



GATOR CHRONICLE

Lakewood Elementary School

Vol. 19

November 2025

Kelli Oertling, Principal

Sandra McCullough & Holly Thompson, Assistant Principals

**H
A
P
P
Y
T
H
A
N
K
S
G
I
V
I
N
G
!**

Principal's Message:

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we are filled with gratitude for the continued support of our Lakewood community. Thank you to all the parents who attended Parent-Teacher Conferences—your partnership and engagement make a meaningful difference in your child's success. We are also appreciative of everyone who supported our World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser. Because of your generosity, our PTO can continue providing valuable resources and experiences for our students.

A special thank you as well to those who helped make our Candy Crawl such a fun and memorable event. Our students enjoyed every minute! We are truly grateful to our PTO, volunteers, and our Partner in Education, AMPM Services, for their ongoing dedication and support of our school.

Earlier this year, our students took time to develop their hopes and dreams for the school year. I encourage you to ask your child about these goals and continue to check in throughout the year as they work toward achieving them—and our shared mission of "Success and Nothing Less for All."

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. We deeply appreciate your continued partnership and commitment to helping every student succeed.

Wishing you and your family a joyful and restful Thanksgiving holiday,



Kelli Oertling,
LWE Principal

Don't forget to
follow us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61550061518511>

Parent Teacher Organization

PTO is diving in at Lakewood Elementary!

We are so thrilled with the results of our World’s Finest Chocolate sale! Thank you to everyone who participated! We sold over 540 boxes of chocolate, setting a new record for Lakewood!

We’d especially like to congratulate our top seller Aubrey Chauvin, who won a \$100 Amazon gift card for selling 15 boxes! We’d also like to congratulate Mrs. Mouser and Duplessis’ class for being our top-selling homeroom, selling over 50 boxes! They won a donut and orange juice party during morning meeting.

About 95 students earned an ice cream party for selling 2 or more boxes, and about 55 students earned a pizza party for selling 4 or more boxes. About 40 of those students sold 7 or more boxes to win a limo ride out to lunch with Mrs. Oertling, and thirteen students sold 10 or more boxes! Students also won flying drones, karaoke machines, and colorful cloud lamps! We are so thrilled with your participation this year, Gators, and we can’t wait to make next year’s fundraiser even better!

Remember that uniform shirts and pencil pouches are always available for purchase. Message us on Facebook or email lwegatorspto@gmail.com if you need anything.

Moving into the end of the first semester, we are looking forward to celebrating with holiday festivities and fun for our students and staff! Your participation in fundraisers like World’s Finest Chocolate allow for us to give them some extra love during the holiday season.

As always, thanks for supporting **LWE PTO!**

School Bus Spotlight

This month we are highlighting Bus 463 and Bus 449 and the students who are **creating a ripple** this year by following bus expectations and showing good character.



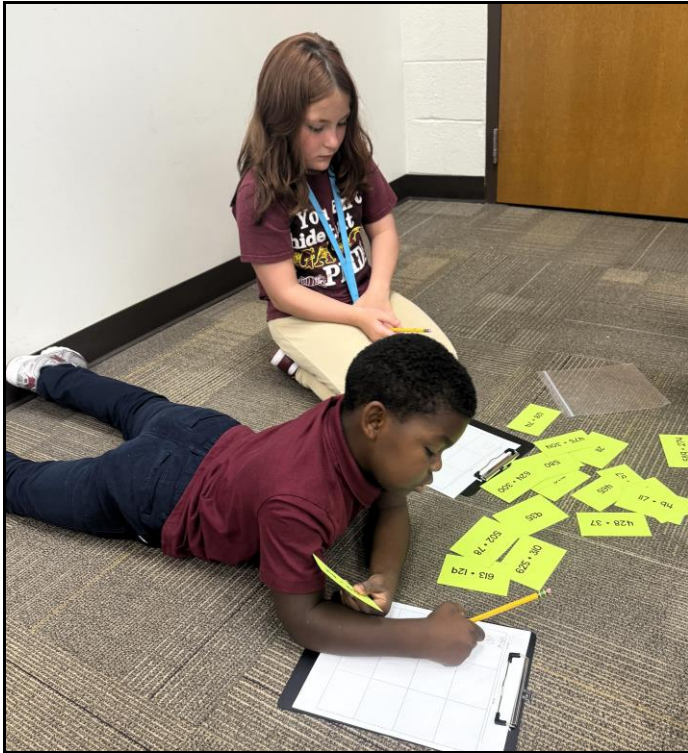
Bus 463– Driver- Ralph Young
Students- Talyn Sorapuru
and Johnnie Robinson



Bus 449 - Driver- Keya Francis
Students- Tsun Sheyin
and Ella Moberley

“Success and Nothing Less for All”

Math Games



Mrs. Farrell's 3rd graders played a matching game while practicing their addition skills.

