

Friday, January 25 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.

In addition, each elementary school will open their doors to welcome families to their school communities during an Open House on Wednesday, February 6 between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

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](http://www.lakeheadschoos.ca), and follow us on Twitter and like us on Facebook.

## Kickstarting Kindness



Grade 8 students are working on their construction skills and showing their kindness as they help out two organizations that benefit the local cat population. The students taking the Kickstart Program Design Technology program at Superior Collegiate and Vocational Institute have been working with volunteer Grade 9 students on constructing cat boxes for two local cat rescues – Kitty Kare and Caring Hearts. On Tuesday, January 22 the students had a visit by a representative from “Kitty Kare” who spoke to the class about their rescue organization.

“Kitty Kare is not a cost recovery rescue in that we do not have a set adoption fee. We pay all our vet care and foster expenses out of pocket and rely on our fundraising activities and donations,” says Cindy Sakiyama, Kitty Kare Representative. “School visits provide our organization with an opportunity to create an



awareness of the unnecessary suffering cats endure as a result of overpopulation and to promote spay/neuter programs within the community.”

Kitty Kare rescues cats which are at risk (too vulnerable in a kennel environment) or will be euthanized due to condition or lack of space at Thunder Bay's Animal Services. They place cats they rescue into foster homes and then work to place them in a caring environment in a “forever” home. They also provide veterinary care as needed and ensure that all cats that are

adopted out are vaccinated and spayed or neutered when they are old enough.

Kickstart Program Design Technology Teacher Lisa MacLeod (who owns 2 rescue cats) came up with the project idea because of her love of animals. She also really liked the fact that her students would be able to develop and apply construction and design skills, while working to help solve a ‘real-world’ problem. The students were keen to get involved with building the boxes as part of their class work.

“It was a great opportunity for some of the students to transfer some of their recently learned construction skills to a ‘community focused’ project. These sorts of projects always seem more meaningful to the students, knowing that the boxes they were constructing would be used to help raise money for cats in need,” says MacLeod. “My students and I hope that every cat in Thunder Bay has a chance to find a loving home. It’s so impressive that there are multiple rescues like Kitty Kare and Caring Hearts in the city, with dedicated volunteers who work so hard to rescue and find ‘forever homes’ for as many cats as they can.”

### **Budget Process Begins**



The 2018-2019 Lakehead Public Schools budget process began on Tuesday, January 22 with a preliminary analysis report. The report provided the process for the development of the budget that must be completed and submitted to the Ministry of Education by the end of June 2019. Trustee Marg Arnone was acclaimed as Budget Chair with Trustee Trudy Tuchenhagen acclaimed as Vice Chair.

“I am pleased to have the confidence and support of my peers to lead the Budget Committee through a very thorough and comprehensive process,” says Trustee Marg Arnone, Budget Committee Chair. “We will focus our efforts on ensuring that the budget process continues to reflect the number one priority of our Board – our students and their success.”

Student Achievement and Well-Being are the top priorities. The allocation of budget resources will be aligned with the overall goals and priorities identified in the Multi-Year Strategic Plan.

The next Budget Committee meeting will be held on April 2, 2019. At this meeting, invited stakeholders will present deputations to the Budget Committee.

## Celebrating Outdoor Education Excellence

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.

**KINGFISHER LAKE OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE**  
presents a boreal forest wintertime  
**OPENHOUSE**  
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@lakeheadschoools.ca

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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celebrating outdoor education!  
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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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.lakeheadschoools.ca](http://www.lakeheadschoools.ca).

## Trustee Awards



Trustees of the Lakehead District School Board have two awards to recognize the excellence of Lakehead Public Schools students, staff and community members.

Please contact Michelle Tavares in the Director's Office at 625-5213 or by e-mail to [Michelle\\_Tavares@lakeheadschoools.ca](mailto:Michelle_Tavares@lakeheadschoools.ca) for nomination forms for Trustee Recognition and Trustee Character Awards.

### Trustee Recognition Awards

Nomination forms are available for this year's Trustee Recognition Awards. The awards recognize outstanding achievements, effort, and excellence of students and staff of Lakehead Public Schools. Trustees present the Trustee Recognition Award once a month at the beginning of each Regular Board Meeting and

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Standing Committee Meeting. All candidates whose names are submitted to Trustees and who have received a regional, provincial, national or international award in the area of academics will be automatically recognized.

Trustee Character Award

The Trustee Character Award supports and enhances Lakehead Public Schools Character Development. This award provides an opportunity to raise awareness and promote character attributes that contribute to safe and healthy school environments, promote positive interpersonal relationships, promote higher academic achievement, increase awareness of diversity, show responsible citizenship, model positive behaviour, and enhance employability, and life skills. The awards for character will be presented by Trustees to students, staff and community members of Lakehead Public Schools at Regular Board or Standing Committee Meetings.

**Upcoming Meetings**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Standing Committee Meeting	Tuesday, February 12 7:30 p.m.	Board Room, Education Centre 2135 Sills Street
Regular Board Meeting	Tuesday, February 26 7:30 p.m.	Board Room, Education Centre 2135 Sills Street
Parent Involvement Committee	Monday, March 4 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