



# LOCHSIDE ELEMENTARY PARENT/GUARDIAN WEEKLY

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The well-being of our students, their families and the important necessity of following the Provincial Health Officer's guidelines continue to be in our thoughts. We hope you are all staying healthy in order to defeat the COVID-19 virus. We are fortunate in the Saanich School District to have such a determined team of professionals helping to keep us as safe.

There has been a lot of interest in the media about when BC schools will reopen. As always please check our district and school websites for the most current information.

With appreciation,

Tom & Joan

## **Information Items:**

<b>District Bus Transportation Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Registration for Bus Transportation is now open for the 2020/2021 school year. Registration remains open May 1st to June 30.</li><li>• Use this <a href="#">link to the transportation registration</a>.</li></ul>
<b>Friday is Joke Day!</b>	<p><b>What season is it best to go on the trampoline?</b> Spring time!</p> <p><b>What do you call a rabbit with fleas?</b> A Bugs Bunny!</p> <p><b>What is Spring's favourite kind of pickles?</b> Daff-o-Dills!</p>
<b>School Supplies for 2020-2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be advised that we will send out a school supplies list for your child's next grade later in May. You will have the option to order a bundle online from Monk's Office Supply. This year, we will not be accepting cheques for these bundles at the office. If you order online, Monk's will create a bundle for pick-up AND Lochside PAC will earn money to support school initiatives. <b>TBD</b> where pick-up will occur or if home delivery can be arranged.</li><li>• Parents can also shop for items on their own to put together the supplies needed for next year.</li></ul>

<b>Planning for September: Are you, or is someone you know, moving?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are now planning our school organization for next year. Please let us know if you are moving/not returning to Lochside School in September. If this is the case for your family, contact Mr. Vickers or Mrs. O’Leary as soon as possible. This information is very much appreciated and greatly assists us in our planning.</li> </ul>
<b>Kindergarten 2020-2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This year our Kindergarten Orientation Day has been postponed. We will reach out to all families registered for Lochside’s new September Kindergarten classes individually as we navigate how and when schools will be able to welcome students into the building.</li> </ul>
<b>Transitioning to Royal Oak Middle School</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students currently in Gr. 5 at Lochside will be transitioned to Royal Oak Middle School for September. If you have plans for your child to attend a different school for Gr. 6 next year, please advise your child’s teacher and the school office as soon as possible.</li> </ul>
<b>Construction Project</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lochside will be receiving 2 portables to expand and improve on Before &amp; After school care offered here on site.</li> <li>Portables will be installed on our lower blacktop and there will be some additional parking for parents using that service.</li> <li>We are fortunate to be able to twin this project with an additional construction project to create a new turn-around lane to facilitate drop off and traffic flow along the Lochside Trail.</li> </ul>
<b>Successful Teams Meetings - Helpful Tips</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="https://learn.saanichschools.ca/mod/page/view.php?id=8019">https://learn.saanichschools.ca/mod/page/view.php?id=8019</a></li> </ul>
<b>COVID - 19 Q&amp;A with our Superintendent</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All COVID - 19 District Information - This information is available on the district website. <a href="https://www.sd63.bc.ca/COVID-19">https://www.sd63.bc.ca/COVID-19</a>, plus a video message from Superintendent Mr. Eberwein. Here is the link:</li> <li><a href="https://www.sd63.bc.ca/news/superintendents-covid-19-qa">https://www.sd63.bc.ca/news/superintendents-covid-19-qa</a></li> </ul>

