

# Lakeland Elementary



## Marching Into Spring at Lakeland

Dear Lakeland Families,

As we step into March, we're filled with excitement for all the learning and growth that this month brings. Spring is just around the corner, reminding us of new beginnings and fresh opportunities. Our students continue to amaze us with their hard work, creativity, and kindness each day. March is a great time to reflect on how far we've come and set goals for the rest of the school year.

This month, we look forward to engaging activities, meaningful learning experiences, and opportunities to celebrate our amazing school community. With spring break approaching, it's also a great time for students to recharge and return ready to finish the year strong. Thank you for being such an important part of our Lakeland family—your support, encouragement, and partnership make all the difference. Together, we'll continue to help our students blossom and succeed!

Warm regards,  
Gretchen Baumgarn  
Principal



**Important Numbers:**

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(800)432-8781

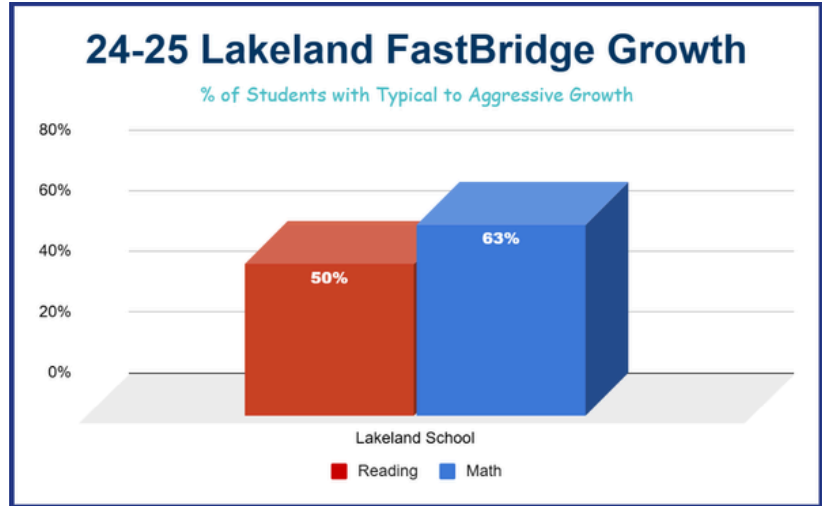
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## Lakeland Assessment Corner

We're excited to share that 50% of our students have shown typical to high growth in their FastBridge assessments from fall to winter! Even more impressive, 63% of students demonstrated growth in math. This progress highlights the hard work our students have put in and the effectiveness of our teaching strategies. We're proud of their achievements and look forward to continued growth!



## CHARACTER WORD OF THE MONTH



Our Character Word for the month of March is **RESPONSIBILITY**. Responsibility means taking ownership of our actions, completing tasks, and being dependable. Here are some simple ways to encourage responsibility at home:

1. **Daily Chores:** Assign age-appropriate chores like making the bed, feeding a pet, or helping set the table. Completing small tasks daily helps children learn accountability and the importance of contributing to the family.
1. **Prepare for the Next Day:** Encourage your child to get their backpack ready, pick out clothes, and pack lunch the night before. Taking charge of these simple routines builds independence and responsibility for their learning.
1. **Reflect and Celebrate:** At dinner or bedtime, ask your child to share one way they showed responsibility that day. Celebrate their efforts and discuss how being responsible builds trust and confidence.



- **Dress for the Weather:** March weather can be unpredictable—please send students with appropriate outdoor gear.
- **Attendance Matters:** Every day counts—help your child build strong attendance habits.
- **Lost & Found:** Check the lost and found for any missing winter gear before spring break.



## Important Dates: March 2025

- March 3: Read Across America Day
- March 5: Spread the Word Day
- March 5: 4th Grade Field Trip to Musical, 9:30
- March 7: Golden Ticket Cash In Day at School
- March 14: Yearbook Orders Due
- March 17-21: Spring Fling Dress Up Days (More to Come)
- March 21: All School Assembly
- March 21: Last day of 3rd term
- March 24-28: SPRING BREAK
- March 31: No School for Students-Teacher In-Service Day



## Important Dates: April 2025

- April 1: School Resumes
- April 8: Report Cards Backpack Home
- April 11: Golden Ticket Cash In Day at School
- April 11: Kinder Round-Up and Family Night
- April 18: No School for Students
- April 30: 1st Grade Musical Performance, 2:00pm

*Stay Connected! Contact Us Anytime.*

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