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Newsletter

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Dear Parents / Guardians:

We are off to a great start as students have settled into their classes and are working to meet the learning outcomes in each area of the curriculum. During my classroom visits I have observed students who are engaged in their learning and making progress in all subject areas. Thank you to all of our staff for welcoming the students back and establishing such a positive learning environment in our school.

I would like to thank our teaching staff for hosting our Open House/Welcome Back BBQ on Thursday, September 15th. It was a huge success as we had great participation from our parents and/or guardians. Parents enjoyed interacting with other parents and members of our school community as well as connecting with their child's teacher(s). Just a reminder that if you have not had a chance to meet your child's teacher, then please make a point of connecting with him or her over the next few weeks.

Our seismic upgrade is now winding down with just a few items remaining. The upgrade has resulted in many improvements to the school structure and appearance. Visitors to the school will notice many changes such as new windows, paint, new flooring in the old wing, etc. Additionally, we have a brand new gym floor which looks fabulous. We are asking students to bring **non-marking indoor gym shoes** so that we can keep our gym nice and clean. A big thank you to Unitech Construction for doing such a great job of project management at the school.

Respectfully,
Joe Grewal, Principal

EARLY DISMISSAL November 1st, 2nd & 3rd

We have Early Dismissal Days coming up on November 1st, 2nd & 3rd. This is an opportunity for you to connect with your child's teacher. **Students will be dismissed at 1:48 pm** on each of the three days. Teachers will be conveying information to parents about the times, schedules, etc. If you have any questions please contact your child's teacher.



Students, staff and parents participated in the Annual Terry Fox Run on Thursday, September 29th. All of our students and staff did an amazing job of taking part in the run! We were able to raise over \$800 for the Terry Fox Foundation to support cancer research. Well done everyone and thank you for your support and enthusiasm for this event! Thank you to LEPAC for providing students with a healthy treat after the run.

PHOTO RE-TAKES

Wed. Oct. 19th

INDOOR SOCCER

We have over 50 students signed up for indoor soccer. The students are divided into three teams and play practice games during the noon hour. Our students will play after school games against other elementary schools in the coming weeks. Thank you to teachers Sherry Seabrooke and other coaches for volunteering your time at lunch and after school.



PARKING LOT REMINDERS

Please remember to:

- Come early for drop-off and pick-up
- If possible avoid peak times – 8:40 am and 2:48 pm
- Do not leave vehicle parked in the Drop-Off Lane
- Keep moving if possible and not block access to our parking lot right at the front entrance
- Arrange to meet your child outside if possible
- Please leave the Staff Parking spots for Staff



Heelys or Shoes with Wheels

We are asking students not to wear their shoes with wheels on the bottom at school. When students are "wheeling" their way around the hallways, there is a danger of them running into a younger student or falling on the concrete floor. The students with these shoes can get going pretty fast and can create an unsafe situation for other students.



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

In the event of an earthquake Lochside staff members have been reviewing emergency procedures. We have a school plan to look after all of the students in the event of an earthquake. We will have an earthquake drill on Thursday, October 20th. Parents Kevin Shields and Bernhard Spalteholz have been helping us to update our emergency supplies.

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

We will be hosting our annual Remembrance Day Assembly on Thursday, November 10th at 10:00 am. Parents/Guardians are welcome to join us for this important assembly as we pay tribute to the men and women who have served, and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict and peace. Please remember to send in a small **donation to support the Poppy Fund** that helps veterans in need of clothing, shelter, transportation, medical assistance, etc.

DATES TO NOTE

Mon. Oct. 10 th	Thanksgiving Holiday
Thu. Oct. 20 th	12:15 Great ShakeOut Drill 5:30 - 8:00 pm Halloween Family Dance
Fri. Oct. 21 st	NID – Provincial Day
Mon. Oct. 31 st	Wacky Hair Day
Nov. 1, 2, & 3 rd	1:48 Early Dismissal for Reporting and/or Conferencing
Thu. Nov. 10 th	10:00 am Remembrance Day Assembly
Fri. Nov. 11 th	Remembrance Day
Mon. Nov. 14 th	NID – Non-Instructional Day
Fri. Dec. 16 th	Last day before Winter Break
Tue. Jan. 3 rd	School Re-Opens

Entertainment Books

A big thank you to Scarlet Yum and parent volunteers for organizing the Entertainment Book sales. Thank you also to Admin-Assistant, Kitlin Louie for her help in the office. Please return the booklets or the payment for the booklets ASAP. Thank you for all of your support.

DISTRICT POLICY

The Board recognizes that from time to time students or parents (or guardians) may have concerns regarding the operation of the School District. All complaints concerning schools, personnel, programs or procedures will be dealt with in a fair, respectful and timely way. The procedures that the Board has enacted to deal with concerns are described in the following policies: Policy 1360 (Complaints regarding

Personnel, Programs or Procedures) and Policy 1110 (Parent/Student Appeals Bylaw).



HALLOWEEN FAMILY DANCE

Thursday, October 20th

Get ready to scream, shout and boogie all about as **The Spooky Boogie** Halloween Family Dance is coming up quickly! Mark your calendar for **Thursday October 20th** from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Join us for a magic show, dancing, food and games!

Volunteers are needed, please email: lepacvolunteers@gmail.com if you are able to help out.

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. Drop box located in main foyer. 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: dlnvictoria@shaw.ca

Keeping Your Child Safe - HAVE A HAPPY HALLOWEEN

With Halloween fast approaching, we want to think of ways to keep our children safe while trick or treating. Up to about 9 years of age, children do not have the skills to be safe in traffic. Many children have difficulty judging speed and distance and concentrate for only short periods of time. This will be especially true with the added excitement of Halloween. In addition, there will be many strangers on the street on Halloween night.

Here are some tips to help keep your child safe:

- Teach your child road safety rules and to look, listen and think about traffic
- Know where they are!
- Know what they are doing!
- Know who they are with!
- Teach your child about personal safety and the danger of talking to strangers.

- Teach them never to go with or accept anything from someone they do not know.
- When children understand how to be safe, parents can be more relaxed about their children being out for Halloween

REFLEX MATH

Reflex Math is an online software application designed to help students of all ability levels to develop fluency with their basic facts in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Students in grades 2 to 5 have their individual login information. This application can be accessed from home. If you need any more information, a login and password, etc. please ask your child's classroom teacher, Sandi Rainer or Mr. Grewal. Thank you to LEPAC for their on-going support for this software program.

ROMS SCREAMFEST

Royal Oak Middle School is proud to present its 2nd Annual Halloween Fundraising Event - ScreamFest 2016: in homage to the great scary movies of our time. This year's event will happen on October 27th and October 28th with themes based on famous scary movies such as:

Jaws
Legend of Sleepy Hollow
Psycho
Ghostbusters
Poltergeist
World War Z
Frankenstein
Pirates of the Caribbean and more...



As usual, there will be food, games, contests, entertainment, special guests, auctions, prizes and the famous ROMS haunted walk. Tickets will go on sale on September 28th at the ROMS Welcome back BBQ (cash only, \$5 entry). Additional tickets for food and games will be sold during the SCREAMFEST evenings.

All proceeds will go towards building ROMS' new outdoor activity structure. We are now two thirds of the way towards reaching our target of \$100,000. With your support we hope to get very close to our goal, so construction can start as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or suggestions, would like to volunteer, sponsor or help in any way, please contact Mike Brooks, ScreamFest 2016 Coordinator, at mikebrooks@telus.net or 250 888 1241.