

Lakeview Elementary

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Welcome Back New and Returning Lakeview

Students and Parents – We had a wonderful first day of school and our year is off to a great start. Many of you have met our new staff members while some have not had the opportunity. In Kindergarten we have Mrs. Purvis, Mrs. Biggs and Mrs. Huddleston are our new second grade teachers, Mrs. Moga is a new third grade teacher, Mrs. Grizzard and Mrs. White are our new fourth grade teachers, and Mrs. Byrd is our new fifth grade teacher. As you can tell we have lots of new faces at Lakeview this year and this is due to the growth of our school. Please help us welcome each of these new teachers and we hope everyone has a great year!

Parent Orientation Night – Please join us on August 21st to meet your child's teachers and learn more about what your child will be studying and other expectations. There will be a short PTO meeting in the gym at 6:00 p.m. and then there will be two 45 minute orientation sessions at 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. for grades K-2 and 7:15 – 8:00 p.m. for grades 3-5.

Kindergarten, First, and Second Grade in Classroom

Third Grade in the Gym

Fourth Grade in the Library

Fifth Grade in the Cafeteria

Kids' Club - The Kids' Club after school enrichment program is looking for people who have a desire to work with children and make a difference in their lives. If you enjoy sports, crafts, reading, tutoring, physical fitness, or other type of enrichment activity we need you. Hours are from 1:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. Monday to Friday. Your school age child would be allowed to attend free of charge. If you are interested, please call 754-4151 or 453-3570 for more information.

Boo-Hoo Breakfast – The PTO is sponsoring a Boo-Hoo Breakfast on Monday, August 18th following the morning announcements at 7:30 a.m. We encourage all Kindergarten Parents to attend this meeting so that you can meet and introduce yourselves to our Lakeview family. This meeting will take place in the Cafeteria.

Morning Arrival and Afternoon Pick-Up – As in most school years the first two to three weeks of dropping-off and picking-up children sets the stage for the entire school year. We would like to thank everyone for a smooth start to the school year this morning. A few reminders will help everyone to remain safe and speed up our process:

1. Remember to cross at the crosswalk if walking.
2. Do not drop students off before 6:45 a.m.
3. Please do not use cell phones when picking-up or dropping-off students.
4. During afternoon pick-up please remain in your vehicles to pick-up your child.
5. Place a sign with your child's name and grade level on your dash for afternoon pick-up.

Again, thanks for a wonderful start to the year. You have helped make this a great start.

Safety Drills – At Lakeview we want to make sure that students know what to do if there is an emergency. We will have a minimum of 10 fire, 2 tornado, and 2 lock-down drills this school year. We will have our first fire drill on Wednesday morning at 9:30 and another one later this week.

Let's Do Lunch - Eating lunch with students at Lakeview has become a tradition. We welcome you and hope you enjoy this time together. Here are a few suggestions that will help make your visit better:

- Please be sure to check in at the front office and get a visitor's tag. Outside groups are limited to two people. For safety reasons, if you bring other children with you, keep them seated with you at the table.
- Know your child's lunch time. Occasionally special programs, early dismissal, or other unforeseen events will alter regular lunch times. If you have a question, call the school, 615-758-5619.
- This year Lakeview has more students than ever and our cafeteria will be filled, but we will have a table designated for lunch visitors. Please do not ask other students to join you. Because of the rise in food allergies, please do not share food with other students.

We hope you will take advantage of the opportunity to share this time with your child, and we appreciate your desire to participate.

PTO – The PTO Board will meet on Tuesday, August 12th at 2:30 p.m. in the Library. We have lots of ideas to discuss and plan for a great school year.

Lakeview Elementary School Supplies & Materials 2008 – 2009

We regret the necessity for this expenditure, but know that you share our desire for our students to have items needed to maximize their educational opportunity.

Kindergarten – Third Grade

Wilson County Registration Fee: \$15.00 (This covers the cost of such items as workbooks and supplemental instructional materials).

