



GATOR CHRONICLE

Lakewood Elementary School

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Trunk
or
Treat!

Principal's Message:

As we dive into the 2nd 9 weeks on October 9, we will continue to address our school priorities for this school year. Our School Leadership Team met this summer to analyze data and identify areas of success and growth. Our school goals for this year are to:

- ensure each student learns at high levels,
- ensure all students read at or above benchmark,
- support students' academic, social, and emotional needs through the use and implementation of Responsive Classroom and Restorative Practices with a focus on social and emotional learning (SEL),
- develop and retain a diverse, engaged, and effective workforce focused on continuous improvement,
- provide a psychologically and physically safe, clean, and supportive learning environment, and
- Promote and develop meaningful engagement between students, families, business community and Lakewood Elementary.

Our faculty meets regularly to monitor progress toward these goals, analyze data, and reflect on next steps. Our shared mission—to ensure **Success and Nothing Less for All**—is alive in everything we do.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on **October 23 and 24**. Letters will be sent home soon with information about scheduling through Sign-Up Genius. Conferences will take place in person, and we encourage our students to participate in these important conversations about their learning. We value your partnership and will do our best to accommodate scheduling requests, as strong communication between home and school is vital to student success.

Thank you for continuing to support our *Under the Sea* journey this year. Your involvement helps our Gators grow, learn, and shine—creating ripples of success together every day.

With appreciation,

Kelli Oertling
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'd like to start off by congratulating our membership drive winners! These homeroom classes had the most PTO members in their grade and earned a pizza party. Congrats to Mrs. Mouser's third grade class, Mrs. Tabor's fourth grade class, and Ms. Boudreaux's fifth grade class! Enjoy your pizza!

Although our membership drive has ended, you can join PTO at any time. Membership fees are \$5, and all money goes back to LWE. Email lwegatorspto@gmail.com if you need a membership form.

PTO does keep cotton t-shirts (\$5), dry fit t-shirts (\$14), and pencil pouches (\$6) in stock at school. Let us know if you need to purchase any of these items. Our online uniform store will be reopening soon for you to order cold weather items.

Our fall fundraiser, World's Finest Chocolate, has kicked off with a great start! We have flown through many boxes of chocolate already, and the sale continues on! Remember we cannot send chocolate home with a student, but if you are unable to attend our pick up times, please email lwegatorspto@gmail.com or send us a message on Facebook to arrange pick up. All World's Finest Chocolate money is due Wednesday, Oct. 22. Our top homeroom and top individual seller will be determined on this date as well. Thank you for supporting LWE by selling (and eating) chocolate!

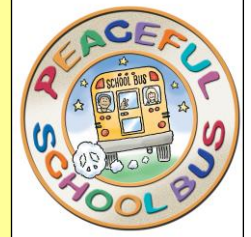
Be sure to follow us on Facebook for updates about fundraisers, events, and more. Our page is found at Lakewood Elementary PTO, Luling, LA.



LWE PTO

School Bus Spotlight

This month we are highlighting Bus 441 and Bus 458 and the students who are **creating a ripple** this year by following bus expectations and showing good character.



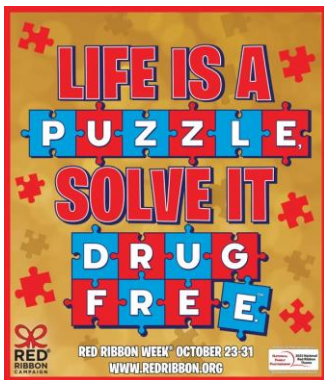
Bus 441– Driver- Nichole Hensley
Students- Jensen Carter
and Charleigh Blanchard



Bus 458 - Driver- Marty Pizzitola
Students- Parker Fernandez
and Violet McStay

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Red Ribbon Week



October 27 - October 31, 2025
Red Ribbon Week
Theme Days

Monday, October 27

Follow Your Dreams: Don't Do Drugs

Students can wear pajamas.

Tuesday, October 28

We are Building a Bright Future!

Students can wear bright/neon colored shirts
with jeans.

Wednesday, October 29

Be a SUPERHERO! Say No to Drugs!

Students can wear their favorite superhero shirt
with jeans

Thursday, October 30

Team Up Against Drugs

Let's support our Hahnville Tigers football team!
Students can wear a Hahnville, tiger, purple or gold
shirt with jeans.

Friday, November 1

Drugs are Scary: Just Say No

Students can wear Halloween shirts with jeans.

Please Note:

The following uniform guidelines must be followed:

- Leggings are not allowed.
- Shorts and skirts cannot be shorter than 2 inches above the knee.
- Shirts must have sleeves.
- No hoodies are allowed.

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.

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Counselors' Corner

The week of October 27-October 31 is **RED RIBBON week**. During this week, we have theme days planned to remind students about being drug free and **the importance of making good choices and leading healthy lifestyles**. Students will focus on making good choices and having good character during counseling enrichment classes. Healthy habits can include a healthy diet, exercise, have good hygiene, rest, self-care, and having a positive mindset.

