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“At Lochside Elementary we promote creativity, curiosity, critical thinking and compassion to foster socially responsible and resilient life-long learners.” Our mission statement emulates that we want our students, your child as members of Lochside School community to be engaged, active learners.

Join us in talking with your child about the Lochside Beliefs: We take care of ourselves by being responsible, being active, making healthy choices and playing safely; We take of each other by: being polite, helpful, and cooperative, friendly, respectful of others, and solving problems in peaceful ways; and We take care of this place by: respecting our environment, treating our school with care, and reducing, recycling and reusing.

Respectfully,
 Ms. Erika Moser, Principal

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 19th**. Parents Kevin Shields and Bernhard Spalteholz have been helping us to update our emergency supplies. Thank you to LEPAC for supporting the purchase of emergency supplies.

DROP OFF & PICKUP SAFETY

Please remember to:

- Come early for drop-off and pick-up.
- If possible avoid peak times: 8:40 am and 2:46 pm.
- Do not leave vehicle parked in the Drop-Off Lane.
- Keep moving to not block access to our parking lot.
- Meet your child outside.



- Please leave the Staff Parking spots for Staff.

Please take time and care when dropping students off and picking them up from school. Please do not **STOP** right at the entrance to our parking lot. This causes cars and traffic to back up onto Royal Oak Drive. Parents are reminded to not leave their vehicle unattended in the **Drive-Thru** or **Drop-Off** lanes. Please remember **NOT** to park on Lochside Drive behind the school

Date	Events
Oct. 9 th	Thanksgiving Holiday
Oct. 19 th	1:00 pm Earthquake Drill / Great BC Shakeout
October to November	Grade 4 FSA
Oct. 19 th	Halloween Dance 5:00 - 8:30 pm
Oct. 20 th	Non-Instructional Day Province-wide
Oct. 25th	PHOTO RE-TAKES
Oct. 25 th	Ready Set Learn @ 3:15
Oct. 31 th	Wacky Hair Day
Nov. 7-9 th	Early Dismissal @ 1:46 Reporting Conferences
Nov. 10 th	Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10:30 am
Nov. 13 th	Remembrance Day
Nov. 24 th	NID
Nov. 27 th - Dec. 1st	Reporting/Communicating with Parents Week
Dec. 22 nd	Last Day of school before Winter Break
Jan. 8 th	Students return to school following Winter Break

TERRY FOX RUN



Students, staff and parents participated in the Terry Fox Run. All of our students and staff did an amazing job of taking part in the run! We were able to raise over \$1,010.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation to support cancer research. Well done everyone and thank you for your support and enthusiasm for this event!

A BIG Thank You to Jasmine Gudavicius, Evans Yu, , Angie Hill, Christy Hryhoruk, Marissa Cameron, Lisa Perkins, Lynn Rae McC Calder, Lynn Hood, Nicole Whitsitt, Danielle Rados, and Chelsea Kirby for helping us during our Terry Fox Run Day!

On behalf of all our students, parents and staff thank you, Ms. Hooker for ensuring our little ones got a "brown bag" if they forgot their lunch kit at home or did not pack enough food! Welcome Krista!

COUPON BOOKS

A big thank you to Scarlet Yum and parent volunteers for organizing the Save Around Coupon Book sales. Thank you also to Kitlin Louie for her help in the office. Please return the \$30 payment or the booklets to the school by **October 9th** .

INDOOR SOCCER

We have students signed up for indoor soccer. The students are divided into 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 Ms. Seabrooke, Mr. Niedjalski, Mrs. Takhar and Mrs. Gardner for coaching our students.



We are hosting the Ready Set Learn afternoon on **Wednesday, January 25th** 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.

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

Now entering our 10th year of operation, the PCEC "1000 X 5" Project is off to a great start—with a grand total of over 126 thousand books collected since we began. That accomplishment has only been possible with support of the School District and help from the students, families, and staff at your schools. Thank you so much! If you can donate gently used children's picture books, please bring them to the school. Drop box located in main foyer. For further information, please contact: Daphne MacNaughton, PCEC "1000 X 5" Project Leader: dlmvictoria@shaw.ca



Keeping Your Child Safe –

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 talking to strangers.
- Teach them to not 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.