Talented Theater Performance

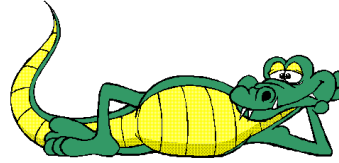


Talented Theater Students performed their Fall Main Stage Show, *Peter Pan*. They let their imaginations soar and magic of Neverland take hold. The Lakewood students performed for two sold out shows, where they showcased their talents and hard work. Written and directed by Mrs. West and inspired from the original story of *Peter Pan* by J.M. Barrie.

Many students at Lakewood watched a recording of the performance and were able to see their classmates in action. Bravo, theater students!

Lakewood's Mission

The mission of Lakewood Elementary School is to ensure success and nothing less for all.



Lakewood's Vision

Lakewood Elementary School empowers all students to develop skills necessary to grow academically, socially, and emotionally in order to achieve success in our constantly changing world.

Lakewood's Beliefs

We believe ...

- all students can learn, achieve, and succeed.
- in setting high expectations for all.
- in creating an environment that is safe and inviting.
- in providing an inclusive climate where all experience diversity, empathy, belonging, and respect.
- in promoting a culture of dignity where all are valued as individuals with unique physical, social, emotional, and intellectual needs.
- our school, community, and families are collaborative partners in the education of our students.

Lakewood's Daily Expectations

1. Be Responsible
2. Be Respectful
3. Be Safe

Uniform/Sweatshirt Donations

If you have any gently used uniforms that your child outgrew and you are no longer using, please consider donating them to our school. As the weather gets colder, our need for LWE sweatshirts or plain maroon sweatshirts will especially increase.



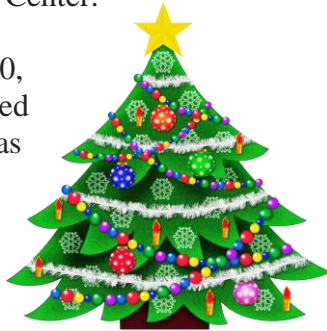
“Success and Nothing Less for All”

Talented Art Christmas Tree

Talented art students are decorating a Christmas tree for the "Spirit of Christmas" walking tour at Destrehan Plantation benefiting Greater New Orleans Therapeutic Riding Center.

The tree will be on display November 28 - December 30, weather permitting and closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Admission is \$10 per person, children under 4 are FREE. More information can be found at

www.GNOTRC.org or
www.DestrehanPlantation.org.



Counselors' Corner

As we approach Thanksgiving, it's the perfect time to focus on **gratitude**. This is when we should notice and appreciate the positives in our lives. This means that we are aware of and thankful for good things that happen. Gratitude has been shown to increase the feelings of happiness, self-esteem, social connection, mental health, and physical health. Take some time this month to focus on the positives. You can incorporate gratitude practices by writing in a journal what you are grateful for and by taking a gratitude walk with your family to express appreciation for one another. You can practice kindness by helping others and using positive words. These simple actions can make us feel calm and connected.



Scan the QR code to access the LWE Parent Counseling Corner

Please remind students to wear tennis shoes on Physical Education days.



Special Olympics Bowling



Lakewood Elementary students participated in the bowling tournament for the Special Olympics.

Girls Division:

2nd Place: Paris Howard
3rd Place: Chloe Braud

Boys division 1:

1st place: Cameron Scott
2nd Place: Chase Giuffria

Boys division 2:

1st Place: Eli Tullier



Cafeteria Breakfast Surprise



Come eat breakfast all month you just might **win** a surprise! Later Gators

“Success and Nothing Less for All”

Candy Crawl



“Success and Nothing Less for All”

Golden Gators!

Congratulations to the Golden Gators for September!



