



LOCHSIDE ELEMENTARY PARENT/GUARDIAN WEEKLY

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We would like to provide our families with the necessary information outlining our return to Lochside. We have included important links with information from our Superintendent as well as recent information from Lochside in our newsletter. Our Health and Safety Committee has worked extensively to put in place a series of measures that will protect and keep Lochside students and staff safe.

We hope this summary will be helpful in preparation for our partial opening in June. Some children are returning to in-school instruction and others are continuing with remote learning. Both of these are good choices! Please know we support your decision to take care of your family in the way that makes the most sense for you. Thank you for the support through this next transition, please don't hesitate to reach out if you have further questions.

Tom & Joan

Information Items:

Focus for June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Maintain strong connections with teachers and students● Prepare for upcoming transitions of new kindergarten students for next year and our grade 5's moving to Middle School● Manage stress and anxiety through programs and opportunities such as: mindfulness, physical activities, social emotional learning, fine arts and games● Adhere to a weekly schedule that is reduced in scope yet still provides a sense of routine and purpose● Promote and foster learning activities that can be done individually at home (for when not at school).● Teachers will continue to deliver their curricula via a "remote" delivery model to all their students. Those students who come into school will be given the opportunity to enhance their learning through small group conversation and individualized support within their classroom.● It is important to understand we will work hard to find a balance that supports both the remote learning and in-class support.
Changes for June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Remote Learning will change in its ability to offer as robust and comprehensive a program as has been in place for the past few months.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student online meeting times and optional group activities (such as storytime) may be re-imagined and rescheduled. ● Feedback from the classroom teacher will occur at specific times, e.g. Fridays ● Students accessing remote learning may have support from teachers/staff outside of their classroom teacher. ● Essential Service Workers students and Vulnerable Learners may be supported outside of their regular classroom (but at the school) for the 3 days that they are not with their learning cohort. Such plans are made with parental input.
<p>Practices to ensure safety for all</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Arrive at school in good health; if you are sick, please stay home ● Enter the school through designated doors. Students will be reminded to wash their hands frequently ● Parents are asked to say good-bye and drop students off outside. Please call the office with any questions and to arrange a meeting if necessary. ● Abide by physical distancing protocols & safety standards. ● Be respectful and make the right choices in this time of sensitivity. Please follow our Lochside Beliefs of “Taking care of yourself, taking care of others and taking care of this place.”
<p>Entrance and Exits</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All entrances and exits will be through classroom doors except in the following situations <p>Seabrooke - Front Door by Office</p> <p>Johnson, Miller/Hillier - Kindergarten Doors</p> <p>Kenny - Back Parking Lot Door</p> <p>Whitehead & Sihoe - Sunspace Doors</p>
<p>Some things to remember</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We will be following our regular start and finish times of our days. However lunch and action breaks have been staggered to accommodate our capacity. ● Learning will occur in the classroom. Students will not be accessing areas like our Learning Commons or Computer Labs. ● Students are asked to bring their own food and water bottle. We ask that any waste from lunch & snacks is returned home as we will not be offering a recycling program. ● We will be accessing our great outdoor spaces so students are requested to dress accordingly.
<p>Friday is Joke Day!</p>	<p>What do you call cheese that's not yours? Natcho cheese!</p>

What do you call a funny mountain?

Hill-arious!

What did the hat say to the scarf?

You hang around , and I'll go on ahead!

Important Links

- Superintendent Dave Eberwein's most recent [Letter to Parents](#)
- Minister Rob Fleming's most recent [Letter to Parents](#)
- Lochside's recent [Newsletter to Parents](#)
- On-line Self-Assessment/Daily health Check: <https://bc.thrive.health/>