

Friday, February 7 2020

Labour Update

Due to strikes by the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO), all ELEMENTARY schools will be CLOSED to students on Tuesday, February 11 and Thursday, February 13.

Parents/guardians should make alternate arrangements for Tuesday, February 11 and Thursday, February 13. All child care centres located in elementary schools will remain open.

The ETFO strikes on Tuesday, February 11 and Thursday, February 13 will not impact the Kickstart Programs. The programs will continue to run on these days and parents and guardians will be responsible for transportation.

All Lakehead Public Schools Secondary schools will be OPEN on Tuesday, February 11 and Thursday, February 13 with busing available as per usual practice.

The Lakehead Adult Education Centre will be OPEN on Tuesday, February 11 and Thursday, February 13.



Celebrating 50 Years of Outdoor Education Excellence

For fifty years, quality outdoor education has been provided at Kingfisher Outdoor Education Centre. Kingfisher is a unique experiential outdoor education facility for Lakehead Public Schools students in Grades 1 to 12 that provides a host of year-round opportunities to instill an awareness and appreciation for nature and the environment while enhancing classroom learning.

"We are always excited to open up Kingfisher for our annual Open House. It was extra special this with it being the fiftieth anniversary of this incredible facility," says Kelly Henderson, Lead Instructor at Kingfisher Lake Outdoor Education Centre. "The Centre has the elements that are required for a successful outdoor education program including several classrooms, meeting areas, kitchen facilities, fire shelters, sleeping cabins, lakeshore, trail systems, and countless other attractions. Kingfisher truly provides students with a superior learning experience."

To celebrate Lakehead Public Schools outdoor education program at the Kingfisher Outdoor Education Centre, held an Open House with a number of fun outdoor activities for the entire



community on Saturday, February 8. During this celebration, families were welcome to try the following activities:

- Snowshoeing
- Cross-country Skiing
- Campfire with Free Hot Chocolate and Hotdogs

Kingfisher Outdoor Education Centre Day trips and overnight excursions offer enriched learning that complement the Ontario Curriculum for all grade levels in Science, Biology, Geography, Art, and Literacy as well as Health and Physical Education. Day trips to Kingfisher are

available for students in Grades 1 to 12. Activities are chosen by the classroom teacher in consultation with Kingfisher staff.

Day trips often include:

- nature hikes
- pond studies
- mapping and orienteering lessons
- skull/skeleton studies
- GPS and compass sessions



Kingfisher also provides students with an opportunity for an overnight experience with their peers, teachers, and volunteers. For the two- and three-day overnight programs, students must also plan their meals as a group and cook over a fire.

Overnight programming is dictated by the seasons and a wide variety of experiences are offered. Depending on the season, students taking part in the residential program may go snowshoeing, skiing, canoeing or hiking while at the centre. Other programming may include a microscope lab to view live specimens, a bird study or GPS/orienteering exercises.

For more information about the Kingfisher Outdoor Education Centre and the outdoor education celebration on Saturday, February 8, please visit the Lakehead Public Schools website at www.lakeheadschoools.ca.

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Lakehead District School Board

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@lakeheadschoos.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 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

Committee	Date/Time	Location
Standing Committee Meeting	Tuesday, February 11 7:30 p.m.	Board Room, Education Centre 2135 Sills Street
Regular Board Meeting	Tuesday, February 25 7:30 p.m.	Board Room, Education Centre 2135 Sills Street
Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee	Thursday, February 13 9:30 a.m.	Board Room, Education Centre 2135 Sills Street
Special Education Advisory Committee	Wednesday, February 19 6:00 p.m.	Board Room, Education Centre 2135 Sills Street
Parent Involvement Committee	Monday, March 2 6:30 p.m.	Board Room, Education Centre 2135 Sills Street

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