



LOCHSIDE ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Everyone to a new school year. We would like to introduce to you our new school logo designed by Chris Paul, a local indigenous artist. We are fortunate to have the LEPAC bring forward this community project for all to enjoy, a big thank you. A new school year and we are looking forward to pulling together and working together to ensure that all of our Lochside students have a successful school year.

WELCOME BACK FAMILY BBQ Thurs. Sept. 21st



Staff at Lochside Elementary would like to invite parents/guardians to our Welcome BBQ on Thursday, September 21st 5:30-7pm. This is a great opportunity for parents to come

into the school and meet their child's(ren) new teacher. Payment for your dinner will be by donation.

Respectfully,
Ms. Erika Moser, Principal

Learn Assistance/RR: Ms. Katherine McLeay, and Mrs. Caitlin Gunn
French: Ms. Heather Dalziel/Ms. Melissa Cannady
Music: Mrs. Lisa Alexander
Librarian: Ms. Amy Sundher
Speech Language Pathologist: Ms. Jane McMullin
Psychologist: Mrs. Margaret Chevalier
Counselor: Mrs. Mara Fredrigo
ELL: Mrs. Langran-Des Brisay /Ms. Ashley Walker
Crossing Guard: Mrs. Tara Rothwell
Library/Computer Tech: Mrs. Mary-Anne Babcook
Educational Assistants: Wanda Hockey, Tara Rothwell, Lothar Krampol, Joanne Frappell, Sylvia Stevens, Christine Houston, Laurie Louwe, Andrea Mckain, Joan Belanger, Lisa Murray and Catherine Ludvigson
Lunch Monitors: Lana Mackay, Christine Houston, Sylvia Stevens, Lothar Krampol, and Laurie Louwe
Custodians: Ian Nash & Mike Heywood

LOCHSIDE ELEMENTARY

STAFF 2017 – 2018

Admin Team Principal: Erika Moser

VP & IST: Joan O'Leary

Admin. Secretary: Kitlin Louie

Teaching Staff

01 Ms. Sherry Seabrooke Gr. 4/5

02 Mr. Bob Warrender Gr. 4/5

03 Ms. Sherisse Norris Gr. 4/5

04 Mr. Matthew O'Connor Gr. 4/5

05 Mrs. Karen Smith Gr. 4/5

06 Ms. Ayla Gardner/Ms. Jenica Moore Gr. 4/5

07 Mrs. Diane Hillier Gr. 3/4

08 Mrs. Stephanie Kenny Gr. 3

09 Mrs. Stephanie Kovacs Gr. 3

10 Mrs. Geraldine Cavallin Gr. 2/3

11 Ms. Sandy Bell Gr. 2

12 Mrs. Cathy Sihoe Gr. 2

13 Ms. Jenni Erickson/Ms. Stana White Gr. 1/2

14 Mrs. Cori Coutre/Ms. Cheryl Miller Gr. 1/2

15 Mrs. Linda Whitehead Gr. 1

16 Ms. Sarah Miller Gr. 1

17 Mrs. Carolin McDonnell K

18 Mrs. Helena Takhar K

19 Mr. Mark Niedjalski K

20 Mrs. Heather Simpson K

SCHOOL START-UP FORMS



School start-up information packages are being sent home with all students in the next few days. It is critical for us to have up-to-date contact information such as phone numbers, email addresses, emergency contacts, change of address, etc. We ask that you give your prompt attention to these forms and return them **ASAP** (even if there are no changes **please initial forms** to confirm that you have seen the info) to your child's classroom teacher.

SCHOOL SCHEDULE

8:35: Warning Bell

8:40-11:14: Instruction

11:14-11:45: Lunch Play Period

11:45-12:14: Lunch Eating Period

12:14-1:24: Instruction

1:24-1:39: Recess

1:39-2:46: Instruction

2:46: Dismissal

Drop off your child between 8:20 and 8:30 as we do have teacher supervision in the morning and in the afternoon until 3:00 pm, to avoid parking lot congestion.

MORNING WATCH

Morning Watch Co-ordinator: Carolyn Phillips
Morning Watch is a LEPAC run initiative that ensures children who commute to school without their parents arrive at school safely. Attendance lists are checked first thing. Please sign up for Morning Watch for the coming year if your child will commute to school by him/herself.

	Events
Sept. 20 th	Walking Wheeling Wednesday
Sept. 21 st	Welcome BBQ
Sept. 22 nd	Terry Fox Run @ 10:30 am (Change)
Sept. 28 th	Orange Shirt Day (Change)
Sept.29th	Student Photo Day 
Oct. 9 th	Thanksgiving Holiday
Oct. 25 th	Ready Set Learn @ 3:15
Oct-Nov.	Grade 4 FSA
Oct. 19 th	Halloween Dance@5- 8:30 pm
Oct. 20 th	NID – Provincial Day
Nov. 10 th	Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10:30 am
Nov. 13 th	Remembrance Day
Nov. 7-9 th	Early Dismissal: Reporting/Conferencing : 1:46
Nov. 24 th	NID – Non-Instructional Day
Dec. 22 nd	Last day - Winter Break
Jan. 8 th	School Re-Opens

EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS 2017 - 2018

Students will be dismissed at 1:48 pm on:
Tuesday, November 7th, 2017
Wednesday, November 8th, 2017
Thursday, November 9th, 2017
Thursday, March 8th, 2018

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS 2017 - 2018

Friday, October 20th, 2017
Monday, November 24th, 2017
Monday, January 29th Curriculum Implementation
Friday, February 23rd, 2018
Monday, March 5th, 2018
Friday, April 20th, 2018
Monday, May 4th, 2018



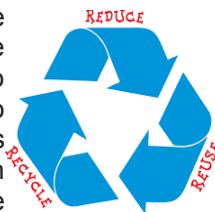
- A special thank you to Sandi and Don Rainer for taking such good care of our courtyard.
- Thank you to the LEPAC for organizing the welcome back coffee/tea and goodies for the families new to Lochside. This was a great opportunity for families to get to know other members of the Lochside community.
- Thank you to teachers and support staff for getting the classrooms ready for instruction.
- Thank you to our Admin Assistant, Kitlin Louie and Library Tech Mary-Anne Babcook for getting us ready for school opening.

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL & SIGN IN / SIGN OUT

Visitors (who are not a parent or guardian) please use the front entrance and report to the office. We would like to remind everyone to please sign child(ren) **IN** at the main office when late arriving and sign them **OUT** when leaving earlier than dismissal time at 2:46. This an issue of safety and security and your assistance is appreciated.

Litterless Lunch at Lochside

This year at Lochside we will be reducing our litter footprint in the school. One of our initiatives to reduce and reuse more is to promote a litterless lunch. It is a **lunch** that creates no waste! It can involve the use of reusable containers or possibly no containers at all, to store and transport food. It involves the elimination of disposable products and the encouraged use of reusable containers. Thank you for your support with this endeavour. The Lochside Green Team



Grade 5 Yearbook & Fundraising

We will need a group of parents of Grade 5 students to begin working on the Yearbook and to organize fund raising activities for Camp Thunderbird. If you are interested, then please contact Ms. Moser. The planning for these two items needs to start early so that we can build the activities into the school schedule.

Thursday, September 22nd (NEW Date)



The Terry Fox Run will take place on Thursday, **September 22nd** at 10:30 am. Parents and guardians are welcome to join us. Students will be asked to bring a donation for The Terry Fox Foundation. Please send the donation during the week of September 18-22nd.



Walking, Wheeling Wednesday!

Start the morning right by avoiding the parking lot and getting your child's heart pumping! Make a plan to walk, bike or scoot to school on Wednesdays (at least!). Park a block away or make a plan with a neighbor for some active transportation. We'll be celebrating International Walk to School month (iWalk) on Wed., October 4th.

BOKS

Drop your child off for **BOKS (Build Our Kids Success)** on Tuesdays and Fridays from 8-8:30 am in the school field (or go to the gym with your indoor shoes on rainy days). This free and active drop-off program is a great way for our kids to start their day! Games, obstacle courses and fun to be had. Running September 19th until October 13th. For more information or to help out with this program contact the Healthy School Committee at lochsidepac@sd63.bc.ca. **We are also looking for Grade 5 students to help them lead the before school BOKS program.**

DOGS

Just a reminder to parents/guardians that dogs are not allowed inside the school building. Additionally, dogs on the school grounds must be on a leash and closely supervised at all times. We do have some children who are scared of or allergic to dogs.

ALLERGY SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Some students in our school have severe allergies (anaphylaxis) to peanuts/peanut products, dairy and eggs. Since we cannot guarantee an "allergy free" environment, we hope to develop an "allergy safe" environment in our school. All students in these classrooms have been made aware of these allergies. For the safety of all our students we ask you to discuss the following with your child:

- Encourage students to wash hands before and after eating;
- Discourage children from sharing food, knives, forks, spoons, cups or straws.
- Please encourage your child to support our efforts to make classrooms as safe as possible for all our students.

Medication at School

It is important that you inform the school about medical conditions or allergies that may affect your child. For your child's safety, please don't assume we've already been told about your child's medical condition. Remember you must:

- At the beginning of the school year (or when medication is to start), complete and return to the school a medication administration form signed by the physician. Forms are available from the school office.
- Provide the medication in a container clearly labeled with child's name, medication name and dosage.

Criminal Record Checks

The Criminal Records Review Act requires our school district to ensure that a valid criminal record check is on file for volunteers in the school district. Under the Act, anyone who works with children directly, or having unsupervised access to children in the ordinary course of the day must submit to a criminal record check. This will include Parent Drivers who will be driving children on a field trip. Criminal Record checks can be done at the Saanich Police station. The fee will be waived if you have a letter from the school indicating that you are volunteering your time.

Here is the process:

- School prepares a letter for the volunteer to take to the police station requesting waiver of fee.
- The volunteer attends the police station in the municipality in which they reside to complete the CRC application and present their identification.
- Police conducts the CRC and volunteer returns to pick up form.
- The completed form is submitted to the Office of the Secretary Treasurer at the Saanich School Board Office, 2125 Keating Cross Road.
- The volunteer's name is entered to the CRC list in district folder.
- Once the volunteer's name is added to our list, they can volunteer anywhere in the district for two years.