



LOCHSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It has been a wonderful school year with many successes at Lochside Elementary. We are fortunate to have such a wonderful learning community where parents and staff work together to support our students. Thank you to all of our teaching and support staff for their continued commitment and dedication to the educational program at Lochside Elementary. I really appreciate the opportunity to work with an amazing group of educators. Thank you as well to our parents and guardians who have provided excellent support throughout the year. Have an awesome summer break and we will see you in September!

Sincerely,
Joe Grewal, Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

June 28th 11:00 am Grade Five Luncheon &
12:15 pm Intermediate Swim

June 29th 9:00 am Final Assembly and Last
Day of School for Students

Sept. 6th First day of school 8:40 - 10:30 am

Sept. 7th First full day for Grades 1 - 5 – K
students follow Gradual Entry
schedule

GRADE 5 FAREWELL / FINAL ASSEMBLY

9:00 AM WEDNESDAY June 29th

Please join us on Wednesday morning, June 29th at 9:00 am to recognize our Grade 5 students and to celebrate a wonderful year of learning. We will also be saying goodbye to staff members who will not be returning next year. If you would like to take your child after this assembly, please make arrangements with the classroom teacher ahead of time.

SCHOOL OPENING

Tuesday, September 6th 2016

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 on Tuesday from 10:00 -10:30 am in the library.

Wednesday, September 7th

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.

YEAR END REMINDERS FOR PARENTS:



• **Does your child have an epi-pen or medications at the office? Parents are asked to pick these up on Wednesday June 29th.**

▪ Report cards will be sent home with all students on the last day of school. If your child will not be at school, their report card will be held at the school office until July 6th for pick up. If you wish to have your child's report card mailed out, please provide the office with a self-addressed stamped envelope.

• Our Lost & Found racks runneth over! Please do a final check with your child(ren). All unclaimed clothing and shoes will be displayed in the hallway by Lost & Found racks. Any leftover items will be donated at the end of June 2016.





THANK YOU LEPAC

We would like to take this time to thank LEPAC for all of their support in the 2015/2016 school year. LEPAC has sponsored and supported many events and activities including:

- Halloween Dance;
- Classroom expendables \$200 per classroom;
- Field Trips \$5850;
- Providing new Chromebooks
- \$1200 for the Seaquarium;
- Learning Centre \$1000 for furniture
- \$300 to the Triathlon Club;
- Emergency Lunches \$300;
- Joy Paquin Scholarship \$500;
- Earthquake supplies \$400;
- Science Venture \$1200;
- Orff Instrument Renewal \$1000;
- Reflex Math \$2500;
- Lexia Reading Program \$1000;
- Music Education (Gill Chater) \$2500;
- Staff Appreciation Week; and
- Year End BBQ.
- Camp Thunderbird – Special Fundraiser by Grade 5 parents - \$2626

We are also very grateful for the hard work and dedication of this year's executive. Special thanks are due to the following executive members of the LEPAC.

- Co-President Stephanie Kalabric
- Co-President Kelly Perry
- Vice President - Judy Payne
- Treasurer - Don Mellings
- Volunteer Coordinator - Mary Brookes
- Secretary - Tiffany Voorberg
- COPAC Representative - Reet Dangerfield
- Healthy Schools Committee - Jodi Holland and Tina Lazaruk
- Directors at Large - Megan Mbao and Trish Jackson

Volunteers

The volunteers here at Lochside are amazing!!! All the events that LEPAC puts on could not happen without them. From fun lunch once a month, to the Halloween dance, Scholastic book fairs, staff appreciation week and barbecues – it would never happen without our volunteers. Volunteer support is greatly valued and much appreciated by the staff, parents and students at Lochside Elementary School. Thank you to all our volunteers – without

you, we could not support the school as we do! Special thanks are due to the following individuals who worked tirelessly behind the scenes and throughout the school year:

