

LAKELAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Message from the Principal...

Please Vote on the Replacement Levy

Federal Way Public Schools will run a replacement levy February 19, 2008. This four-year Educational Programs and Operations Levy (EP&O), formerly called a Maintenance and Operations Levy, will replace the current levy which will expire at the end of 2008. If the levy passes on February 19, current programs and services will be maintained and the tax rate will not increase.

The EP&O Levy provides funds for the day-to-day operations of the district's educational programs. It enables the district to pay for teaching staff not included in state allocations. The levy pays for 20% of ALL regular instruction in Federal Way schools. It pays for 43 teachers and 41 classified full-time equivalent (FTE) employees, including information technology, security officers, crossing guards, assessment staff and other key support staff. This funding also bridges the gap between state allocations and what the labor market demands to attract and retain quality administrators, support staff and teachers. The levy also pays for 17% of Special Education Services, 7% of Transportation Services, and slightly less than 2% of the English Language Learners program.

The school district is a good steward of the public's money. Federal Way taxpayers pay less per student than most Western Washington taxpayers. For more information, go to www.fwps.org/info/levy. Please vote February 19, 2008.

Jeff Soltez, Principal

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

January 25 ~ Hat Day

January 28 ~ No School ~ Semester Break

February 5 ~ Class Pictures

February 12 ~ PTA Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m.

February 15 ~ Twins Day

PTA Update

We will be doing Candy Grams again. They will go on sale February 4 thru the 8th, during lunch recess for 25 cents each. Delivery will be on February 14th. We are looking for volunteers. If you are interested please call PTA @ 253-945-3046.

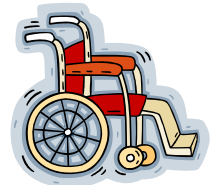
Yearbooks will be going on sale soon. More information coming!

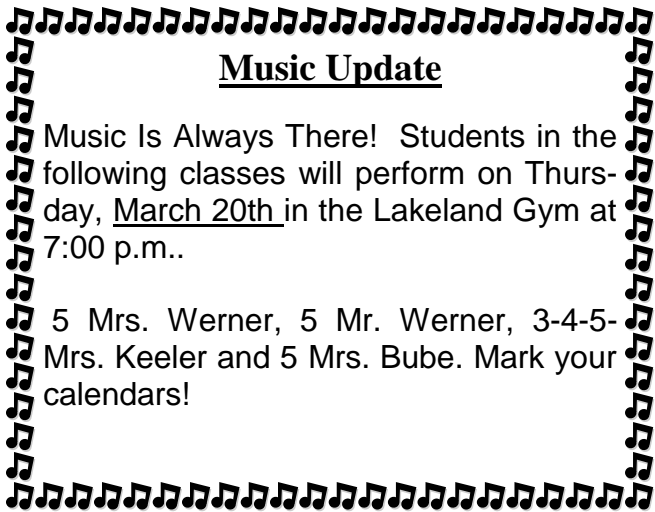
It's not too late to JOIN PTA! We would love to have new opinions and see new things happening here at Lakeland. We welcome change.

Thank you,
Jeanette Haffner, PTA President

PLEASE DO NOT USE THE HANDICAP PARKING SPACES WHEN YOU DROP OFF OR PICK UP YOUR STUDENTS:

Lakeland has handicapped staff and students who need those spaces!





Music Update

Music Is Always There! Students in the following classes will perform on Thursday, March 20th in the Lakeland Gym at 7:00 p.m..

5 Mrs. Werner, 5 Mr. Werner, 3-4-5-Mrs. Keeler and 5 Mrs. Bube. Mark your calendars!

Keeping Kids Healthy

This is the time of year when flu and cold germs spread. Already in 2008, we have had many students absent due to fevers and other symptoms.

When a student has a fever of 100 degrees or more, we advise you to keep him/her home for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone. Please evaluate your children carefully before sending them to school when they wake up complaining of illness. Students who come to school sick cannot concentrate or learn well, and they put others at risk of catching infectious illnesses.

Hand washing is vital to keeping germs away. Encourage your children to wash their hands often and thoroughly, both at home and at school.

Finally, please be sure your children dress appropriately for the cold winter weather. Send them with a warm jacket to school and be sure to mark any coats, hats, sweatshirts with their name.

Attendance & Tardies Update

BECCA Bill

The BECCA Bill is a federally mandated law. The law requires that we contact parents about absences and/or tardies. When a student is absent for extended periods of time (both excused and unexcused), we contact the parents with phone calls and letters. We also contact parents when their students are repeatedly tardy. Students coming to school late not only disrupt their education, but they disrupt the education of other students. A conference may be set up with the principal to work with the families to improve attendance.

Vicky Drury
Lakeland Elementary
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253-945-3008

Visitor/Volunteer

We ask that all visitors come first to the Lakeland office when visiting or volunteering. We encourage parents to visit school often. This is a safety measure.

The law requires that each person working with children voluntarily fill out a Washington State Patrol form through the District. This form must be completed by anyone who volunteers at the school. Forms are valid for 2 years, and there is no cost to you. This is a safety measure for the welfare of all students.



