



LOCHSIDE ELEMENTARY PARENT/GUARDIAN WEEKLY

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Today marks a tradition at Lochside of Parent Appreciation. We want to reach back out to our parent community to say, simply, THANK-YOU!!!! Thank-you for bringing your children to us, thank-you for supporting them and us in so many ways. From preparing lunches, to managing screen time, to volunteering at the school (think cutting lawns, building outdoor play spaces, delivering hot lunches, fundraising...and more) to simply offering a friendly smile along the way! You are integral to the joy and happiness at Lochside and we are grateful to be part of this community.

With gratitude for all you are doing,

Tom & Joan

Information Items:

Re-engaging in-person	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Superintendent Eberwein has sent out a letter to inform parents about initial details, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ All families will send their children on a voluntary basis○ Children of Essential Services Workers can attend full time○ Schools teams will reach out to families of vulnerable learners to support attendance should parents wish their child to attend○ Remote learning will connect to/supplement in-class instruction○ Students will be assigned a schedule - e.g. Monday/Tuesday and Wednesday/Thursday using alpha-order so that siblings will come on the same schedule● Please know we are working to conclude plans so that we can share details with you as soon as we can.● Health and Safety protocols will be clearly defined and taught as the primary focus for students (and staff) - how to enter and exit the building safely, hand-washing, safe transit in hallways, physical distancing (where possible) and limiting physical contact, safe sharing of spaces - for example at tables and with toys. Lochside's Plan will flow from the District Health and Safety Guidelines and be in compliance with orders of the Provincial Health Officer and WorkSafeBC.
Sticking with remote learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Note that Remote Learning opportunities will continue for students not returning to classes. Teachers will continue to connect with students, however this will be on a newly determined schedule, to take into account

Attendance Schedules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For students who are voluntarily returning to school: cohort days (Mon/Tues or Wed/Thurs) will be assigned alphabetically with consideration to Health and Safety guidelines for school density • Kids will be grouped so that siblings come on the same days • Parents will know their specific schedule by Wednesday the 27th • Any changes to your family plans as indicated in the survey need to be communicated directly to the school before the end of Tuesday as only those who indicate that they are returning will be placed in a cohort. Email directly to tvickers@saanichschools.ca or joleary@saanichschools.ca Note: our school answering machine will not be accepting messages.
Friday is Joke Day!	<p>Why did the math problem look so sad? Because of all it's problems!</p> <p>What did the slow tomato say to the others? Don't worry, I'll ketchup!</p> <p>What did one ocean say to the other? Nothing, they just waved!</p>
Moving to the Next Phase - Taking care of our well-being	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gail Markin, a Lead Teacher in Langley Schools has a new weekly message that is worth dipping into: "Let's continue to support each other as the world and our education system starts opening up and we are trying out new ways of working together. Just like in the earlier phases, we will not be perfect but if we continue to support each other we will stay both physically and emotionally safer and that is what we need and want for everyone." • Her blog is available here: https://www.sd35.bc.ca/news-events/district-board-news/view/health-wellbeing-blogging-through-covid-together-moving-to-the-next-phase/

