



# The Raptor Report



A Newsletter for Lakeshore Discovery School

October 3, 2011

## Administrator's Message:

It is hard to believe that the first month of school has already come and gone.

As a reminder, Respect, Académiques, Pride, Teamwork, Optimisme, Responsabilité and Sportsmanship continue to be the focus for the staff and students at Lakeshore Discovery School.

These qualities coincide and/or complement the character education program sponsored by the Greater Essex County District School Board. If you refer to the School Board's 2011-2012 school year calendar, the focus for October is being responsible. The motto: I will be accountable for my actions, be reliable and keep my commitments. Great advice for all of us!

Below we have shown our EQAO results for this past school year. We are very proud of our students in all of their hard work for these assessments. Teachers have already begun to use the results to drive their planning and instruction. Our teachers are working within collaborative inquiry groups/grade teams in order to affect improved achievement for all of our students. Our overall goals in reading, writing and math are to improve achievement in order to have 75% of our students at Levels 3 and 4.

Teachers are also working on three school effectiveness areas this year. Our focus will be on using learning goals and success criteria, giving descriptive feedback and working in collaborative inquiry groups in order to improve the achievement for the students in their class.

Thanks for a great start to the year as we head into the fall and the month of October. Remember that by working together Lakeshore Discovery School will continue to be a great place to learn! Mrs. Adamson and Mrs. Bellaire

## Safety Reminders:

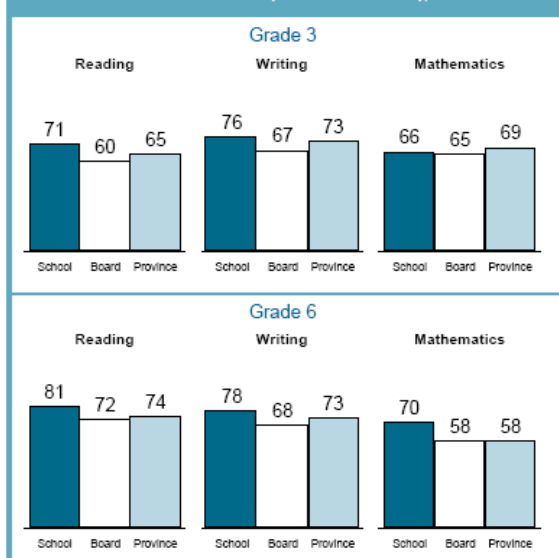
### Bike Helmets

In order to comply with provincial law, all students who ride their bikes to school must wear bike helmets when arriving on school property. Students may be asked to walk their bikes to the bike racks when not wearing a helmet.

### PM Dismissal: Car Pickups

Please remember that during the PM dismissal period, students are encouraged to wait in the Kiss and Ride area for their parents. For safety reasons, students should not be crossing the driveway or the parking lot to meet

PERCENTAGE OF ALL STUDENTS AT OR ABOVE THE PROVINCIAL STANDARD (LEVELS 3 AND 4), 2010-2011



### Weather Alerts

Inclement weather may cause bus delays or cancellations. Information is posted after 6:30 am at [www.buskids.ca](http://www.buskids.ca) or tune in local media. **If buses are not running in the morning due to fog, they will run as usual in the afternoon. If buses are not running due to winter ice and snow conditions, they are cancelled for the entire day.** Please remember that on these days the school is open and lessons will be planned for your child.

### Help Needed

Our classrooms are looking for a "Class Mom or Dad" this year. This person would be asked to visit the classroom once a week to help with money counting and collecting of forms. If you are interested in helping us out in your child's classroom, please contact your son/daughters teacher at your earliest convenience.

### Head Lice

Head lice have become a common social nuisance in today's society. If you discover head lice on your child, please begin treatment and notify the school immediately. Children with head lice are not permitted back to school until live lice and/or nits have been treated and removed. Please see the attached two page information

### Absences

In order to comply with the Ontario Safe Schools Act 2000, all schools are required to attempt to make contact with parents/guardians of absent students. As an interesting piece of information, our office staff made over 400 absence calls in the first month of school! Please remember to call in all absences. You can phone and leave a message, for your convenience, twenty-four hours a day. Parents can also leave a note in the child's agenda the day before an absence for appointments and other known absences/lates.

