



# LOCHSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

### Dear Parents/Guardians:

I would like to wish everyone the very best for the upcoming holiday season. It has been a wonderful six years at Lochside Elementary. Lochside is a special place and it will always be a big part of me wherever I go. Thank you to all members of our school community for working together to make Lochside Elementary School such great place to learn. Thank you to all of our students for their effort with their schoolwork and kindness to each other on the playground. Thank you to all staff for their hard work and commitment during the first term. To the parents, grandparents, and community volunteers, we cannot thank you enough for your assistance throughout the year. On behalf of all of our staff at Lochside Elementary, I would like to wish everyone a joyful and relaxing Winter Break! **PS:** If you need to contact me for any reason, my new email address is [Jgrewal11@hotmail.com](mailto:Jgrewal11@hotmail.com)

Respectfully,  
Joe Grewal, Principal

### DATES TO NOTE:

Nov. 28-Dec. 8th Holiday Food Drive  
Mon. Dec. 12th 1:30 pm Winter Concerts # 1  
Tue. Dec. 13th 1:30 pm Winter Concerts # 2  
Fri. Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> Last day before Winter Break  
Tue. Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> School Re-Opens  
Wed. Jan. 18th Ready Set Learn  
Wed. Jan. 25th Kindergarten Evening  
Mon. Jan. 30th Curriculum Implementation Day  
Jan. 30 - Feb. 3rd Kindergarten Registration

### WINTER CONCERTS

Students have been getting ready for our Winter Concerts with our Artist-In-Residence, Gill Chater and music teacher Lisa Alexander. There will be an opportunity for parents to attend the concerts on **Monday and Tuesday, December 12th and 13th at 1:30 pm.** We have divided the concert

into two groups. Please arrive on time and hopefully you can stay for the entire performance so that there are few disruptions as possible. Hope to see you all!!!

<u>Mon. December 12th</u> <u>1:30 pm CAST A</u>	<u>Tues. December 13th</u> <u>1:30 pm CAST B</u>
Grade 1s Mrs. Coutre/ Miller, Mrs. Sihoe & Mrs. Whitehead	Kindergarten Mrs. McDonnell K, Mrs. Takhar/Erickson & Mr. Niedjalski
Grade 2s Mrs Bell, Mrs. Cavallin	Grade 2s Mrs. Burns/ Ms Jones
Grade 3s Mrs. Kenny	Grade 3s Mrs. Kovacs & Ms Afford/Hillier
Grade 4/5 Ms Seabrooke & Ms Norris	Mr. Warrender 4/5, Mrs. Smith 4/5 Mr. O'Connor

LEPAC is going to video the concert and make it available to parents. Please let me know if this is an issue for you. More information about how you can obtain a copy of the video will be sent to you soon. Please make sure you are not posting any videos of Lochside students online e.g. Facebook.



### INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday, January 25th, 2016  
Keating Elementary  
Saanichton, BC

- Engaging Learners through play.
- Optimal learning environments for success
- Beginning literacy, language and numeracy development
- A day in Kindergarten
- Opportunities to be involved at the school.
- French Immersion option (K-12)





## Kindergarten Registration

January 30th - February 3rd at your neighbourhood school. All children born in 2012 are eligible to begin Full Day Kindergarten.

Our Kindergarten programs offer:

- Teachers who are knowledgeable in early childhood development.
- Engaging learning opportunities through play.
- Optimal learning environments for the success of every child.
- French language instruction.
- Rich literacy and numeracy experiences.

**To register at your neighbourhood school please bring:**

- Proof of your address (resident driver's license, utility bill, etc).
- Proof of your child's age (birth certificate).
- Your child's BC Care Card.

### EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- The indoor soccer season finished off the year with a jamboree at Claremont on Friday, November 25th. A big thank you to coaches Sherry Seabrooke, Bob Warrender, Matt O'Connor, Helena Takhar and Joe Grewal.
- Swim Club coached by Mrs. Kenny, Mr. O'Connor, Mrs. de Leeuw, Meghan Hagar, and Heather Afford takes place on Wednesdays after school.
- The Knitting Club is being organized by Mrs. Hillier and meets on Wednesdays at lunch.
- The school choir is practising on Fridays at lunch.

### LOST AND FOUND

Please remember to check out our Lost and Found. There are many items of clothing left outside by our students. Unclaimed items will be sent to a local charity during the Winter Break.



### FILL THE HOUSE FOOD DRIVE

Our "Fill the House" Food Drive began on **Monday!** Please watch for details and paper bags from Thrifty's that were sent home with students on **Friday.** We are happy to announce that **again** this year we are not only accepting donations of dry goods, but will also be accepting monetary donations and donations of gift cards to help the

Mustard Seed provide complete **Christmas** hampers (dry goods, toys and certificates to purchase fresh produce/turkey and/or clothing) to families in need. Bags of dry goods can be delivered to our giant house in the school foyer. There is a **train** under the tree in the foyer for any monetary or gift card donations.

We will also be sponsoring families within our own community this year and their wish list items will be hung on the tree in the foyer. If you would like to fulfill a wish, please take an ornament off the tree and return the purchased item to the train under the tree, we will then add those wish list items to complete a Christmas hamper for families within our community. This is such a wonderful cause and we thank you all for your support!

Many thanks to Nicole W., Alysha B., Kirsty H., Heather G., Heather C., Lynn-Rae M., Marissa C., Brenda S., Jeni N., Heather R, Caroline K., Rachael H., Tina L., Stephanie K., Kelly P. and everyone else who helped with organizing and building!

### **THANK YOU!**

A big thank you to **Bill Jensen** who for the third year running has donated countless boxes of books from Cole's Books to our school community. Bill has joyfully shared books in his daughter Hailey's past and present classrooms (now in grade 3) and our school library and we have also been able to support the "1000 x 5 Project" with this donation. (link <https://1000x5.ca/> )



Bill not only advocated for our school to be selected to receive funding from the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation but he also encouraged his staff at Westshore Coles bookstore to engage in fundraising activities. As a result the Lochside library learning commons has been given funding to purchase 200 new books from the Westshore Coles Book store. A very big thank you for all of your efforts to support the love of reading! Thank you for your kindness, Bill!

### **HOLIDAY BOOK SHOP Mon/Tue December 5th and 6th**

We are happy to announce that the Holiday Book Shop will take place again this year and it promises to be a fun and affordable way for our

students to buy a literacy focused gift for loved ones. Each item at the Book Shop will be priced at \$1.00 each and will be wrapped at our special wrapping station, with proceeds split between the Mustard Seed and LEPAC. Thank you for your many donations already! We are still in need of adult and children's books as well as wrapping paper and bows to insure there are enough books to go around. A big thank you to Alysha B. and Jenni E. for organizing!