

Friday, January 18 2019

Kindergarten Registration Week



February 4 to February 8 is Kindergarten Registration Week at Lakehead Public Schools! During this week, parents of school aged children are invited to drop into their neighbourhood school to register their children for Kindergarten.

For parents needing more information about Kindergarten, Lakehead Public Schools is holding its annual Kindergarten Information Night at the Valhalla Inn on Monday, February 4 at 7:00 p.m.

communities during an Open House on Wednesday, February 6 between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

In addition, each elementary school will open their doors to welcome families to their school

For more information, about the Kindergarten program or the registration process, please call Lakehead Public Schools at 625-5100, visit our website at www.lakeheadschoos.ca, and follow us on Twitter and like us on Facebook.

Sharing the Meaning of Home



Students in Grades 4, 5 and 6 will have an opportunity to share what "home" means to them and help a local family at the same time. At the launch of the Habitat for Humanity Meaning of Home contest at Claude E. Garton Public School on Friday, January 18, Thunder Bay students were encouraged to submit an essay or poem on what home means to them to help support a Habitat build of their choice.

Garton Public School. "We believe very strongly in our community and I know that other schools and students will also be very excited to participate in this exciting initiative."

"Through this national writing contest, students will be working on their writing skills and making our community a better place to live at the same time," says Shannon Jessiman-MacArthur, Principal of Claude E.

In the last 12 years, over 50,000 students have shared what homes has meant to them. Thanks to their inspiring words, and the generous support of founding sponsor Genworth Canada, the Meaning of Home contest has raised over \$1 million to build homes across Canada for families in need of decent and affordable housing.

Three grand prize winners, one for each grade, will have the opportunity to direct a grant of \$25,000 to a local Habitat build of their choice. Nine runners up will also each receive a grant of \$5,000 to donate to the Habitat build of their choice. For every contest entry, a donation of \$10 will be made to that student's local Habitat, ensuring every student can help build Habitat homes in their community.

The Meaning of Home contest is open to all Grades 4, 5 and 6 students across Canada. Submissions will be accepted online between January 7 and February 18, and winners will be announced in April. More information on how to enter, as well as details on prizing, can be found at www.meaningofhome.ca.

Explorer Diving into CD Howe



More people have walked on the moon than have been to some of the places Jill Heinerth has explored. Jill Heinerth has pioneered technical dives deep inside giant Antarctic icebergs to photographing kilometres of never-before-seen passages of dark underwater caves. Through the Royal Canadian Geographical Society Explorer in Residence program, she visited the students at CD Howe Public School on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 to talk about her experiences.

"This was an incredible opportunity for our students to meet and learn directly from Jill who is a filmmaker, photographer, speaker, conservation advocate and writer," says Elaine Oades, Principal of CD Howe Public School. "Through her unique perspective, Jill is able to engage the next generation to be interested in geography and exploration."

The seasoned explorer shared dynamic images and stunning photographs from the last finite frontiers of this planet. She shared stories about risk management, technology and synergism as she recounted her journeys into the depths of Antarctic icebergs, underwater caves and shipwrecks. Most importantly, she also sparked students' interest in exploration and discovery.

The Royal Canadian Geographical Society created its Explorer-in-Residence Program to foster greater awareness among Canadians of the expeditions and field research being carried out by the nation's top explorers, scientists and conservationists. The groundbreaking discoveries, new data, stories and images that they bring back from the field to share with the public and

the scientific community are at the core of the Society's mission of making Canada better known to Canadians and to the world.

Former Westgate Student Rising To The Top!



On Friday, January 11, former Westgate Collegiate and Vocational Institute student and current filmmaker Michelle Latimer returned to inspire the current students. Students had the opportunity to meet Ms. Latimer and view her film RISE – Standing Rock Part 1 – Sundance Festival Version which documents the controversy and ensuing protest surrounding the expansion of the North Dakota pipeline.

