



LOCHSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parent and Guardians:

Welcome back everyone to our third term. We hope that you have had a relaxing and enjoyable Spring Break. Reading, writing and numeracy continue to be the foundation of our focus for our students. It is important that children are reading books at home which are at their "just right" reading level so that it is an enjoyable experience. If children are successful readers, then they are more likely to enjoy it and make progress. If the text is too hard, then reading becomes a chore and it can be very frustrating. If you need any help in selecting "just right" books for your child please consult with your child's teacher and our teacher-librarian. Read for enjoyment!

Respectfully,
Ms. Erika Moser, Principal

DATES TO NOTE

April 3 rd	School Re-Opens
April 5 th	Class & Whole School Photos
April 13 th	1:45 ROMS Band will perform in gym
April 14 th	Good Friday (Holiday)
April 17 th	Easter Monday (Holiday)
April 22 nd	Earth Day
April 24 th -27 th	French Folk Dancing Workshops
April 25 th	ROMS Student Services Team Talk
April 28 th	NID – School Planning Day
May 3 rd	Grade 5s Visit ROMS
May 3 rd	Kindergarten Orientation
May 8 th	NID – No School for students

SCHOOL GOALS/PLAN



Over the next few weeks I will be meeting with staff to review our improvement plan and revisit our school goals. Currently our school goals are centered on diversity and writing. We would welcome your input/feedback about our school:

- How are we doing?
- What are some things that are going well at Lochside Elementary?
- What are some areas of focus for us to consider as we move forward to the next school year?

We reached our Kindness Goal:



CLASS & SCHOOL PHOTOS



LifeTouch photographers will be at our school on Wednesday, April 5th to take pictures of each class. Please ensure that your child is at school on this day so that your child(ren) can be included.

TIMES COLONIST RAISE A READER CAMPAIGN



Last year, \$271,500 was raised through the Annual Times Colonist Book Sale the proceeds of which were distributed to 162 schools and organizations. We are pleased to announce that Lochside has received a \$2000 grant from the Times Colonist Raise a Reader Campaign, hence doubling our library budget! Students can look forward to a new literary collection in our learning commons very soon!

SPRING TERM ACTIVITIES:

- Chess
- Knitting
- Cross Country
- Choir
- Dance



CROSS-COUNTRY

Practices for boys and girls in Grades 3, 4 and 5 started on Wednesday. We are running on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during lunch play periods. We would like to remind students that they should wear proper running gear and shoes. In order to prepare sufficiently

students will need to do some running outside of school practices. Parents are reminded that they need to arrange transportation for their child to and from the meets. Cross- country meets are after school on:

April 19th , April 26th and May 3rd starting at 3:15 pm at Centennial Park in Central Saanich. Thank you to the coaches: Ms. Afford and Ms. Norris.

GRADE 5 TRANSITION



Grade 5 students are getting ready to attend

Royal Oak Middle School next year. On Tuesday, April 25th the ROMS Student Services Team will be at Lochside, so that we can share information about all of our students , in particular students that are designated or identified as having unique learning needs. On Wednesday, May 3rd our Grade Five students will have an opportunity to visit Royal Oak Middle School.

BOKS Program Returns! (Build Our Kids' Success)

Avoid parking lot chaos and drop off your child early, twice a week, for a supervised fun and active start! From April 18th – June 16th, meet us at 8:00 am on Tuesdays and Fridays in the back field for some active fun. Or come to the gym on rainy mornings with your indoor shoes. Need more info? Contact Tina at lazaruk22@gmail.com.



USED CLOTHING SALE



Thank you to all parents who donated clothing for the Lochside Used Clothing Sale. The sale was a big success with over \$500 raised to go

toward Camp Thunderbird;it also helped Lochside families get incredible deals on good quality clothing. I also think the Grades 4 and 5 (in particular the girls) had a lot of fun 'shopping' on their lunch recess last Thursday and Friday. It couldn't have happened without the help of so many great volunteers in particular, Lynn Hood.

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

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



In the past nine years, it has been possible to collect more than **120 000** children's picture books for redistribution to babies, toddlers, and other young children whose families live on the Peninsula. That's about ten times the number of books in most elementary school libraries! The vast majority of these books were donated through schools in Saanich District. Thank you so much!

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 through to the end of June and on into the next school year. Please continue to donate books your children have outgrown and encourage them to share the gift of literacy with others.

If you can donate gently used children's picture books, please bring them to the school. The book donation bin is located in the school foyer at entrance to library.

For further information, please contact: Daphne Macnaughton, PCEC "1000 X 5" Project Leader at d1mvictoria@shaw.ca

A Big Thank you to the swim coaches for their commitment to the students and encouraging them throughout the whole season. The Swim Jamboree went very well and everyone enjoyed themselves. Head Coach: Mrs. Kenny, Mr. O'Connor, Mrs. de Leeuw, Mrs. Kovacs, Ms. Afford, and Mme Hagar.



2017-18 LEPAC Executive

Here is the list of nominees for the 2017-18 LEPAC Executive:

Nicole Whitsitt (intends to nominate a Co-President)	President
Kirsty Hooker	Vice President
Heather Galey	Secretary
Don Mellings	Treasurer
Megan Mbao Lynn Hood	Volunteer Coordinators
Jodi Holland Tina Lazaruk	Healthy School Coordinators
Reet Dangerfield	COPACS Rep
Trish Jackson Marissa Cameron	Directors-At-Large
Stephanie Kalabric Kelly Neufeld	Past Co-Presidents

THANK YOUS!



To our amazing Administrative Assistant, Ms. Kitlin Louie and Office Assistant Mrs. Babcook for supporting staff, students and parents in the office.

Our Educational Assistants for working with our students:

Jenny Baxter
Joan Belanger
Joanne Frappell
Wanda Hockey
Christine Houston

Lothar Krampol
Catherine Ludvigson
Tara Rothwell
Sylvia Stevens

THANK YOU TO:

- Mary Brookes for organizing our Popcorn Days.
- Mrs. Rainer and Ms. Kenny for looking after the school-wide recycling program.
- Ms. Seabrooke and her class for looking after the paper recycling in the school.
- Tin Kwan for organizing the Fun Lunches for our students.
- Our Teacher-Librarians, Mrs. Heppell, Ms. Sundher and Librarian Assistant Mrs. Babcook for making the library such a welcoming place for our students.
- Our lunch hour supervisors: Mrs. Babcook, Mrs. Rainer, Mr. Krampol and Mrs. Mackay.



Spring into Action to Help Your Child See their Full Potential **Eye See ... Eye Learn® (ESEL) Program**



School-age children's eyes are constantly in use in the classroom and at play so it's important to ensure they are working their best. Your child may not realize they have a vision problem – they may simply assume everyone sees the way they do. Eye See ... Eye Learn® is a program that provides **free** eye exams and eyeglasses if necessary to kindergarten children by a BC Doctor of Optometry.

Visit www.bcesel.ca to book your child's eye exam with a participating doctor.



Our custodial staff Mr. Nash and Mr. Yan for keeping our school safe and clean every single day.

