



LOCHSIDE ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome everyone to the month of November. November is our reporting month, to help facilitate the reporting process, we have scheduled early dismissals for November 7th- 9th. Students will be dismissed one hour early (1:46 pm) on these days. Classroom teachers will share information about your child. Formative assessment represents the process where teachers, throughout the whole school year, assess what the child knows, is able to do and is learning to do. This information is gathered through tasks that the students perform. Evaluation represents the process of making decisions based on the evidence gathered during assessment for the purpose of goal setting and/or reporting. The teacher or the student may do evaluation independently and in collaboration. Finally, reporting is the process of presenting and communicating about a student's learning and progress, gained through evaluation based on identified standards. The processes of assessment, evaluation and reporting are ongoing.

Date	Events
Nov. 7 th - 9 th	Early Dismissal @ 1:46 pm Reporting Conferences
Nov. 10 th	Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10:00 am. Everyone Welcome!
Nov. 13 th	Remembrance Day Stat Holiday
Nov. 15 th - 22 nd	Book Fair
Nov. 23 rd	Soccer Jamboree
Nov. 24 th	NID
Nov. 27 th - Dec. 1 st	Reporting/Communicating with Parents Week (Report Cards Go Home)
Nov. 22 nd - Dec. 8 th	Gingerbread Food Drive
Dec. 19 th & 21 st	Winter Concerts@ 1:30 pm (more details to follow in December)
Dec. 22 nd	Last Day of School before Winter Break
Jan. 8 th	First Day Back to school in January

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

Nov. 10th @ 10:00

Lochside students and staff will honour the men and women who have served Canada over the course of its history. At this assembly, students will observe the importance of Remembrance Day. They will involve students presentations. Parents and/or guardians are welcome to join us for this important assembly.



INDOOR SOCCER

The indoor soccer season is here. We have over 50 students. At Lochside, the students play indoor soccer during the lunch hour. Our Grade 4/5 students are very keen and motivated to participate. We have scheduled a Soccer Jamboree on Friday afternoon Nov. 23rd @ Claremont Secondary. Permission forms will be sent home and brought back to the coaches. Thank you to our coaches Ms. Seabrooke, Mr. Niedjalski, Ms. Takhar and Ms. Gardner for supporting indoor soccer.

Lochside Choir Has Started



All Grade 3, 4 and 5 students are welcomed and invited to join Ms. Alexander and our Choir Club.

Lochside Swim Club

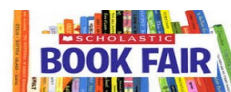
All Grade 3, 4 and 5 students are welcome to join our swim team this year. Thank you to Ms. Kenny for leading the charge.



Lochside Recorder Club

All Grade 4 and 5 students are welcome to join our recorder club this year. Thank you Ms. Sihoe.

BOOK FAIR : November 17th - 21st



The **Saddle Up Book Fair** is coming to Lochside! Mark your calendar. Watch for the Book Fair flyer and a letter providing times and details coming home in your child's backpack. Thank you to Megan Mbaio for organizing the Book Fair.

The **Morning Watch program** really needs volunteers!! This program helps the school to ensure all students that arrive independently, or by bus, get to school safely. The time commitment is small, and is not difficult – the volunteer checks with teachers who have

not yet done their attendance, and then check on (and possibly calls) the absent students who have registered for Morning Watch. The main time are from 8:55 am to 9:15 am, leaving time after drop off to walk a dog, grab a coffee, or catch up on emails! If you can spare some time to help, from once a month to once a week, please contact Carolyn Phillips at Lochsidemom@gmail.com.

W.I.T.S.



At Lochside Elementary we believe it is important to take care of yourself, each other and our community. One of our main goals is to help students to solve problems in peaceful ways.

This program is sponsored by the Rock Solid Foundation. We have been using this program for quite a few years at Lochside Elementary.

WINTER CONCERTS: December 19th and 21st



Students are working with our Music teacher, Mrs. Alexander, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during the months of October,

November and December to prepare for our winter concert. We will be having two Winter Concerts: a Primary concert on Tuesday and an Intermediate concert on Thursday.

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE: Nov. 27th - Dec. 8th



LEPAC is organizing a Food Drive. Please help your child talk about our social responsibility to the families in need in our community. More information about this will be provided through the Monday Updates.



HALLOWEEN FAMILY DANCE

The Family Halloween Dance was a huge success on Friday, October 19th. It was a wonderful community building event which was well attended by students and parents from our school. A big thank you to organizer Nicole Whitsitt and her committee consisting of: Kirsty H, Barry K, Heather R, Heather C, Heather G, Jeni N, Jenn T, Courtney W, Marissa C, Alysha B, Shannon A, Krista H, Lisa E, Nicole P, Becki E, Irene E, Megan C, Nicole W, Anita G, Cheryl H, Chelsea M, Jane W, Melissa J, Lynn H, Sarah D, and Jen M.

Thank you to . . .

Our teaching staff for their hard work and preparation for parent conferences and writing student report cards. and Our Learning Services staff for providing daily support to all of our learners. Our Support Staff for working so closely and caringly with our students.

- Carolyn Phillips for being there every morning for our Morning Watch.
- Moira Fitzpatrick for organizing our Fun Lunches for all of the Lochside students.
- Jodi Holland for being our Coordinator of the BC School Fruit and Veggie Program.
- Scarlet Yum for organizing the Coupon Book Sales.
- Krista Henzie for organizing the emergency lunches.
- Aysha Boss for organizing our Popcorn Days.

Socially Responsible Digital Citizen at Lochside School:

There are at times elementary school children coming to school with personal devices in their backpack, whether in the form of a cell phone, tablet, DS or iPod. We would prefer to have all personal devices left at home, for safety reasons.

- During the school day, devices are stored in backpacks and are not in use.
- Students are not to use the cameras on their electronic devices during the school day including the walk or bus ride to or from school.
- Children do not have permission to take pictures of one another other than as directed by a teacher for a school project. Even for this purpose, the school must collect release forms for each student each year if these images are to be posted online in any way. Students cannot give permission to their friends to post images of themselves.

Home:

- Have a chat with your child about responsible usage of social media. It is important that kids understand most anybody can see what is posted to these services and there are often ways around privacy settings. Although your child's use of it might be innocent and appropriate, they are open to comment from anyone. This is not to say that access to these programs should be denied, but rather that conversations and instruction about safe and appropriate usage .
- Possible ideas for guiding conversation or practice of use of social media might include insisting that your child includes you as a follower or "friend" so that you are able to see their posts, having them share their login information with you, and going through the privacy settings with your child to ensure that only people they know are able to interact with them online.

Head Lice Prevention

When we have a report of head lice in a classroom, we usually notify all of the parents/guardians from that class so that they can take the necessary precautions. Although head lice are a nuisance, they are not a health

risk. Head lice cannot jump or fly. Head lice spread quickly by close, head to head contact and by sharing hats, helmets, combs, brushes, etc. Lice cannot live on furniture or carpet. The most common symptom is constant itching of the scalp. You can help by: Teaching your child to not share or borrow hats, hairbrushes, combs, scarves, helmets and hair accessories ; Checking your child's head frequently (every 2 weeks) : Telling the classroom teacher if your child has head lice, so other parents can be notified For more information contact:

Your local Health Unit BC Health Files :
<http://www.healthlinkbc.ca>



Staff just want to have fun!