Scan the QR code to access the LWE Parent Counseling Corner



Running Club



The LWE Running Club held its first practice on the school's new track on Thursday, October 2.

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

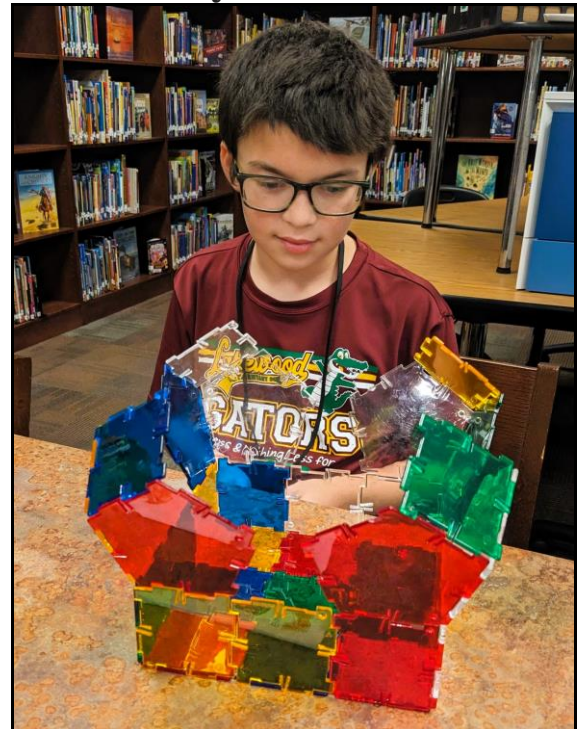


Student of the Year



Congratulations to Jackson Degenhart, LWE 2025-2026 Student of the Year! We are excited to have you represent our school.

Library Constructions



4th grade student, Koehn Gaubert, designed and built this 3D construction during Library enrichment.

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Golden Gators!

Congratulations to the Golden Gators for August!

3rd Grade

Front:

Adalyn Smith
Pailyn Pizzolato
Landrie Matherne
Lettie Badeaux

Back:

McKinley Petit
Kohl Pitre
Connor Smith
Cecilia Torres-Turcio



4th Grade

Front:

Zoe Daigle
Jolie Rogers
Aiden Lynch
Isla Fauchaux

Back:

Anna Catherine Swayze
Carter Caire
Cruz Breaux

Not Pictured:

Isabel Philastre



5th Grade

Front:

Kaleb Arwood
Krystal Ho
King Pierre
Aubrey Guillot



Back:

Grant Keller
Violet McStay
Violet Smith
Nora Hebert



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October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 	29	30 Golden Gators Celebration 7:55 am	1	2	3	4
5	6 4th Grade Artsperience	7 Robotics 3-4 pm	8 Beta Induction Ceremony 6-7 pm	9 1 st 9 Weeks Ends/ Running Club 3-4 pm / Gatorettes Practice 3-4 pm	10 2 nd 9 Weeks Begins	11
12	13 Fall Break No School	14 Fall Break No School	15 United Way Dress Down Day \$1 Donation/ Theatre 3-4 pm	16 Running Club 3-4 pm / Gatorettes Practice 3-4 pm	17	18
19	20 Gatorettes Practice / Theatre 3-4 pm	21 Pink Links Day (Pink shirts and jeans w/a minimum \$1 donation) / Robotics 3-4 pm	22 WFC Sale Ends	23 Golden Gators Celebration 7:55 am /Report Cards go home/ Early Dismissal- 11:55 am / Parent Teacher Conferences 12:45-5:45 pm	24 Early Dismissal- 11:55 am / Parent Teacher Conferences 12:45-3:45 pm/ Theater Tech Rehearsal @LPAC 5-6 pm	25 Tech Rehearsal @LPAC 10 am- 12 pm 
Red Ribbon Week						
26	27 Gatorettes Practice 3-4 pm/ LWE Fall Talented Theatre Show @LPAC 6:00 pm	28 Robotics 3-4 pm	29	30 Running Club 3-4 pm / Gatorettes Practice 3-4 pm	31 Candy Crawl 1-2pm	1

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

November 3: WFC Dress Down Day (with pass)
November 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20: Gatorettes Practice 3-4 pm
November 4, 11, 18: Robotics 3-4 pm
November 5: Good Choices Dress Down Day
November 6, 13, 20: Running Club 3-4 pm
November 6: Beta Meeting 3-4 pm
November 10: 4-H Food Drive Begins
November 11: United Way Dress Down \$1 Donation
November 12: Student Holiday- NO SCHOOL- Professional Learning Day
November 13: 4H/Cloverbuds Meeting, 7:50am/
 Progress Reports go Home / Fall Picture Retakes
November 14: BETA meeting 7:55 am
November 18: Teddy Cares Day- PJ Day \$1 donation
November 21: Holiday Pictures
November 24-28: Thanksgiving 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.

