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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Our school vision is to promote creativity, curiosity, critical thinking and compassion – so that our wonderful students may become responsible, resilient life-long learners. Compassion and kindness go hand-in-hand and are an important aspect of everyday life. Vice-Principal Joan O’Leary along with a group of staff members, have initiated a “Kindness Project.” “Encouraging kind behaviour in schools can make a big difference and is so much more than just a ‘nice to have’. Evidence shows that promoting kindness among young people directly reduces bullying and disruptive behaviour and helps to increase social and emotional well-being”. Every Kindness Act starts with **doing**: using creative activities to explore promote and experience caring and compassionate behaviour. It’s important that children learn by doing, not just by talking or thinking about kindness. This helps their ideas become real and tangible; and with repetition, it helps them to start forming new habits.

January has been a busy month with students focused on curricular and extra-curricular activities at school. Reading continues to be one of our main areas of focus. Thank you for taking the time out of your busy day to read with your child on a daily basis. We had great attendance at our Family Literacy Day on Friday, January 26th as many parents and/or guardians visited the school and read with our students. We introduced our Family Literacy Day with an oral story shared by our District Indigenous Educational Assistant: Chesa Abma. We encourage everyone to read on a daily basis.

Respectfully,
 Ms. Erika Moser

Date	Events
February: Kindness Month ♥	
Feb. 8 th & 9 th	Used Clothing/Toy Sale in gym
Feb. 10 th	Saturday Rummage & Bake Sale in Gym (Camp T fundraiser) 10:00 – 2:00
Feb. 12 th	BC Family Day Stat Holiday
Feb. 14 th	♥ Red Day ♥
Feb. 23 rd	NID: Tri District Day
Feb. 26 th	Gr 4/5 Symphony @ UVic
Feb. 28 th	Pink Shirt Day(Anti Bullying Day)
Feb. 28 th	Metis Jigging Workshops
Mar. 5 th	NID (Professional Development Day)
Mar. 8 th	Early Dismissal @ 1:46 Parent-Teacher Communication/Reporting
Mar. 12 th -16 th	Artist in Residence: Teddy Anderson
Mar. 15 th	Reporting to parents/Report cards go home week of March 12 th
Mar. 16 th	Last Day before Spring Break



ANTI-BULLYING PINK SHIRT DAY
wednesday, Feb. 28th



Students and staff are encouraged to dress up in pink to highlight Anti-Bullying Day across the province. At Lochside we like to think that everyday is an Anti- Bullying Day and staff works together as a team encourage students to be respectful of each other.

To get more information or resources please visit: <http://www.pinkshirtday.ca/about/>



METIS JIGGING @ LOCHSIDE Wednesday, Feb. 28th

Lochside students will have the opportunity to participate in a Métis cultural experience and learn how to jig. V'ni Dansi holds the distinction of being the only Canadian company to teach and to perform both traditional Métis and contemporary dance. Our Louis Riel Métis Dancers specialize in traditional Métis jigging. Métis dances are highly celebratory, reflecting the festive and social nature of the Métis people.



Basketball Season

The basketball season is now underway for students in Grades 4 and 5. Ms. Seabrooke has organized all of the teams and created a schedule. Thank you to Ms. Seabrooke, Mrs. Takhar, Mr. Niedjalski, Ms. Smith and Ms. Kovacs for helping to coach the teams. The students have been having fun learning new skills and playing games against each other at noon. We have also organized some after school games against Prospect Lake and Cordova Bay Elementary.

CROSSING GUARDS



Thank you to all those students who assist with our school safety patrol. These students provide a valuable service to our school and to the safety of our students. Safety patrols are on duty from 8:25 – 8:40 am and 2:45 – 3:00 pm. Just a reminder that the speed limit in school zones is 30 km/per hour. There are times when adults driving through the light at Lochside Dr. and Royal Oak Dr are not paying full attention. Please talk to your child (ren) about looking both ways before entering the crosswalk. Thank you for making the Lochside School zones safe for our students.

♥♥♥♥♥ February 14th ♥♥♥♥♥

WEAR RED DAY



Family Literacy Day – January 26th

This event was a huge success with many parents and guardians joining us for reading in the classrooms. Thank you to everyone who showed up at school to read with our students. What a great way to celebrate National Literacy Day. Keep on Reading!

Healthy School Committee



Sign your child up for the **Family Fun Run** (1.5 km) at the **TC 10K** on Sunday, April 29th. For more information and to join our school team, go to <http://www.tc10k.ca/>.



Does your child enjoy playing **soccer**? Register for World Cup Soccer running March 30– 31st! For more information and to register go to www.worldcups.ca.



DROP OFF CLOTHING/TOYS on

Wed. February 7th 2:30 – 4:00

USED CLOTHING SALE

Please hang on to your children's clothing that they have out-grown so it can be donated to the sale. We are also accepting used toys that are in good condition and working order and will be including a Community Rummage and Bake Sale. Please consider baking some cookies, muffins, cupcakes or squares to support our bake sale! Proceeds will go to support the Grade 5 Trip to Camp Thunderbird.

DATES & TIMES:

Thursday, Feb 8th and Friday, Feb. 9th

8:00 – 8:35 am

11:14 – 11:45 am

2:48 – 3:30 pm

BOTTLE DRIVE BLITZ (Ongoing)

Please return your bottles etc. to any Bottle Depot and be sure to let the cashier know at the beginning of your transaction that you would like to donate your returns to the "LOCHSIDE GRADE 5 FUNDRAISER" account. All proceeds will be applied to support the Grade 5 Trip to Camp Thunderbird. Many thanks for your support!



Community Rummage Sale
To raise funds for Grade 5 Camp Thunderbird!
Date: Saturday February 10th
Time: 10:00 – 2:00
Place: Lochside School Gym

There are incredible deals on good quality items: Shirt and pants \$1.00, Shoes \$2.00, Dresses and Outerwear \$5.00, Toys \$1.00 and there will be some items for .25 cents. So please send loonies and twoOnies with your child so they can have some fun shopping for themselves while supporting a great cause. We are also in need of a few volunteers to help run these events. If you are able to help out for a shift or two, please click on the link below. Any time you are able to give would be greatly appreciated and we could not hold these events without your support! <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e4fada729a7ff2-used>

Please forward any questions about these events to Lynn Hood at lynnmhood@hotmail.com or Treana Clarke bclarke11@shaw.ca.



To/For:

- * Victoria Symphony Visit: Ms. Alexander
- * Family Literacy Day: Staff/Parents/Guardians/Friends
- * Bottle Drive: Grade 5 Parents: Lynn-Rae McCaldler /Kelly Perry
- * K Registration: Ms. Louie/ Ms. Redman
- * White Hatter Presentation: LEPAC: Nicole Whitsitt/Megan Mbaao
- * Physical Literacy: Grizzly: Healthy Schools Committee: Jodi Holland and Tina Lazaruk
- * Author Visits: Ms. Sundher, our Teacher Librarian