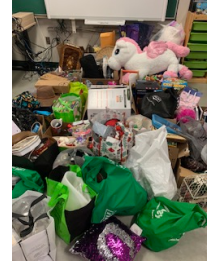


Bonjour, Hello, and Tansi

# Lakeview Elementary

December 2023



Left photo: Mrs. Oystriick playing mushroom in the Little Metis play ; Center photo: Remembrance Day Ceremony; Right photo: Just some of the many donations we received for the Santa Store

## Principal & Vice-Principal's Message

Hello wonderful families! As we step into the festive season, we want to extend our warmest thanks for being such incredible partners in your child's educational journey. Your active involvement and support light up the classroom brighter than our holiday decorations!

We are so grateful for all the donations for the Santa Store. We got more donations than we could have imagined. THANK YOU!!



## FTV Parent Survey

Thank you to all of the families that completed the Following Their Voices Parent Survey! We can't wait to share the results with you next month.

We are committed to building strong relationships, creating a secure environment where students feel a sense of belonging, and continually learning new ways to engage our students in their learning.

Did You Know....  
There are 39 Following Their Voices schools in Saskatchewan.

All of our Meadow Lake schools are Following Their Voices schools and work together.

**Our school team will use the following information from the survey to help with setting goals to work towards in these 6 areas:**

- Culture- Caring for and believing in Indigenous students and their cultures
- Expectations- Having high expectations for participation and achievement
- Environment- Having secure, well-managed learning environments
- Interactions- Using teaching and learning interactions that are responsive to student interests and needs
- Strategies- Using a range of strategies to promote accelerated growth.
- Evidence- Using data for reflection and planning.



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# Special Notes & Coming Events...

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## 31 Purposeful Acts Of Kindness For December

1. Call a relative to say you are thinking of them and ask about their day.
2. Help a family member with a household chore.
3. Write down three people you are grateful for and why, and then tell them.
4. Give a compliment to five different people in one day.
5. Tell your teacher why they do a great job.
6. Create kindness rocks and place them around your neighborhood.
7. Pick flowers or make tissue paper flowers and give them to someone you love.
8. Help a neighbor with an errand.
9. Find a funny joke or think of something that makes you laugh, then share it with three other people in person, on the phone, or in a video chat.
10. Donate items to a clothing, canned food, or toy drive.
11. Leave a treat or a thank you note for delivery drivers.
12. Tell a family member you love them.
13. Write encouraging sidewalk chalk messages for your community to enjoy.
14. Make holiday cards and mail them to a local nursing home.
15. Share something you care about with someone you love.
16. Pick up litter in your neighborhood.
17. Leave a nice note complimenting someone's holiday decorations.
18. Look at yourself in the mirror and tell yourself three things you like about YOU.
19. Make a point of smiling at everyone you see today.
20. Create a piece of art and share it with someone you love.
21. Call your grandparents (or an older relative) and ask them about their favourite childhood memories.
22. Plant something.
23. Brighten your family's day with a story, song, dance, poem, or other forms of entertainment.
24. Tell a friend or family member why they are special to you.
25. Give someone a special homemade gift.



26. Learn something new today, then share it with a friend or family member.
27. Give a thank you note to someone who probably doesn't hear "thank you" often enough.
28. Notice five beautiful things, then tell someone about them.
29. Call a friend you haven't seen in a while to say hello.
30. Write kindness notes and leave them in library books or other places where people will find them.
31. Make treats or thank you cards to give to your local fire or police station.

## Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

Thanks to all who participated in our conferences. If you have any further questions regarding your child's academics, please feel free to give us a call. Our overall attendance for Pre-K to Grade 4 conferences was 95%. Thanks for your commitment to your child's education!

## Lakeview's Elementary Playhouse Raffle

On Monday, December 4th, students will be sent home with one book of tickets to sell. If they sell them all you can call or stop by the school for more.

Tickets are due back to the school on Friday, December 15th and the draw will be made on Wednesday, December 20th. All monies raised will go to support Lakeview Students!