Although the film itself contains much educational value, the presentation by Michelle also spoke about her inspiring story of being a Métis woman from Thunder Bay and how she achieved success in the film world.

Michelle Latimer Biography

A Métis/Algonquin filmmaker, actor, and curator, born and raised in Thunder Bay. Michelle's goal is to use film & new media as a tool for social change. She is interested in exploring how sound and image can transform space to create a visceral experience that lends itself to greater cultural awareness and understanding. Her films have been described as "visual poems exploring humanity", and are often experiments of creative form expressed from a personal point of view. While her work is informed by her own Indigenous heritage, she is most concerned with how global communities express views of individual, collective and other, and how cultural identity is articulated through these evolving perceptions.

In 2009, Michelle opened her production company Streeel Films which produced her first award-winning documentary, Jackpot. Other awards and recognition that Michelle has received include:

- Golden Sheaf Awards for Best POV documentary and Outstanding Emerging Filmmakers; nominated for the 2011 Donald Britton Gemini Award for Best Social Political Documentary;
- Special Jury Honourable Mention in International Short Filmmaking;
- Nominated for a 2012 Genie Award;
- Recognized by the Toronto Film Fest as producing one of Canada's Top Ten films in 2011;
- Tiff Canada's Top Ten and
- Nominated for Canadian Screen Award

Celebrating Outdoor Education Excellence

KINGFISHER LAKE OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE
presents a boreal forest wintertime
OPEN HOUSE
Saturday, February 9, 2019 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Kingfisher Team is proud to invite the general public to a fantastic, fun-filled day of winter activities at Kingfisher Lake Outdoor Education Centre.

Ride the Open House Bus
(show your green spirit!)

Snowshoeing (equipment provided!)

Cross Country Skiing
(equipment and instruction provided!)

Campfire
Free Hot Dogs and Hot Chocolate!

More information? Contact Scott @ scott_read@lakeheadschoos.ca

Bus Schedule

South Pick Up Sites & Times	North Pick Up Sites & Times	Departure Times (from KFL)
Westgate 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Hammarskjold 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	1:15 pm
Agnew 9:15 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Superior 9:45 a.m. 11:45 a.m.	3:15 pm

Heading east on HWY 17, turn left 3 km past the Terry Fox Lookout. Kingfisher Lake Outdoor Education Centre is located 20 km north on HWY 527.

Ellen Chambers
Chair

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Committed to the success of every student

Ian MacRae
Director of Education

Please plan to ride the Open House Bus!
Parking is extremely limited on site.

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The entire community is invited to celebrate outstanding outdoor education at Lakehead Public Schools' Kingfisher Outdoor Education Centre on Saturday, February 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the centre off of Highway 527.

Activities include Snowshoeing, Cross-country Skiing, a Kids Craft Corner, a campfire and Free Hot Chocolate and Hotdogs.

Transportation is available:
Westgate Collegiate and Vocational Institute
Pick Up – 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Agnew H. Johnston Public School
9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Hammarskjold High School
9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Superior Collegiate and Vocational Institute
9:45 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.

Buses will depart from Kingfisher to return to the pickup locations at 1:15 p.m. and 3:15 p.m.

For more information, please call Lakehead Public Schools at 625-5100 or visit our website at www.lakeheadschoos.ca.

Upcoming Meetings

Committee	Date/Time	Location
Standing Committee Meeting	Tuesday, February 12 7:30 p.m.	Board Room, Education Centre 2135 Sills Street
Regular Board Meeting	Tuesday, January 22 7:30 p.m.	Board Room, Education Centre 2135 Sills Street
Parent Involvement Committee	Monday, January 21 6:30 p.m.	Board Room, Education Centre 2135 Sills Street
Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee	Thursday, February 14 9:30 a.m.	Board Room, Education Centre 2135 Sills Street
Special Education Advisory Committee	Wednesday, February 20 6:00 p.m.	Board Room, Education Centre 2135 Sills Street