



# LOCHSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## JANUARY 2017



Welcome all students and parents back to Lochside School. This a wonderful time to reconnect with our school community families and friends and reflect on the new year resolutions we have for ourselves. January is a wonderful time of the

year to look back at all that we have accomplished and look forward at the opportunities and possibilities we can create together. Let's work together to make this the best year ever. Thank you for the warm welcome.

Respectfully,  
Ms. Erika Moser, Principal

## DATES TO NOTE

- Wed. Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> Ready Set Learn – 3:15 – 5:30 pm  
Preschoolers Visit Lochside Elem.
- Wed. Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> LEPAC Meeting 6:30- 8:00 pm
- Wed. Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> K Info Night @Keating Elem.  
7:00 pm
- Fri. Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> Family Literacy Day
- Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>– Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> Kindergarten Registration Week
- Mon. Jan 30<sup>th</sup> NID Curriculum Day
- Mon. Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> Family Day Statutory Holiday
- Wed. Feb. 22 Pink Shirt Anti-Bullying Day
- Fri. Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> Non-Instructional Day
- Wed. Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> District Swim Meet
- Thu. Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> 1:48 pm Early Dismissal
- Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> – 30 School Closure, Spring Break & Easter

## FAMILY LITERACY DAY Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>



We are continuing to work on our on-going goal of improving student achievement in literacy. On Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating Family Literacy Day. Parents and/or guardians, are invited into classrooms to read with their child/ren from 8:45 – 9:10 am.



We are hosting the Ready Set Learn afternoon on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> from 3:15 – 5:45 pm. This is an opportunity for parents and preschoolers to visit Lochside Elementary and become familiar with our school. There will be a school tour with our Lochside Peacekeepers and participate in learning activities.

## MORNING WATCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers for our Morning Watch program. The Morning Watch volunteer is responsible for making phone calls and following up on absences/lates for students who are on our Morning Watch List. If you can spare a half an hour of your time one or two mornings a week, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Carolyn Phillips @ [carolandjamie@shaw.ca](mailto:carolandjamie@shaw.ca)



## LATE ARRIVING STUDENTS

We continue to encourage parents to ensure all students arrive to school on time. When a student is late, he or she misses on morning routines, instructions and the start of the morning lesson. Teachers start the morning routine by letting students know the agenda for the day, collecting forms and taking attendance. Our expectation is that students are arriving at school between 8:30 and 8:35 am.

## KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT

Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

7:00 – 8:30 pm

Keating Elementary School Gym



Come and learn about Kindergarten in the Saanich School District. On this evening you will receive information about Kindergarten, the importance of play, and what a day in Kindergarten may look like. You will also find out about the option of French Immersion for your child. You will meet teachers and administrators from your neighbourhood school.



For September 2017

Starts January 30<sup>th</sup> - Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>

Kindergarten registration in the Saanich School District will take place during January 30<sup>th</sup>-February 3<sup>rd</sup>. All children born in 2012 are eligible to begin Full Day Kindergarten in September 2017. If your child is "In-Catchment" then please bring your child's original Birth Certificate and Care Card to Lochside Elementary. Parents are asked to provide proof of residency as well (e.g. driver's license, rental agreement, utility bill).

### EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Basketball will be starting up soon for students in Grades 4 and 5. Students are encouraged to sign-up to play during the noon hour. Swim Club is continuing to take place at the Saanich Commonwealth Place Pool, as well, we have our Knitting Club. We will also start a new Chess Club. Stay Tuned!



### WET PLAYGROUND AND MUDDY STUDENTS

Please ensure that your children are appropriately dressed for rainy weather as our playground can get wet, muddy and slippery. We would also appreciate each child having a pair of "indoor shoes" in their classrooms. Our students play outdoors daily during lunch and afternoon recess. Needless to say, children tend to find puddles of water tempting and often get their clothing soaked and muddy. It would be helpful to pack extra clothes in



your child's backpack (including socks). This will avoid our office staff having to call you during the day to bring a change of clothes. We have a small supply of donated clothing for emergency use at school, however, sizes are limited. Thank you for your cooperation.

### HOMework WHILE ON VACATION

There are times when families have taken a vacation during the school year and have requested homework for the duration of the trip. The teacher may or may not have enough time to put something together. The paperwork/homework cannot replicate the time spent at school, or what happens in class—instruction, guided processing of concepts and information, individual and group assignments, evaluation and feedback, revisions/corrections. Nor can homework compensate for the critical role of the teachers' observation and intervention as students are completing their work at school.

We acknowledge the positive outcomes of family excursions – the benefits of being together as a family and the educational opportunities for the children. When a family is taking a holiday during the school year, the following may ideas may be helpful:

- Take along books for daily reading.
- Keep a daily journal of people and places visited.
- Send postcards to friends and family members back at home.
- Collect and display souvenirs of the trip for a presentation to the class.
- Take along cards and dice to play games that help children practice basic math facts.
- Collect maps of the area that you are visiting and trace your route.

### BIRTHDAY TREATS

An important reminder that we are encouraging parents/guardians to send healthy treats for birthdays and other celebrations in the classrooms. This is consistent with our school philosophy of promoting healthy nutrition and leading an active lifestyle.



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**PLEASE PACK CUTLERY**

Please remember to pack a fork or spoon with your child's lunch. We are getting daily requests for cutlery from students who have forgotten theirs and the office has a very limited supply.



Thank you for your cooperation!

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**PCEC "1000 X 5" Children's Book Recycling Project**

**Thanks to staff, students, and families in Saanich schools!**

In just over seven years, it has been possible to collect over 100 000 children's picture books for redistribution to babies, toddlers, and other young children whose families live on the Peninsula. The vast majority of these books were donated through schools in the Saanich School District.

Once the books are counted, cleaned, sorted, and packaged, they are delivered to the Strong Start Centres, Kindergarten classes, Sidney Lions' Food Bank, Peninsula Health Unit, and 11 social agencies for distribution to children whose families cannot afford to buy books for them.

Research indicates that home libraries have a significant positive effect on the literacy development of young children and their early success in school. Success begets success. For these reasons, the PCEC "1000 X 5" Project work will continue from through to the end of June. Please continue to donate books your children have outgrown and encourage them to share the gift of literacy with others... Books may be left in the collection box in our foyer.

**Handwashing for Health**



Germs spread easily in a classroom. Handwashing is the best way to stop the spread of germs that cause colds, influenza (flu), diarrhea and other sicknesses. It is important that children learn how and when to wash their hands to lower their risk of getting sick.

**How to Wash Hands:**

- ◆ **Wet** hands under warm running water
- ◆ **Scrub** with plain soap for a count of **20**, all over hands and between fingers
- ◆ **Rinse** under running water for a count of **10**
- ◆ **Dry** hands with a clean paper towel
- ◆ **Turn** off taps with a paper towel

**When to Wash Hands:**

- ◆ Before and after eating or handling food
- ◆ After using the toilet, handling pets, coughing, sneezing, or wiping noses

**How long is 20 seconds?**

- ◆ Slowly singing "Happy Birthday" twice takes about 20 seconds