



LOCHSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The school year has gone by so quickly that it is hard to believe that it's June. Lochside is a great school due to the combined efforts of our staff, our students and the support of our parent community. I would like to thank our teaching and support staff for all of the wonderful learning opportunities that are provided for students on a daily basis.

Many thanks to all our parent volunteers for their time and hard work during this school year. Thank you to Rachel Calder and the rest of the LEPAC Executive for their support throughout the year. LEPAC has provided us with funding for academics, arts, athletics, field trips, technology, and emergency preparedness. Our students have greatly benefited from all of the extras provided by LEPAC.

We have scheduled our **Grade 5 Farewell and Final Assembly on Thursday, June 12th at 9:00 am**. At this assembly we will recognize the grade five students, say goodbye to staff members who will not be returning next year and celebrate a year of learning. We should know the results of the BCTF strike vote by Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning. Then we will be in a better position to provide more information about other events such as Fun Day and Grade 5 Luncheon. Please check our website on a regular basis to determine if there are any changes to the schedule of events due to the current job action.

Sincerely,
Joe Grewal, Principal

MOVING?

If you are planning to move to another school for next year, or have a change of address/phone number, please contact the office so we have the most up-to-date info. Call: 250-658-5238



STUDENT REGISTRATION

Registrations for the 2014 - 2015 school year are being taken at the School Board Office (2125 Keating X Road). Please take child's birth certificate, Care Card and proof of residency (driver's license, utility bill, rental agreement etc.) For more information, call (250) 652-7300.

IMPORTANT DATES

Wed. Jun 11th Fun Lunch (changed from Friday)
6:30 - 8:00 pm LEPAC Meeting
Thu. June 12th 9:00 am Grade 5 Farewell/Final
Assembly



SCHOOL ORGANIZATION STUDENT PLACEMENT 2014 - 2015

Mrs. O'Leary and I will be working on the placement of students into classes for next year in the following weeks. As you may have heard, due to the lockout by BCPSEA (provincial government bargaining agent), teachers are not allowed to participate in the organization of classes for next year. The deadline for accepting student placement forms has been extended until the end of this week. These are available at the front office. If you have any questions or concerns, please send me an email or drop in to the office. We will strive to ensure that each class is a workable instructional and social group. Tentative class lists will remain confidential until school opening in September.

GRADE 5 FAREWELL / FINAL ASSEMBLY 9:00 AM THURSDAY, JUNE 12TH

Please join us on Thursday morning to recognize our Grade 5 students and to celebrate a year of learning. We will also say goodbye to staff members who will not be returning next year.

Thank you to LEPAC For Staff Appreciation

What a week of staff appreciation during May 13-16th. A big thank you to Tiffany, Stephanie and others who helped decorate the staffroom and provided all of the delicious treats during the week. Thank you as well to Stephanie, Tiffany, Scarlet, Heather, Kerry, Kelly, Alysha, Judy, Marie, Alison, Carolyn, Shannon, Mary, Lynn, Anita and everyone else who contributed to the luncheon on **Wed. May 14th**. The room was beautifully decorated and the food was delightful. Thank you so much for the wonderful luncheon enjoyed by our staff! What a privilege to work with such a supportive parent group. Thank you for taking time out of your busy day to recognize the efforts of the entire staff!



LEPAC EXECUTIVE 2014 - 2015

Please join me in welcoming the LEPAC Executive members for next school year. Thanks to all of them for their time and commitment for the upcoming school year. If there are any other parents who are interested in volunteering, then please contact any member of the executive.

Co-Presidents	Mike Brooks Stephanie Kalabric
Vice-President	Judy Payne
Secretary	Tiffany Voorberg
Treasurer	Don Mellings
COPACS Reps	Jodi Holland Kelly Perry
Volunteers	Mary Brookes
Past President	Rachel Calder
Healthy Schools	Kerry Walsh

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The deadline for ordering school supplies is Thursday, June 12th. If you are interested in ordering supplies please do so ASAP. The supply lists can be found from the Quick Links on the Home Page of our school website. Please make cheques payable to Monk's Office. School supplies packages can be picked up Aug. 29th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm **OR** on the 1st day of school.

