

# LAKELAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Message from the Principal!

### **Lockdown drill coming!**

In the next few weeks we will be coordinating a district mandated lockdown drill. This is for practice and safety reasons. Parents will not be allowed in the building during this time.

## Attendance

Most families have been doing a great job calling our school office when their child is absent. When these calls are made, it not only saves the office countless time making phone calls, but it gives immediate help should a child be in danger. You may call in your child's absence outside of school and leave a message. If your child is absent more than one day, we will need to hear from you every day of the absence.

Keep calling! Together we make a difference!

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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- December 13 ~ Santa's Breakfast ~ 8:30– 11:00 a.m.
  - December 19 ~ Spirit Day ~ Red & Green
  - December 22– January 2 ~ No School ~ Winter Break
  - January 13 ~ PTA meeting ~ 6:30 p.m.
  - January 19 ~ **No School** ~ Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
  - January 23 ~ Spirit Day ~ Sweats Day
  - January 26 ~ **No School** ~ Semester

## Translators Available

If you have a question or concern and need the help of a translator, just call one of the numbers listed below and an interpreter will return your call as soon as possible.

Spanish (253) 945-2473  
Russian (253) 945-2382  
Korean (253) 945-2472

## HANDWASHING-A SIMPLE THING?

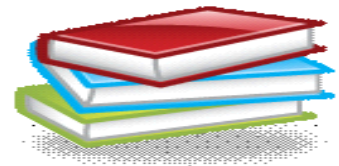
Hand washing seems like such a simple thing yet it is proven to be the single most effective practice in preventing the spread of germs among children. Illnesses such as colds, flu, pneumonia, diarrhea, and vomiting can be caused by the germs acquired through inadequate hand washing. Germs are easily spread through coughing, sneezing, hand-to-hand contact, and using shared objects. These germs accumulate on your hands as you perform daily activities and begin to spread through contact with your eyes, mouth, nose, and to other surfaces. Teaching children the importance of good hand washing can reduce or prevent their incidence of illness thereby increasing their opportunity for learning in a healthier environment. Watch your children to ensure they are using proper hand washing techniques. Also, instruct them to cough and/or sneeze into the elbow of their sleeve, rather than into their hand.

Hand sanitizer is an effective method of reducing the spread of most germs. However, hand washing is the preferred method. Hand sanitizer should only be used if soap and water are not readily available. It should not be used if hands are visibly soiled.

Children should be supervised to be sure they are using hand sanitizer correctly. Hand sanitizer needs to be rubbed in thoroughly until hands are dry. It should not be used on soiled hands. Use caution to prevent sanitizer from getting in eyes.

## Library News!

Mark your calendars! Lakeland Battle of the Books will be held on March 20 at 9:15 am. The winning team will represent Lakeland at the district battle on March 26 at 7:00 at Decatur High School.



View your child's Accelerated Reader bookshelf by going to [www.fwps.org/lakeland](http://www.fwps.org/lakeland), Lakeland Library, Accelerated Reader Home Connection. Watch your child's bookshelf grow!

Friendly reminder! If a library book needs repair, please bring it to our attention so we may use our special library glue and tape to repair the book. Thanks!