3rd Grade

Ilsa Champagne
Kole Egle'
Elijah Breaux
Mary Petit
Jensen Carter
Aaliyah Ruiz
Joseph Poche
Bryce Barlow

4th Grade

Kaydence Young
Daniel Caple
Kase Egle'
McKenzie Troxler
Ella Thompson
Emma Dauphin
Emery Lawrence
Makira Wilson




5th Grade

Rory Frickey
Luke Hof
Caleb McNeil
Jude Helgason
Chloe Triche
Addison Loup
Ryleigh Petit
Amelia Fontenot



“Success and Nothing Less for All”

November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 Gatorettes Practice 3-4 pm	4 Robotics 3-4 pm	5 Good Choices Dress Down Day	6 Running Club 3 -4 pm / Gatorettes Practice 3-4 pm	7 Science and SS Fair Interest Forms Due	8
9	10 4-H Food Drive Begins/ Gatorettes Practice 3-4 pm	11 Robotics 3-4 pm	12 No School- Professional Learning Day	13 Fall Picture Retakes/ Progress Reports go home Running Club/ Gatorettes Practice 3-4 pm	14 Beta Meeting 7:55 am	15
16	17 Gatorettes Practice 3-4 pm	18 Teddy Cares Day- PJ Day \$1 Donation/ Robotics 3-4 pm	19	20 Golden Gators Celebration 7:55 am / Running Club 3 -4 pm / Gatorettes Practice 3-4 pm	21 Holiday Pictures	22
23 	24	25	26	27	28	29 
Thanksgiving Holidays- No School						

Upcoming Dates to Remember:
December 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18: Gatorettes Practice 3-4 pm
December 2, 9, 16: Robotics 3-4 pm
December 3: LWE Christmas Concert 6-7:30 pm @ LPAC
December 4, 11, 18: Running Club 3-4 pm
December 10: Rotary Tree Lighting Ceremony 5:30-8:30 pm @Edward Dufresne Community Center
December 11: 4-H & Cloverbuds Meeting 7:50 am
December 13: Robotics Qualifiers @HHS
December 18: Golden Gators Celebration 7:55-8:15 am
December 19: Early Dismissal 11:55 am
December 22- January 2: Christmas/New Year's Holidays- No School

**Homework Assistance Offered Through
State Library of Louisiana**

The State Library of Louisiana offers FREE homework assistance services to parents and students at <http://www.homeworkla.org>.

Homework Louisiana offers free online tutoring and academic resources from Tutor.com for Louisiana residents from kindergarten students through adult learners. Get help in math, science, social studies or English from a live tutor. The one-to-one tutoring hours are now 2 pm to Midnight, 7 Days a Week! Students may now access this service from any internet-connected computer or mobile device during these hours.

Please make sure to label your child's jackets, hoodies, lunch kit, etc. This way, if they are left somewhere on campus, they can be returned to your child.



Honor Roll

3rd Grade

Ava	Anderson
Bryce	Barlow
Kassidy	Boudreaux
Kaysen	Braud
Dillion	Brown
Shaun-David	Butler
Riley	Byrd
Sawyer	Caldwell
Easton	Caple
Greysen	Champagne
Roman	Colly
Isla	Cologne
Alaia	Diaz Garcia
Leo	Dube
John	Estay
Jaxon	Gauthier
Kymistri	Guidroz
Amari	Harris
Ava	Hymel
Hunter	Johnson
Morgan	Knight
Ali	Louviere
Mya	Louviere
Macchari	Mallard
Skyler	Martinez
Isabella	Matherne
Kayleigh	Muller
Thomas	Murphy
Ava	Petit
Mary	Petit
Issac	Pigford
Kohl	Pitre
Pailyn	Pizzolato
Joseph	Poche
Francis	Roberts
Lucas	Rosales
Eli	Sacra
Sawyer	Simmons
Jaycee	Simmons
Remi	Smith
Damani	Spears
Devante	Sylve
Cecilia	Torres-Turcio
Caia	Vultaggio
Natividad	Washington

Braxton	White
Evan	Williams
Lucy	Young

4th Grade

Lailah	Alexander
Justin	Alexander
Christian	Antunez
Ashton	Ballard
Charleigh	Blanchard
Clara	Bosarge
Chase	Bozzelle
Brooklyn	Brown
Ella	Burke
Jace	Bychurch
Daniel	Caple
Rylee	Champagne
Hunter	Clark
Braylen	Coleman
Israel	Crayton
Carter	Davis
Gabriel	De Jesus Lopez
Emberlyne	Dearmond
Adelaide	Eitmann
Owen	Griffin
Wyatt	Guedry
Miguel	Harris
Audrey	Herman
Tor'raJi	Jones
Locke	Lanaux
Caroline	Lawrence
Ge'Marley	Leban
Remi	Leblanc
Reeves	Lovett
Aiden	Lynch
Luke	Mautemps
Clayden	Melancon
Piper	Moran
Apollo	Morgan
Graham	Morris
Emerson	Philastre
Noah	Pigford
Caden	Plaisance
Aiden	Punch

