Picture Day	28	29	30

## Upcoming Events...October 2022

October 3: Vision and Hearing Re-screening

October 13: Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3:30-7:30

October 18: Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3:30-8:00

October 19: Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences, 8:00am-12:00pm

No School for PreK-8th grade students