EAT WELL GET MOVING

Congratulations to all students and staff at Lochside Elementary as we have won the Eat Well Get Moving Challenge by having a

participation rate of 97% amongst our students. The goal of the program is to encourage students to eat more vegetables and fruit and be more active. Students kept a record of their daily intake of healthy foods and their participation in physical activities. As a result of our high participation rate we are the winners of the 2014 challenge. We have won a Sportball program for the entire school as well a Bouncy Castle for Fun Day. Mrs. Bell's class also won a pizza party. Sportball helps children to develop socially as well as physically, through a curriculum designed to reinforce self-confidence free from the pressure of competition. Thank you to Mrs. Takhar for organizing our school's participation in the program.

SCHOOL OPENING

Tuesday, September 2nd 2014

8:40– 10:30 a.m. – Students will return to their last year's teacher(s) for attendance and a welcome back visit with other students. Students new to the school will meet in the library and then be given a tour of the school. They will join their grade group peers after the school tour. **New Kindergarten** students will come in for a brief check-in from 9:45 -10:15 am in the library.



Wednesday, September 3rd

Today is a full-day session for students in Grades 1 to 5. Students will remain with their last year's teacher(s) until we can confirm our school organization, number of divisions, etc. We will move students into their new classes as soon as we are able to do so. Most likely this will occur on Wednesday afternoon. However, if we have to re-organize (form a new division or collapse one division due to enrolment increase/decrease) we may have to delay moving to new classes until Thursday.

BIKE ROADEO



Our Bike Roadeo organized by Saanich Police on May 22nd from 9:00 – 11:30 am was a huge success. Students learned about bike safety and had an opportunity to ride through a practice bike course set-up on the hardtop area at the back of the school. It's great to see many students riding bikes or using their scooters to get to school. Please remind your child(ren) that he or she should be wearing a helmet if they are riding to school. Thank you to

volunteers Mark Creswick, Jill Marriette, Cheryl Graham, Kerry Walsh, Tessa Lise, Carolyn Phillips, Tina Lazaruk and anyone else who helped out.



Our **Lost and Found** cupboard is full again. Please check the cupboard stationed near the Kindergarten entrance. Any items that are not claimed by the end of the school year are donated to charity.



Camp Thunderbird May 28th - 30th

Over 55 Grade Five students participated in three days of outdoor

adventure activities at Camp Thunderbird in Sooke. The children enjoyed: canoeing, archery, hiking and team building activities with their peers. Students returned from camp having tried their hand in many new and challenging activities. Everyone had fun spending quality time with their friends and fellow classmates!

Thank you to parent volunteers who accompanied the campers and provided support. The parent volunteers were: Steve Taylor, Ken Smith, Pam Pearson, Kathryn Watson, Fei Zhang and Angie Zemanek.

Thanks to teachers Bob Warrender, Shawn McKean and Vice-Principal, Joan O'Leary for organizing and sponsoring this fun-filled event. Thank you also for the Ms. Seabrooke and Mrs. Gillingham for supporting the Grade 4 students with fun activities during the camp dates. And finally thanks to Educational Assistants Pat Tutte, Tara Rothwell and Wendy Moilanen for providing students with support during the camp.

Good Bye to . . .

- Teacher Librarian, Donna Wende who is retiring after a long career in the Saanich School District.
- Elementary Counsellor, Lynn Wray, who is also retiring after a long career in the Saanich School District.
- The temporary contracts for the following staff have now ended:

Darlene Matthews, Youth and Family

Sarah Ewart, IST/LA Teacher
Pieter Koopmans, K Teacher
Jennifer Nelson, K Teacher
Jennifer Erickson, Gr. 1 Teacher
Sarah Kralt, Gr. 2 Teacher
Sylvia Stevens, Educational Assistant
Jennifer Daniels, Educational Assistant
Lothar Krampol, Educational Assistant

We would like to express our thanks and gratitude to all of the above staff for doing such a fantastic job of teaching/supporting our students this year.