Roman	Ranatza-Doyle
Coden	Richard
Elijah	Riggs
Raelyn	Robert
Grant	Robin
Noah	Seither
Damen	Shadell
Karlee	Smith
Taryn	Smith
Bonnie	Sorapuru
Emma	Tregre
Kaydence	Young

5th Grade

Jordan	Amari
Kendra	Arita-Cupil
Kaleb	Arwood
Livy	Aymond
Cameron	Barrett
Caiden	Barrilleaux
Ellie	Bruce
Odin	Butts
Mia	Candies
Carter	Caples
Lyla	Carter
Heughan	Cortello
Olivia	Danford
Sloan	Daunie
Jabari	Downs
Jackson	Dufrene
Phoebe	Durham
Sky	Eskridge
Lydia	Estay
Parker	Fernandez
Erick	Figueroa Lopez
Amelia	Fontenot
Lainee	Ford
Rory	Frickey
Jayceon	Gilmore
Brennan	Granier
Aubrey	Guillot
Krystal	Ho
Ana Grace	Jones
Addison	Loup
Remy	Lovett
Violet	Mason
Arlie	Matherne

Principal's List

3rd Grade

Elijah	Amos
Miriam	Anderson
Kinley	Ayo
Oliver	Balser
Benjamin	Beltz
Karyn	Bennett
Jackson	Berteau
Luis	Borge
Charlotte	Bosarge
Elijah	Breaux
Katelyn	Brown
Jensen	Carter
Mya	Cummings
Myles	Daigle
Landon	Deffner
Nowen	Dempster
Kole	Egle'
Madison	Eilers
Michael	Elliott
Kynlee	Fleming
Ellie	Fonseca
Lucas	Francipane
Aaron	Gil
Ray	Gray
Royce	Guillot
Anderson	Junot
Landon	Lavigne
Landon	Ledbetter
Natasha	Leonard
Landrie	Matherne
Ciaran	McLain
Leah	McMillan
Kelsey	Percle
Adrain	Petetant
Rhett	Portera
Parker	Rome
Aaliyah	Ruiz
Rhian	Sandolph
Aria	Sheppard
Adalyn	Smith
Eloise	Sonnier
Emma	Stevens
Olivia	Templet
Taylor	Vila

XinYi	Wang
Denver	White
Celeste	Wilhite
Brenna	Williams

4th Grade

Alison	Aucoin
Amelia	Balser
Juliette	Berry
Liam	Biggers
Carter	Caire
Savanah	Coyle
Zoe	Daigle
Jonah	Danos
Sawyer	Danos
Emma	Dauphin
Zoe	Deslatte
Logan	Dufrene
Brynn	Dufrene
Maxx	Dugas
Kase	Egle'
Jackson	Eilers
Isla	Faucheux
Koehn	Gaubert
Noah	Guidry
Bayleigh	Harris
Fernanda	Hernandez Ferrera
Emery	Lawrence
Jonathan	Moya
Isabel	Philastre
Eleanor	Price
Kaizer	Saunier
Rosalie	Sumpter
Kohen	Tastet
Ellia	Thompson
Cali	Troxclair

5th Grade

Sasha	Akhondzadeh
Khloie	Bourgeois
Hannah	Cella
Andrew	Champagne
Suzette	Davison

Jackson	Degenhart
Rhett	Fahrig
Aiden	Figueredo
Ali	Hawkins
Luke	Hof
Cullen	Jeffers
Makenzie	Landry
Drew	Larousse
Laken	Luquet
Easton	Matherne
Violet	McStay
Ella	Moberley
Ryleigh	Petit
Ellie	Taylor
Aliyah	Tregle
Brantley	Troxler
Emma	Tuckson
Wyatt	Williams

5th Grade Honor Roll Continued

Raj	McClain
Ruby	Mire
Maya	Nelson
Eli	Ortego
Carter	Petit
Jackson	Robinson
Augustus	Schmill
Tsuan	Sheyin
Destiny	Sims
Violet	Smith
Hudson	St. Amant
Aimee	Swayze
Camryn	Taravella
Aubrey	Tennison
Chloe	Triche
Finn	Troxler
Weston	Vinet
Tucker	White
Mia	Williams