October 2016 Newsletter

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Dear Parents / Guardians:

I would like to take this opportunity to announce that I will be retiring at the end of December 2016. It has been a great six years at Lochside Elementary. I have many wonderful memories of working with the students, parents and the staff at our school. I had the privilege of being a Vice-Principal at Lochside from 1996 to 2001. To have the opportunity to return as a principal and finish my career at Lochside has been amazing. I have appreciated and enjoyed every minute of being here.

I would like to thank the many LEPAC Executive members, past and present, for all of their hard work. I have had amazing support from the current LEPAC Executive including Stephanie Kalabric, Kelly Perry, Nicole Whitsitt, Tiffany Voorberg, Don Mellings, Reet Dangerfield, Lynn Hood, Megan Mbao, Jodi Holland, Tina Lazaruk, Tin Kwan Trish Jackson, Marissa Cameron, Kirsty Hooker, Kevin Shields and Bernhard Spalteholz. I have appreciated the support from past LEPAC Exec members including Rachel Calder, Mike Brooks, Robyn Brodie, Heather Caul, Marlena Card, Mary Brookes, Scarlet Yum, Judy Payne, Kerry Walsh and many others.

The staff at Lochside Elementary have been a source of real strength at the school. Again this year as in years past, we have a great mix of people with experience and others who are relatively new to the teaching profession. Over the years I have found our staff to be hard-working, professional and engaged in teaching and learning. It has been a privilege working with such a dedicated group who strive to provide the best learning opportunities for all of the students.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the students who have gone through Lochside or are currently attending Lochside. Our students are such happy individuals who love coming to school and taking part in their learning. They have made me laugh and appreciate their unique outlook on life. There was not a day that went by when I didn't think to myself, "This is the best job in the world!"

Once again, thank you for all of your support over my years at Lochside Elementary,

Joe Grewal,
Principal, Lochside Elementary

Letter from new Principal, Erika Moser:

Good morning Lochside parents. I am indeed honoured to have been asked to be the Principal at Lochside Elementary School and very excited in joining the school community. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I have been dedicated to the field of education for more than 30 years. During this time, my experiences include teaching at the elementary and middle school levels including Bayside Middle School, rural communities such as Haida Gwaii, Hornby and Denman Islands, North Island Distance Education School in the Comox Valley and my last five and half years with the Saanich School District.

In January, Mrs. O'Leary and I will continue to provide excellent academic experiences for our students that are relevant and continue to build strong relationship. As your principal, it is important to me that everyone who steps through our doors-staff, students, and parents-are excited to be here! I hope to be spending time in the school in discussion with staff and parents over the next few months to ensure a positive transition.I am committed to ensuring that Lochside school remains a vibrant and exciting learning community for the students, families and staff.

As part of the Lochside Elementary School professional learning community, I am committed to working with the staff in providing educational opportunities for the students every day. I believe that open communication is vital to ensure a successful home-school partnership throughout the year. This enables us to meet the needs of all of our students in a positive and nurturing ways.

Should you wish to communicate with me prior to the transition, feel free to contact me via email emoser@sd63.bc.ca or telephone me at 250-415-2496.

Respectfully,

Erika Moser