Welcome to . . .

- Teacher Librarian **Cindy Heppell**, who is coming to us from Cordova Bay Elementary. Mrs. Heppell brings many years of teaching experience as well as her enthusiasm for the library to Lochside.
- Teacher **Carolyn McDonnell**, who will be joining our staff in September 2014. Carolyn is currently teaching a primary class at Deep Cove Elementary.



Retiring Teacher-Librarian **Donna Wende**

Ms. Wende began her teaching career in Saanich in 1987 at Royal Oak Middle School teaching Grade 8 Social Studies, English and Enrichment, then Sansbury-McTavish, Sidney and Brentwood Elementary Schools teaching Library and Enrichment. She was back to Royal Oak Middle School for another 12 years teaching Grade 6 academics and Art. She's been the Teacher-Librarian alternating days at Lochside and Brentwood Schools for most of the last 12 years. She has enjoyed teaching inquiry based learning and use of technology in the Learning Commons.

Ms. Wende's favorite projects helped children become great readers and learners. She loved organizing events such as Family Literacy Day, Reading and Poetry Days, Aboriginal Days, Earth Days for Peace and inviting lots of guest speakers to speak to our students. Book Fairs helped raise funds for literacy at our schools and around the world, most recently a horse powered mobile library through ethiopiareads.org to reach children in remote areas of Ethiopia who had no books.

Thanks to awesome Brentwood and Lochside parents groups, students and staff for support!

Future plans are to travel, work on creative endeavors, and on projects to further literacy for children. Ms. Wende will miss all the students, parents and staff at Lochside School and around the district. She is so grateful to have been part of the Saanich community and their love of reading and compassion for others in need of opportunities. Thank you!

Retiring Elementary Counsellor

Lynn Wray

Lynn Wray started in the Saanich School District at Mount Newton Middle School where she had the lead French Immersion Grade Seven class. Then while at home with her young children she worked at home marking papers for the newly developed S.I.D.E.S. Next she taught French as a Second Language at Cordova Bay Elementary while completing a Master's Degree in Counselling. Then it was on to Deep Cove Elementary to teach French Immersion. In 2002, she was called to the position that she has held for 12 years as an elementary school counsellor. "It has been a pleasure to work with so many wonderful staff and students over my 28 years in this district. Merci beaucoup!" Mme/Mrs Wray



GRADE 5 YEARBOOK

A big thank you to members of the Grade 5 Yearbooks Committee who have been working hard to

produce this year's yearbook. Members of this committee are: Lynn Hood, Janis Chow, Pam Pearson, Tamara Poppitt, Moira & John Fitzpatrick, Kari & Gavin Jenkinson, Melanie Posthuma, Helen Babaeff, Shannon Bridge, Debbie Carter and Kathryn Watson

LEPAC CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Many thanks to this year's LEPAC Constitutional Review Committee, composed of Judy Payne, Rachel Calder and Don Mellings for their work in reviewing the LEPAC Constitution and Bylaws. The committee is recommending amendments to the LEPAC Constitution and Bylaws which will be considered at the September 2014 LEPAC General Meeting. The changes are primarily clarifying or housekeeping in nature, with some notable exceptions. Notable changes include:

- Providing for two new Director at large positions on the executive
- Strengthening notice provisions to require constitutional amendments to be posted on LEPAC Bulletin Board
- Increasing the expense threshold from \$500 to \$1,000 which will require the prior approval at a General Meeting
- Removing the impractical requirement for the Treasurer to "ensure" that the LEPAC bank balance not fall below \$500 and replacing it with the requirement for the Treasurer to immediately notify the Executive if the aggregate LEPAC bank balances fall below \$5,000.