Instructional Supply Charge: \$20.00. (This is for all the items your child's teacher purchases for the year. For example: Crayons, scissors, glue, markers, paper, pencils, folders, construction paper, etc.)

Kindergarten- Third Grade Shirt Charge: \$5.00.

Total: \$40.00

Fourth Grade – Fifth Grade

Wilson County Registration Fee: \$15.00 (This covers the cost of such items as workbooks and supplemental instructional materials).

Instructional Supply Charge: \$25.00. This is for all the items your child's teacher purchases for the year. For example: Colored Pencils, crayons, scissors, glue, markers, paper, pencils, folders, binders, etc.

Total: \$40.00

Because we need to pay for all these supplies we've purchased and received, we would like for these funds to come as soon as possible. Please use the form below when you send in your check for your child's registration fee and supply charge. For accounting purposes, please send a separate form and check for each child that attends Lakeview.

Thank you very much for your support!

LAKEVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REGISTRATION FEE & SUPPLY CHARGE

Student _____ Teacher _____

Please make your check out to Lakeview Elementary School and for the amount of \$40.00

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

HABITS

Homework + **A**verage + **B**ehavior + **I**n school attendance = the **T**otal **S**tudent.

To be a part of HABITS, a student must:

Homework - Turn in 90% of their Homework on time.

Average - Have an overall, combined 80% Average in all subject areas and no F's.

Behavior - Show their Best Behavior; no more than 9 discipline marks each nine weeks, with no ISS or OSS.

In School Attendance – No more than 5 excused/unexcused absences per nine weeks.

HOMWORK

Homework is desirable and necessary for the success of all students. It is not only the material itself that is so important, but it is also the responsibility of completing the assignment on time. Homework activities offer a relationship between parents and students that provide a two-way communication system and allow parents to become partners in their child's education and instruction, which is vital for all grade levels.

A student not having homework on time is not a disciplinary matter but it will directly and indirectly affect their grades and will keep them out of HABITS. Recess time will be missed if students do not have their homework completed. Time spent away from recess will be determined by each individual grade level.

AVERAGE

Grade averages for HABITS will be taken from all academic areas. A student must have an overall, combined average of 80% or better on his report card. In addition to the 80% average on the report card students can not have an F in any class. If both of these requirements are met our students will attend the reward activity. Teacher discretion may apply in certain situations.

BEHAVIOR

It goes without saying that a child's behavior is directly related to their success as a student as well as becoming a productive individual. Even though it is the responsibility of the parent(s) for developing responsible, self-disciplined children, we know there has to be a partnership between educators and parents. We will provide instruction, supervision, and the challenge for your child to do their best academically and behaviorally, but the support and backing of parents is necessary to create the best educational environment possible so all students have the opportunity to learn. For HABITS, a student can not have more than 9 discipline marks in a grading period, with no in-school or out-of-school suspensions. Discipline marks shall be given for misbehavior in all areas; classroom, related arts, cafeteria, hallway, playground, etc.

ATTENDANCE

No single factor may interfere with a student's progress more quickly than frequent absences. Frequent absences may lead to poor academic work, lack of social development, and possible academic failure. Students are allowed no more than 5 excused/unexcused absences per nine weeks.

Please sign below after reviewing this information with your child.

Student's Name _____

Parent's Signature _____

Please return to your classroom teacher.

Visiting Author Mr. Steven Riley

Mr. Steven Riley, talented author of children's books will visit Lakeview Elementary on August 15. Mr. Riley has written an extraordinary story about a raccoon who journeys through Yosemite struggling to win a race. Little Ty Cooney and the Big Yosemite Race is also beautifully illustrated by Mr. Riley with stunning Yosemite scenery as the setting. His latest book, Little Ty Cooney and the Big Yellowstone Mystery promises to be more of the same caliber.