- Coupon Books - Scarlet Yum;
- Halloween Dance - Kelly Perry & volunteers;
- Forgotten Lunch Programs - Kirsty Hooker;
- Fun Lunch Coordinator - Tin Kwan and volunteers;
- Healthy Fruit and Veggies Coordinator - Kelly Perry;
- Morning Watch Coordinator - Carolyn Phillips, Mark Creswick and all volunteers;
- Popcorn Day Volunteer - Mary Brookes;
- Scholastic Book Fair Coordinator - Kelly Perry and all the volunteers;
- Fill the House Food Drive Coordinators - Kelly Perry, Nicole Whitsitt and all the volunteers;
- Holiday Book Shop - Alysha Boss and Jenni Erickson;
- Grade 5 Year Book Committee - Audrey Hayes, Tamara Poppitt, Yvonne Deis, Jeff Thom and Stephanie Kalabric;
- "Spa Day" (Head lice check) - Scarlet Yum, Moira Fitzpatrick, Carolyn Phillips and Stephanie Kalabric;
- Salsa Dancing – Marie Guenther;
- Gently Used Clothing Sale Coordinator - Lynn and Dave Hood and all volunteers;
- Staff Appreciation Coordinator - Stephanie Kalabric and all volunteers;
- Fresh to You Fundraiser - Jodi Holland, Tina Lazaruk, Kerry Walsh and all volunteers;
- Unplug and Play - Tina Lazaruk, Jodi Holland, Heather Galey and all the volunteers;
- TC Family Run - Tina Lazaruk, Amy Mills-Guest and Christy Hryhoruk
- Triathlon Club - Tina Lazaruk, Kelly Guest and Alison Spencelayh;
- Thrifty Foods Smile Card Program - Reet Dangerfield;
- Movie Nights - Mary Brookes, Don Mellings, Megan Mbao, Trish Jackson and all volunteers;
- Earthquake Preparedness – Kevin Shields and Bernhard Spalteholz;
- School Supplies – Marlina Monteiro; and
- Weekly updates and tech support - Tiffany Voorberg.

A MESSAGE FROM LEPAC . . .

Dear Parents,

LEPAC would like to thank all of the volunteers that helped out in any way this past school year! It's been a wonderful year and we couldn't have done it all without you! As many of you know, LEPAC organizes many events during the year for

the Lochside students and their families and these events cannot continue without the efforts of our hard working volunteers.

There are many opportunities to help out next year such as the following:

- Classroom Rep
- Courtyard Maintenance
- Earthquake Kits
- Emergency Lunches
- End of year BBQ
- Popcorn Day
- Fill the House Food Drive
- Fruit and Veggie Program
- Fun Lunch
- Grade 5 Fundraising Committee
- Grade 5 Yearbook Committee
- Halloween Dance Committee
- Holiday Book Sale
- Morning Watch
- Movie Nights
- Recycling at Special Events
- Scholastic Book Fair
- School Supplies
- Specialty Club Coaching/Supervising Staff Appreciation Week

Descriptions of the various opportunities can be found on the LEPAC page of the school website, <https://goo.gl/hwrpNM>.

We are calling on anyone who is willing and able to put your name down for any of these opportunities. This is a great way to get to know your school community and meet other parents. Lochside has a great spirit of volunteerism - thank you for getting involved.

If you are interested in being involved with any of the above next year, please let us know by emailing lepacvolunteers@gmail.com. Once again, thank you all for your hard work this year and all your efforts in keeping Lochside such a wonderful place for not only our children, but for our families as well.

Yours truly,
LEPAC Executive

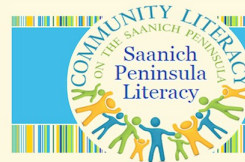
'Open-Air Library'

July
5,12,19,26
August
2,9,16,23

10am-12am

Weather Permitting

BEACON PARK
in Sidney - At the end
of Beacon Avenue



Free books for
all ages to enjoy!

Special Thanks to:
The Town of Sidney, Saanich Peninsula Literacy, PCEC '1000 X 5' Children's Book Recycling Project,
School District #63 (Saanich), Stelly's Secondary School, VIRL Sidney / North Saanich Library Branch,
Shaw Centre for the Salish Sea, Pier Hotel, CFUW Saanich Peninsula