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Welcome back to all our returning students, parents and staff. We'd like to extend a warm welcome to all the new members of the Lochside community. You will quickly discover that a great learning community exists at Lochside!!

School newsletters will typically come out in the third week of each month. Beginning in October the newsletter will be sent home with the oldest child. Please look for this in your child's knapsack as it will have lots of information for parents about what is happening at Lochside. For those of you who wish to access it electronically, we will also have it available on our website: www.sd63.bc.ca; **Saanich Schools; Elementary; Lochside; Newsletter.**

Sincerely,
Don MacDonald
Principal

School Goals

Goals at Lochside School:

- Students will acquire the necessary skills to become proficient in mathematics and develop a positive attitude towards mathematical activities.
- Students will acquire the necessary literacy skills in reading and writing to become proficient and develop a positive attitude towards reading and writing.
- Students will develop a better understanding of the importance of a healthy lifestyle individually and collectively around personal health, nutrition and our environment.

Important Dates to Note

****Check out our electronic calendar on our website.****

September 23	Kindergarten Bus Safety
September 24	Handwashing Demo.
September 25	Photo Day
September 28	Non-Instructional Day
September 30	Fire Safety Gr. 4/5's
October 1	Cops For Cancer @ approx. 11:20 – 11:40 a.m. Kiss a Lizard 10:45 a.m.
October 7	Walk to School Day (Parking Lot Closed)
October 7	WITS Program (Police Liaison)
October 12	Thanksgiving
October 15	Intermediate Halloween Safety (Police Liaison)
October 16	Hot Lunch
October 23	Provincial Professional Development Day (Students do not attend.)
October 29	Halloween Safety (Police Liaison) Photo Retakes 1:00 p.m.
October 30	Wacky Hair Day

School Plan

Our School Plan outlines a variety of strategies that will be part of our efforts toward continuous school improvement. The Plan will be available on the School Planning Council Bulletin Board (by the LEPAC and Community Information Boards, near the gym) at the end of September.



Our Staff...

Mr. Don MacDonald	Principal
Ms. Donna Collett	Vice Principal
Ms. Sherry Seabrooke	Grade 4/5
Mr. Bob Warrender	Grade 4/5
Cheryl van Ierland (student teacher)	
Mrs. Gloria Gillingham	Grade 4/5
Adrienne Wegelin (student teacher)	
Ms. Donna Collett } & Ms. Shawn McKean }	Grade 4/5
Mrs. Cathy Crawford & Ms. Rowena Keeb	Grade 3
Ximena Orellana (student teacher)	
Mrs. Colleen Weckend	Grade 3
Mrs. Sandy Bell	Grade 2
Ms. Karen Smith	Grade 2
Mrs. Geraldine Cavallin	Grade 2
Ms. Elizabeth Mannix	Grade 1
Ms. Rowena Keeb & Ms. Cheryl Miller	Grade 1
Ms. Sonia Polson & Ms. Cathy Sihoe	Grade 1
Mrs. Debbie Gaunt	A.M./P.M. Kindergarten
Sabrina Cain (student teacher)	
Mrs. Helen Hawley	P.M. Kindergarten
Mrs. Magdalene Vanderkamp	Integration Support
Ms. Kathryn McLeay	Learning Assistance & Reading Recovery
Mme Christine Sanders	French
Ms. Donna Wende	Librarian
Mrs. H. Langran Desbrisay	ESL
Mrs. Leanne Hart	ESL
Ms. Jane McMullin	Speech & Language
Ms. Patricia Stevens	Counsellor
Mr. Andy Alessio	Custodian
Mrs. Trudy Armstrong	Lunch Supervisor/ Crossing Guard
Mrs. Mary-Anne Babcook	Library Tech/ Lunch Supervisor
Mr. Connor Dixon	Custodian
Mrs. Adair Close	Education Assistant
Mrs. Wendi Donaldson	Admin. Assistant
Mrs. Wanda Hockey	Education Assistant
Mrs. Catherine Ludvigson	Education Assistant
Ms. Heather McRae	Education Assistant
Mrs. Wendy Moilanen	Education Assistant
Ms. Heather Munro	Education Assistant
Mrs. Sandi Rainer	Computer Technician/ Lunch Supervisor
Mrs. Deidre Rendall	Education Assistant
Mrs. Tara Rothwell	Education Assistant
Ms. Sylvia Sundby	Education Assistant
Mr. Wayne Wickett	Lunch Supervisor

September Forms

You should have received your package of "school start-up" forms. We would appreciate you completing the forms and returning them, along with requested fees, **as soon as possible**. Only our Grade 3, 4 and 5 students have a school fee of \$7.00 for Agendas.

A Reminder of our Fee Waiver Policy:

Should the above fees provide a financial hardship, please contact Mr. MacDonald.

Allergies

Thank you for avoiding sending snacks or lunches with peanut butter, peanuts or other nuts in them. We have **several** students with **life-threatening allergies** in our school. These students and their families certainly appreciate everyone's efforts to provide an "allergen safe" environment at Lochside.

