



LOCHSIDE ELEMENTARY PARENT/GUARDIAN WEEKLY

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Parents/Guardians,

We wish to thank you for your support and understanding as we worked this spring to create new ways for learning during difficult circumstances. The constant throughout this time has been the joy and excitement we see in our students, whether that is remotely or during our more recent in-person connections. We will continue to strive to be an anchor and cornerstone for students' lives. As we move towards the end of this school year, we want to draw your attention to a few important pieces of information.

All neighbourhood schools in Saanich will be closed for instruction during the summer. Please continue to look on the Saanich Schools website for more information on school start-up in September. Parents/Guardians will also be contacted through the email address we have on file for you at the school when more information from the province is available. As always, should you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact the office. We will be open until July 3rd and reopen on August 31st. We thank you for your flexibility and understanding.

Information Items:

Last Day of Instruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">There are some important changes to note for our end of year. In preparation for various year-end procedures, the last day of instruction for all students will be Wednesday June 24th. This will also include all ESW students.
Tuesday, June 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students who are attending a Monday/Tuesday cohort will have their final day on Tuesday June 23rd. At this time, those students will receive their report card and take home any of their personal belongings and supplies.
Wednesday, June 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Wednesday/Thursday cohort will similarly take home their report card, personal belongings and supplies on Wednesday June 24th. This will be the last day for this cohort.
Thursday, June 25th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students engaging in remote learning have an opportunity to pick up their report card and belongings on Thursday June 25th. We ask that you contact your child's classroom teacher if you haven't already, to be informed of their plan for pick up.
Report Cards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Due to the many changes this term has brought us, families should expect that June report cards will look different from those in past years. No single document can encompass all a student has achieved. Experiential learning with family members, developing digital confidence and citizenship, and the pursuit of passions are examples of unique learning that has taken place in this unprecedented time. Report Cards will include assessment undertaken in March <i>and</i> comments relating to engagement throughout the third term.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrate and reflect on your child's accomplishments. They have been doing their part, being patient and taking on new challenges, understanding priorities - and they have been learning a lot!
Not Returning In September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please inform the office and your child's teacher if your child(ren) will not be returning in September 2020. This will greatly assist us in class planning
Student Device Return	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the COVID 19 public health emergency, schools needed to find a way to pivot to a remote, online learning environment. Through incredible cooperation of schools, custodial and health and safety staff, transportation and technology teams we were able to distribute many devices to students safely and efficiently. As we close this school year, we must collect these devices and return them to their schools. Please contact Mary-Anne Babcook (mbabcook@saanichschools.ca) to arrange a drop off time at Lochside on Friday, June 19th.
Bus Registration for 2020-2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read more • Please remember registration for the bus must be in by June 30,2020
Friday is Joke Day!	<p>Why are teddy bears never hungry? They're always stuffed!</p> <p>How do you know when a bike is thinking? Because you can see it's wheels turning!</p> <p>Why did the God of Thunder need to stretch his muscles so much when he was a kid? Because he was a little Thor!</p>
School Supplies for 2020-2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents can order school supplies through Monk Office Supply. Monk Office has pre-built kits containing all required items on each grade level supply list. Orders will be accepted online and families will be able to pick up supplies here at Lochside during the week of Sep. 2nd. This is a valuable fundraiser for our school PAC. To order: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Visit https://bts.monk.ca/ and enter our PAC Code: 33770C on the SHOP page ○ Add your child's grade-level kit (and optional items, if desired) to your cart ○ During checkout, pay with Visa or Mastercard and choose free school delivery • Parents can also choose to shop for the items needed using our school supply lists. Grade-level lists are posted on our website. • For next year, 2021-2022, we plan to lessen costs by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Requesting a basic kit that parents provide (could be ordered through Monk Office) ○ Coordinating a bulk purchase for specific supplies in September, wherein parents could give a cheque for the teacher to buy and manage supplies, such as watercolours etc. This will help us get high quality products, avoid purchasing redundant supplies, and better meet needs.