### School Council Magazine Fundraiser SEPT 30– OCT 21

The countdown is on for our 2011 magazine fundraiser. We look forward to your continued support! Lakeshore Discovery School retains an average of \$10.00 for every magazine subscription purchased, so every order counts. Parents, friends and relatives love this fundraiser and in turn, are being offered savings of up to 85% off the newsstand prices. Monies made from this fundraiser go directly back to the students in the form of sports equipment, graduation, busing for field trips, classroom resources, student books, etc. The timing is just right for this fundraiser as it crosses over the Thanksgiving holiday, making it a great time to reach family and friends. **Online ordering is the easiest method of ordering and is available at [www.qsp.ca](http://www.qsp.ca) group # 7285. There is no money to handle, the magazines arrive faster, and the orders are processed immediately. Everyone who orders online will be entered in a draw for a Blackberry tablet.** Teacher's and student's name must be included as this information is requested at time of checkout. Good luck to all and thank you again for all your support!

### Pizza Days

We have had many inquiries as to when our Pizza Days will be starting for the school year. Unfortunately, we have not yet had a parent who has volunteered to take this project on. There are many parents who are willing to lend a hand but it is vital that we have one or two parents who would be willing to coordinate the days. If you are interested in taking on this for our school, please contact Mrs. Bellaire at the office as soon as possible. There would be support in the learning curve that would accompany taking this on for the first time.

### **School Council News:**

The School Council is an excellent way to be involved in your child's school. All School Council meetings are open to the public and all are encouraged to attend as many meetings as you can as new ideas and opinions are always welcome!

The first fundraising activity of the year will begin this week as all students will receive information regarding Magazine Subscription Sales (please see page two for detailed information). The first meeting of the new school year was held on September 30 and it was exciting to see a number of new faces in attendance.

Present: Marg Hwozdecky, Sean Crawford, Kari Bellaire, Angela DeThomasis, Cathy Crosby, Beth Lanoue, Leigh Nether-ton, Maureen McClary, Amanda Roberts

School Council Members for 2011-2012:  
Cathy Crosby, Beth Lanoue, Leigh Nether-ton, Maureen McClary, Amanda Roberts

School Council Executive for 2011-2012:  
Chairperson: Kim Beneteau  
Vice Chair: Cathy Crosby  
Secretary: Leigh Nether-ton  
Treasurer: Amanda Roberts

### **Fall Photos**

The fall photos are scheduled for Wednesday Oct. 19 (JK/SK "A" and Gr. 1, 2, 3) and Thursday, Oct. 20 (JK/SK "B" and Gr. 4 to 8). The photos are being taken by Lifetouch Canada. Photo retakes and pictures for absent students are scheduled for November 16 and 17th.

### **Allergen Reminders**

**As a community we remind you and your children that we do not bring nut products, kiwi and watermelon to school as we have a number of individuals with severe reactions that can be potentially fatal. Also, we discourage the use of aerosol spray containers at school. Students are also reminded not to share food with others to**

### **Busing News**

As a reminder to parents and students, bus safety is a priority at Lakeshore Discovery School. Bus patrols have been selected and trained, and in October, a school wide bus evacuation practice will be held. The year has started on a positive note and that is awesome! Keep up the safe riding.

Students are reminded to:

- line up in an organized line at the bus stop and board the bus in an orderly manner
- be respectful to all students and patrols on the bus
- move over in the seat to allow other students to sit down
- refrain from eating or drinking on the bus
- remain seated for the duration of the bus ride

### **School Visitors: Office Check In Please!**

At Lakeshore Discovery we welcome visitors to the school for a variety of reasons. In an effort to maintain the safest environment possible for our students, the school does require all visitors to sign in at the office and receive a visitor's badge.

Parents who wish to stay with their children until the entry bell rings are welcome to wait in the front foyer until your child is more comfortable at school. Please do not wait on the playground without signing in at the office. The staff have been asked to politely approach anyone in the building who may be visiting and not wearing a badge to remind them of these safety precautions.

**Morning supervision begins at 8:30.**

