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Dear Parent and Guardians:

The goal of reporting student learning is to ensure that parents are well informed about their child's progress, while maintaining alignment with the Ministry of Education curriculum standards. "Communicating student learning in Saanich schools "makes learning visible to all and provides opportunity for discussion about a child's learning in a strength based conversation". The second term reports will be sent home by Thursday, March 15th.

VISION:

"At Lochside we promote creativity, curiosity, critical thinking and compassion so that students can become socially responsible and resilient life-long learners."

GOALS:

Throughout the school year, we weave our two goals into our professional development throughout the whole year. Our current two school goals are:

Goal 1: To meet the diverse learning needs of all.

Goal 2: To improve our students' ability to communicate clearly through writing.

In April, we will be reviewing our two goals and rebuilding our school growth plan with your help. We would like to know what is working well and what areas we need to improve on. I'm looking forward to your constructive feedback. Please send me an email at: emoser@sd63.bc.ca

Respectfully,
Ms. Erika Moser

Date	Events
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 Week: Indigenous Artist Teddy Anderson
Mar. 16 th	Teddy Anderson - Two Performances: K-2/3 @ 9:30 Gr. 3-5 @ 12:30
Mar. 15 th	Reporting to parents/Report cards go home this week
Mar. 16th	Last Day before Spring Break
April 3 rd	First Day Back after Spring break
April 5 th	Class and School Photo Day
April 10 th	Royal Oak Band Visiting Lochside
April 20 th	Pro D Day: NID: School Growth Planning



Teddy Anderson: Artist in Residence - March 12th - 16th

The Hoop Dance is a First Nation's cultural dance. It is a unique, energetic and colourful dance. Many First Nation's cultures have different styles and customs around the hoop dance. Hundreds of years ago, the traditional healers of various tribes used the hoop dance as a way to meditate and become stronger. Teddy Anderson has been helping youths all over the world achieve success through his work with schools, community organizations and government institutions.

The experience of seeing Teddy dance and speak has been described as life changing. Combining the traditional Native hoop dancing with a 21st century message he reaches into his audiences' heart, imprinting there a message of peace and oneness.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

There are many different extra-curricular activities taking place at Lochside. Currently we have:

Basketball, Swim Club,

Red Cedar Book Club, Choir, and Chess Club.

A big thank you to staff members who are providing these opportunities for students at Lochside Elementary.

ANTI-BULLYING PINK SHIRT DAY



Students and staff participated in the annual Anti-Bullying Day by wearing pink shirts. Showing respect for yourself and each other is a daily expectation for all of our students. Here at Lochside Elementary our school vision is to promote creativity, curiosity, critical

thinking and compassion - so that our wonderful students may become responsible, resilient life-long learners. Vice-Principal Joan O'Leary and a group of staff members organized a special school-wide Kindness Project. Students learned about positive thinking and 'filling your bucket.'



Basketball Jamboree: Friday, March 9th, 2018
Royal Oak Middle School 12:00 noon

Swim Club Meet: Wednesday, March 14th, 2018
Commonwealth Pool 10am-1pm

CROSS-COUNTRY



Cross Country season will commence after Spring Break for students in Grades 3 to 5.

Practices will be held during the lunch play period at school.

Students are required to wear

proper running gear and shoes if they would like to join us for the practices. In order to prepare students, we are recommending that they do some running outside of the school practices. In April, the cross country meets will be held at Centennial Park in Central Saanich.

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. The vast majority of

these books were donated through schools in Saanich District. Thank you so much! 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.



Exploring the Visual Arts: Ted Harrison, Marshmallows and our Names



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 Cups Soccer** running March 30–31st! For more information and to register go to www.worldcups.ca.

Games on the Green (formerly known as BOKS, Build Our Kids' Success) is a free and active drop-off program that was offered in the fall, twice a week, from 8:00 - 8:30 am. We are hoping to offer a 6 week spring session starting on April 24th, but we need parent volunteers to help supervise. If you drop off your child in the morning and hang around until the first bell, you can help! Contact lochsidepac@sd63.bc.ca for more information. Volunteering for just one session gives our kids a great start to their day!

The Healthy School Committee is seeking parents interested in coaching or managing our **School Triathlon Team** for 2018. For the past 3 years we've supported our grade 3 to 5 students in training for the UVic Youth Triathlon, to be held on Sunday, June 10th this year. If you are interested in supporting this team, contact lepacvolunteers@gmail.com

Used Clothing Sale: Lynn Hood-Organizer Claire Brunton, Lynn-Rae McC Calder, Nicole Whitsitt, Sunyoung Kim, Kirsty Hooker, Bonnie Vowles, Sonia Kerr, Heidi Kars.

Rummage Sale: Treana Clarke-Organizer Amanda and Kelsey Noonan, Sunyoung Kim, Reet Dangerfield, Kristin Mullaly-Thomson, Lynn-Rae McC Calder, Sue Evans, Justin Evans, Courtney Askew, Susan Teppin, Alysha Boss, Echo Liang. Student Volunteers: Carys Clarke-Bake Sale Organizer, Cerys Evans, Sophia and Lucy, Shay, Izzy and Nadine

Métis Jigging: Mme Dalziel for weaving into the curriculum, a French cultural experience for everyone at Lochside. Merci!

Thank you to Ms. Norris for organizing our Grade 5 Camp Thunderbird under the guidance and leadership of Mr. Warrender.

Swim Coaches: Ms. Kenny, Ms. Kovacs, Mr. O' Connor, Mme Cannady, Ms. Whitehead and Ms. Smith for their enthusiasm and building the students' swimming skills and their camaraderie.

Basketball Coaches: Ms. Seabrooke, Ms. Takhar, Mr. Niedjalski and Ms. Kovacs for their dedication to our students and building their basketball skills and their sportsmanship.

Movie Night: Samantha Brachat-Organizer, Graham Makarewich, Stephanie Nichol, Alex, Megan Mbaio

Roots of Empathy @ Lochside



Roots of Empathy
Racines de l'empathie

This year, a neighbourhood infant and parent visit a classroom at Lochside, every three weeks, over the school year. A trained Roots of Empathy Instructor coaches students to observe the baby's development and to label the baby's feelings. In this experiential learning, the baby is the "Teacher" and a lever, which the instructor uses to help children identify and reflect on their own feelings and the feelings of others. This "emotional literacy" taught in the program lays the foundation for safer and more caring classrooms, where children are the "Changers". They are more competent in understanding their own feelings and the feelings of others (empathy). Messages of social inclusion and activities that are consensus building contribute to a culture of caring that changes the tone of the classroom. Research results from national and international evaluations of Roots of Empathy indicate significant reductions in aggression and increases in pro-social behaviour.