Health Conditions/Medications

If your child has any serious health conditions please speak with your child’s teacher as soon as possible. Please note that staff will supervise medications under the following conditions: they are required in emergency situations OR they are required for one month or longer and must be given during school hours AND if a “**Medication Administration Card**” has been completed and signed by your physician. These cards are available at the school office and VIHA offices.



‘Man’s Best Friend’...

...is not always a child’s best friend,... much as all we pet owners and dog lovers would like to think!

There has been an increase in the presence of dogs in our building lately and while some folks love them, *there are many children (and adults) who are highly allergic to them or even fear them.*

It is understandable that people feel they want to acclimatize their pets to being around children; however, it can happen that a **dog can be provoked or spooked** and can snap at a child unexpectedly. Our hallways are often very congested and noisy ~ which could easily contribute to an unexpected reaction from an animal. **In light of this and in support of those who have difficulties being around dogs, we respectfully request that you leave your animals outside the building. Thank you for your understanding and anticipated cooperation.**

Terry Fox Run

We held our annual Terry Fox Run on Friday, September 18th. Students and staff ran laps on our field on a glorious fall day. We’ve collected approximately \$785 thus far! **THANK YOU and WELL DONE LOCHSIDE COMMUNITY!!**

Hot Lunch Schedule

MONTH	Popcorn Day	Hot Lunch Day
Sept	25	n/a
Oct	30	16
Nov	13	27

Accidents Do Happen!

Did you know that School Districts don’t insure expenses for student injuries that happen on school grounds or during school activities? You are responsible for these expenses as a parent or guardian. However, the School District provides the opportunity for families to voluntarily purchase private accident insurance through IAP Kids Plus Accident Insurance Program, underwritten by Industrial-Alliance Pacific Life Insurance (Industrial Alliance Pacific). Forms are available at the office. Plan features: provides coverage 365 days/year, 24 hours/day, in or out of school; covers expenses that are limited or not insured under private or group insurance plans or MSP, such as private tutors, lump sum payment for fractures and dislocations, counselling, etc.; covers injury related Dental (including future expenses); one low annual premium; for more information or to apply on-line, visit: www.iapkidsplus.com.

New Technology

Lochside will be undergoing a total technology upgrade during the month of October. Wiring and networking capability will finally be upgraded. We will have one computer lab and four new speedier computers in each classroom. Staff development will also take place at that time. This is a VERY exciting time for us at Lochside.

Autism Saanich

Autism Saanich is a group for parents of children with autism spectrum disorder who attend schools in District 63 (Saanich Schools). For more information please contact Mary Ellen Ross. Email: meross@telus.net. Phone: (250) 658-4112.



Entertainment Coupon Books

LEPAC is sponsoring the sale of these valuable books again. You should have received information regarding this fund raiser last week. Hopefully, you will be able to take advantage of this opportunity to support the school and to obtain “good deals” for yourself and friends! Orders, envelopes and unwanted books are to be returned to your classroom teacher. Additional copies of the Entertainment Books are available at the office.

Warning Bell at 8:35 a.m.....

Do you find you are always rushing in the morning with not enough time to get to school or work? Many of our students over the year become chronically late. *It is important to teach children that being on time for school shows respect for their fellow classmates and teachers. Critical instruction has to be put ‘on hold’ some mornings until all the students have gathered ~ sometimes as late at 9:00 a.m. This is valuable teaching time.* The ‘warning’ bell goes at 8:35 a.m. and classes begin at 8:40 a.m. Teaching children to be on time is worthwhile. *Thank you!*

MORNING WATCH 250-658-5220

Morning Watch is now up and running. Please remember to call in if your child will be late or absent. The line is open 24 hours/day.

FAMILY BBQ

The annual September Family Barbeque, hosted by LEPAC and the school was another huge success. It is always a pleasure to see new and old families connecting and further developing the sense of our very special “Lochside Community”. **BIG THANKS TO ALL THE FOLKS** who worked behind the scenes to make this such a success. Over 600 burgers were cooked! Thanks to: Debbie McLellan, Pam Pearson, Donna Wicks, Tawney Geoghegan, Terry Wong, Marissa Day, Alix Kibble, Andy Alessio (school custodian) and the Lochside Teaching Staff!

Some important guidelines for our Parking Lot:

- **DO NOT BLOCK THE DROP OFF LANE...**If your child is not at the front of the school when you arrive, please circle around the parking lot. **It is critical that you not stop in the drop off lane for more than a minute!** Please talk with your child/ren about the importance of being ready at the front of the school, to keep your time in the drop off lane to a minimum.
- **Try to avoid the peak drop off time in the morning (8:30-8:40)**, arriving a little **earlier** if possible.
- **Try to avoid the peak pick up time (2:40 – 2:50)**, arriving a **little later** if possible.
- **Don’t stop to drop off or pick up students at the entrance of the parking lot – this is VERY dangerous!**
- **Do not park in the bus zone** – marked with yellow lines and cones (near our garbage and recycling dumpsters).
- **Consider parking a short distance from the school and walking** to drop off/pick up your child.

Thank you for your support – working together we can keep our parking lot safe and as hassle free as possible!