## SCC (Parent Council) Meeting

Our next meeting is Tuesday, Dec. 5th @ 7:00pm at Lakeview School. Join us if you can!

## Santa Store

The Santa Store will be open Monday, December 11th to Friday, December 15th. All students from PreK-4 will have an opportunity to shop for a special someone. The donations we received went beyond our wildest imagination. Thank you!





# Special Notes & Coming Events...

## Frosty Melodies

On Wednesday, December 13th at 1pm K-4 students will be performing winter themed songs. All are welcome to come and enjoy the holiday spirit. We will post The Frosty Melodies program on Edsby and Facebook closer to the date.

## Christmas Family Night

Please join us for an evening of family fun! On Monday, December 18th from 5:00-7:00 Lakeview will be hosting a Christmas Family Night sponsored by Innovation Credit Union. Thank you to Knotty Boys Firewood Services for donating the wood for the Grade 4 Christmas craft. Students and their families will enjoy time in their classrooms engaging in a Christmas craft. There will also be a hot chocolate station and a selfie booth. Looking forward to seeing you!



## Wacky-Tacky Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 22nd is our next Spirit Day: Wacky Tacky Christmas Day!! Find your craziest and wackiest hat or Christmas costume to wear at school to show your school spirit. We cannot wait to see what you will wear!



## Friendship Feast

We are so excited to announce that we are bringing back our Friendship Feast! On December 20th, all students and staff will enjoy a traditional Christmas meal! Thanks to the Meadow Lake Co-op for contributing to this event! Please have your child bring a fork and a plate in a plastic bag for their meal.



## Christmas Break

Christmas holidays begin on Friday, December 22nd. The students will return to school on Monday, January 8th, 2023.



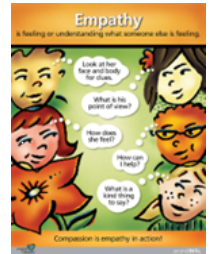
## Metis Core Values

We have been relating Metis Core Values to our teaching of social-emotional learning (Second Step). Every Thursday, Mrs. Oystreck shares a Metis core value over the intercom. In the book, *The Giving Tree* by Leah Dorion, the author shares a Metis story that addresses the core values in living a good life.

## Second Step—Unit 3—Empathy

During December, our school-wide theme will continue to focus on Empathy. In our morning announcements we'll remind students to have empathy, identify their own and others' feelings, notice and respect same and different feelings, and show compassion.

Compassion involves saying kind words or doing something helpful to show you care how another person feels. When students can identify, understand, and respond in a caring way to how someone else is feeling, it helps create a positive and accepting school climate.



## Positive Things We've Seen At Our School due to the Following Their Voices initiative

- More researched based high impact strategies are being used in the classroom.
- As teachers are building their relationships with students, more conversations are happening that support the whole student, and not just their academics.
- More Elders, Knowledge Keepers, and Indigenous role models have been in our building. We have also had many opportunities for land-based learning.
- Our school is recognizing and celebrating Indigenous days of significance.
- Teachers are working to infuse Indigenous content, perspectives, and ways of knowing within the classroom.
- Teachers are collaborating with each other and with our Indigenous Learning Coach.



# December <sup>2023</sup>

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	1 Une patinoire (a skating rink)	2
3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities	4 Manitô Ojisiqâw (Mun-too-O-gee-si-gaw)- Christmas	5 SCC Meeting @ 7:00pm	6	7	8 Bonhomme de neige (snowman)	9
10	11 Santa Store Opens Minahik (Mi-nah-ik)- Pine tree	12	13 Frosty Melodies @ 1pm	14	15 Flocon de neige (Snowflake)	16
17	18 Kôna (Koo-na)- Snow Christmas Family Night 5pm- 7pm	19	20 Friendship Feast	21	22 Joyeuses Fetes! (Happy Holidays!) Wacky Tacky Spirit Day	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

Make today *epic*