



LOCHSIDE ELEMENTARY PARENT/GUARDIAN WEEKLY

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September 11, 2020

Parents/Guardians,

We are so pleased to be able to welcome students and families over this past week. We all have a role to play in ensuring safety and well-being for our community as a whole. Kind thanks to you as parents for helping out by doing the daily health checks with your children, by modelling physical distancing as you arrive and depart from school each day and by staying up to date with our communication. Communication is key, and please know we welcome your questions and feedback.

We know the return will bring challenges and we know that things won't be perfect! Everything we do will be done with thought for kindness and support. We will continue to plan ahead with public health orders top of mind and we will definitely pull together to create the best environment possible for our learning community. With our students we will be focusing on ways to support overall well-being: connect, keep learning, be mindful, get active, help others, practice gratitude. This promises to be a richly rewarding year of learning!

With appreciation,

Tom Vickers and Joan O'Leary

CALENDAR

Please Note: This calendar is in process - there will be updates going forward

September	October	November
10 Grades 1-3 check-in	12 Thanksgiving Day Stat. Holiday	10 Staff Meeting 3:15-4:30
11 Grades 4-5 & K	13 Staff Meeting 3:15-4:30	10 LEPAC Meeting 6:30 pm
28 Non-Instructional Day	13 LEPAC Meeting 6:30 pm	11 Remembrance Day Stat Holiday
30 Orange Shirt Day	23 Non-Instructional Day	20 Non-Instructional Day
	31 Halloween	

Information Items:

Q&A from our Superintendent	<p>Here is an updated version of our Superintendent's Q&A. This includes public health guidance, careful planning and support from school leaders and all staff. Superintendent Eberwein and our executive team have put together an informative Q&A about the return to school - please check it out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ https://www.sd63.bc.ca/Stage-2-QA
Welcome and Welcome Back	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hannah Watson Gr. 3, partner with Diane Hillier

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katie Liebault FSL/Fine Arts
School Supplies for 2020-2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families who ordered school supplies through Monk's: orders will arrive Sep. 16th. Stay tuned for pick-up times. • Families who shopped and put together supplies, please keep supplies at home and wait for instructions from your child's classroom teacher. • Kindergarten families: school supplies will be managed through your child's classroom teacher. Stay tuned for instructions directly from your child's new teacher.
Arrival & Dismissal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We really enjoyed having everyone check in this week:) Please remember going forward that your partnership is critical to ensuring safety. We ask parents to physically distance from other parents and children not their own. • At arrival, students can say goodbye and proceed to their line-up spot independently. • At dismissal, your child's classroom teacher will let you know where to wait to meet your child. We ask all students/families to proceed home directly.
Health Checklist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This week you received copies of the daily health check. Please remember to do this check on Monday morning with each of your children. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sign the form on white paper and return it to school on Monday Sep. 14th. (1 per child) ○ Keep the form on green paper at home for your reference. Parents need to complete this daily health screen without fail every day. • Important Reminders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If the student has symptoms that are stable and reflect what is normal for a pre-existing condition (e.g. for allergies) then the student can come to school. ○ If the student has new/novel symptoms (e.g. you have answered yes to any of the items on the checklist), keep the child home and consult your healthcare provider or call 8-1-1. Please inform Mr. Vickers or Mrs. O'Leary about results. • Families can also use the BCCDC digital checklist: Thrive BC digital self-assessment tool • Note: the school is directed by public health to not share information about absences with the class or the community. Public Health is the only agency who can communicate to the community in this regard. • Please plan ahead to have a person available to pick up your child should they become sick while at school.
Student pick-up/drop-off during school hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents, please pre-arrange pick up/drop off by calling the office: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We will have the student ready for pick in the front hall ○ Late-arriving students will enter by the front office and sign in, with support from office staff
Office Protocols And Visiting the School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please call the office to make an appointment. We are limiting the number of people in the school.

Friday Joke of the Day	
Parent/Guardian Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When setting out on a new experience or journey, our own mindset and modelling makes a big difference to how our kids approach and experience new activities and challenges. Our school counsellor, Ms. Fedrigo, has provided this resource for parents, to support the transition back to school. Have a look: https://parents.cmionline.com/
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you have questions about the school bus, please contact Transportation: Phone (250) 652-7343 Email: transportation@saanichschools.ca • Students riding the bus will be given a BUS CARD that they will need to use every day. The card helps us manage an attendance list of who is on the bus every day. • Cards will come home next week. Please ensure your child has it secured on their backpack for every day use.