In addition to his writing and illustrating abilities, his presenting talents are astonishing. He grabs students' attention from the very beginning and involves some in creating his demonstration illustrations. At the conclusion of his assembly, he has all ages believing his message: Everyone is capable of greatness. And we believe this because we witnessed greatness in Mr. Riley's presentation.

Mr. Riley's books are available for checking out in our Library or you can purchase your own, signed copy from Mr. Riley. If you would like copies of Little Ty Cooney and the Big Yosemite Race and/or Little Ty Cooney and the Big Yellowstone Mystery fill out the form below and turn in to your teacher by August 13.

Help Your Child Get Excited About Reading!

Author and illustrator, Mr. Steven Riley, will be visiting Lakeview Elementary School soon. Along with the visit he is making his books available at a discounted price of only \$10 each. If you would like an original drawing in the book please check the box on the line and add \$3 to the total per book with a drawing. Additional order forms are located in the main office.

Order a copy of a book and Steven will sign it to your child by name! Books are hard back and full color. All you have to do is fill out this form and attach a check made out to Steven Riley or cash and send it back to your child's teacher.

When Steven comes to school, he'll have the orders with him to drop-off along with doing a fun filled education program for the students.

The books are entitled Little Ty Cooney and the Big Yosemite Race and Little Ty Cooney and the Big Yellowstone Mystery.

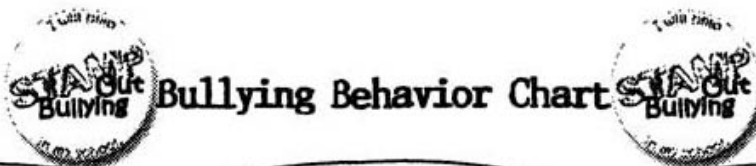
teacher's name	book signed to	Yosemite book	w/drawing	Yellowstone book	w/drawing	total \$
Jones	Carter	x	x			\$13
Parker	Sam & Kyle	x		x	x	\$33

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Bullying – This year Wilson County’s Teachers and Staff will make a concerted effort to STAMP OUT BULLYING within our school system. As a Faculty we have already attended training on how to recognize Bullying and will discuss with our students actions they can take if they encounter Bullying. In our training we were given a great handout that helps us identify bullying behaviors. Below is a copy of the handout and our agreed upon consequences.

Consequences:

Level 1	Conference Parent Call and Loss of Recess Parent Conference and ISS	Level 2	ISS and Parent Conference OSS and Parent Conference	Level 3	OSS and Parent Conference OSS and Referral to Discipline Hearing Authority
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Bullying Behavior Chart

		PHYSICAL Harm to another's body or property		EMOTIONAL Harm to another's self-worth		SOCIAL Harm to another's group acceptance	
		VERBAL	NONVERBAL	VERBAL	NONVERBAL	VERBAL	NONVERBAL
LEVEL 1		Taunting Expressing a physical superiority	Making threatening gestures Defacing property Pushing/shoving Taking small items from others	Insulting remarks Calling names Teasing about possessions, clothes, appearance, or mocking, etc.	Giving dirty looks Holding nose or other insulting gestures	Gossiping Starting/spreading rumors Teasing publicly about clothes, looks, etc.	Passively not including in group Playing mean tricks
	LEVEL 2	Threatening physical harm Blaming targeted students	Damaging property Stealing Initiating fights Scratching Tripping or causing a fall	Insulting family Harassing w/phone calls, text messaging and/or computer messaging. Insulting appearance, intelligence, athletic ability, etc.	Defacing schoolwork Falsifying schoolwork Defacing personal property, clothes, etc.	Insulting race, gender Increasing gossip/rumors Undermining other relationships	Making someone look foolish Excluding from the group
		LEVEL 3	Making repeated and/or graphic threats Practicing extortion Making threats to secure silence, "If you tell I will..."	Assaulting Destroying property Setting fires Biting Physical cruelty Making repeated, violent threatening gestures Assaulting with a weapon	Frightening with phone calls Challenging in public	Ostracizing Destroying personal property or clothing	Threatening total group exclusion