Clarification amendments include:

- Restating the mission and objectives to resolve conflicts and clarify intent
- Requiring the President to have signing authority
- Requiring the Treasurer to produce monthly statements
- Describing responsibilities of the Healthy Schools Coordinator and providing them with a vote on Executive
- Noting that two members can share duties of one executive position, other than treasurer
- Authorizing the executive to appoint a replacement if an executive member is temporarily unable to perform their duties
- Clarifying roles & responsibilities of committees and committee chairs
- Documenting voting protocols

Housekeeping amendments include:

- Removing periods from L.E.P.A.C.
- Capitalizing all headings
- Providing consistent formatting and numbering between sections

Copies of the proposed amendments are posted on the LEPAC web page and bulletin board at the school. Please do not hesitate to contact Judy Payne (paynejudy@shaw.ca) if you have any questions before the meeting.

Congratulations

Jesse Biegun and Ben Smyth took home GOLD Medals at the BC Provincial Diving Championship this weekend! Congratulations to both of the boys for their hard work and commitment to excel at such a high level.

LASP SUMMER PROGRAM

The Lochside After School Program has spaces available in the summer program only for children finished Kindergarten up to grade 5. Registration is by the week and the cost is \$175/wk. We are open from 7:00 am -5:45 pm. Registration available for June 30 -July 4 (closed Canada Day, cost for short week \$150), July 21-25, July 28 - Aug 1 and Aug 11 - 15. For all inquiries please email; lochsideasp@gmail.com.

PCEC "1000 x 5"

Children's Book Recycling Project

If you can donate gently used children's picture books, please bring them to the school. The books will be forwarded to volunteers at the Saanichton Individual Learning Centre where they will be processed for distribution to young children and families living on the Peninsula.

For further information, please contact:
Daphne Macnaughton, PCEC "1000 X 5" Project Leader dlmvictoria@shaw.ca

This project is sponsored and supported by Beacon Community Services/Peninsula Connections for Early Childhood (PCEC), School District No. 63 (Saanich), Success by 6[®], United Way of Greater Victoria, the Victoria Foundation, the Peninsula Co-Op Food Centre, Island Savings Credit Union, and many family-serving agencies in our community.

ALS CYCLE OF HOPE FREQUENT FLYER 10k POWERED BY MCLAREN LIGHTING

Sunday June 22nd 11am-2pm

Rotary Park Field of Dreams on Canora Rd
Ride the 10k loop - registration is \$20 with proceeds to ALS Canada

Family event is FREE

Meet your favourite superheroes!

Food available on site at the concession or bring your own picnic

Live entertainment with The O'Brien Family from 1-2pm

Bring your empty bottles for our ALS Cycle of Hope bottle drive with the Bottle Depot

Facepainting

Register through cycleofhope.ca

NEWS FROM THE GREATER VICTORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Summer Reading Club 2014: Funny Business! June 26-August 31

For Kids 12 and under

Take part in GVPL's Summer Reading Club! Whether you're reading at home or on holidays, you can keep track of your reading and enjoy some incentives along the way. Staying in town? You're invited to join us for a selection of amazing library programs at branches throughout Greater Victoria. Online registration for special programs begins **June 16**. Beginning **June 26**, you are invited to drop by your local library to pick up a self-paced reading record.

For more information about the club, or to register for programs, check our website at gvpl.ca.

Summer Reading Buddies at the Public Library

Reading Buddies pairs children who need extra practice with reading with teen volunteers for fun literacy-based activities. Little Buddies and Big Buddies meet for an hour daily for one week. Week-long sessions are available between **July 14** and **August 22** at different branch libraries throughout the summer. For children in Grades 2 to 4. Space is limited. Register online at gvpl.ca or call your local branch for more information. Registration begins **June 16**.

Please visit our **Summer Reading Club** page for more information and downloadable brochure at gvpl.ca/src. All programs are free. For a full listing of all library programs, visit gvpl.ca and register online.

GIRLS – SAANICH BRAVES WANT YOU!

Saanich Minor Hockey Association is developing a Recreational ("C") Female Hockey Program. If you were born in 2004, 2005 or 2006 you can receive one season free registration* and a free team jersey!! Contact ian.g.fleetwood@gmail.com or jnmoniz@telus.net for more information.

*Free season = second season free or two consecutive seasons at half price