



LOCHSIDE ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the month of December!
On behalf of the entire Lochside staff, we want to wish every friend and Lochside family a wonderful and restful winter break.



| Date | Events |
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| Nov. 26 th – Dec. 7 th | Gingerbread Food Drive – 2 wks |
| Dec. 6 th | Reports going home |
| Dec. 18 th and Dec. 20 th | Winter Concert |
| Dec. 21 st | Last Day of school before Winter Break |
| Jan. 7 th | First Day Back in January Welcome to 2019 |
| Jan. 23 rd | K Information Evening @ Kelset Elementary 7:00-8:30 pm |
| Jan. 28th - Feb. 1st | Kindergarten Registration Week |
| Jan. 28 th | NID: New curriculum |
| Feb. 15 th | NID: Tri District |
| Feb. 18 th | Family Day Statutory Holiday |
| Mar. 4 th | NID |
| Mar. 7 th | Early Dismissal @ 1:48 pm |
| Mar. 15 th | Last day before Spring Break |

| Date | Classes |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tuesday, Dec. 18 th 1:00 pm | Mr. Niedjalski, Mrs. Takhar, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Lockhart/Mrs. Erickson, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Sihoe, Mrs. Whitehead, Mrs. Cavallin, Ms. Kenny and Mr. O'Connor |
| Thursday, Dec. 20 th 1:00 pm | Ms. Miller, Mrs. McDonnell, Mrs. Coutre, Mrs. White/Ms. Miller, Ms. Seabrooke, Mrs. Kovacs, Ms. Cooper, Ms. Norris, Ms Moore/Ms. Howells and Mrs. Simpson |



KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION EVENING

Date: Wednesday, January 23rd, 2019
Time: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Kelset Elementary School

- Engaging learning opportunities through play.
- Beginning literacy, language and numeracy development.
- Opportunities to be involved at the school.
- Knowledgeable Teachers in early childhood development.
- Optimal learning environments for the success of every child.
- French language instruction.
- Rich literacy and numeracy experiences.



Tues. Dec. 18th & Thurs. Dec. 20th
Students are preparing themselves for our Winter Concerts with Ms. Alexander, our music teacher. There will be an opportunity for parents to attend the concerts on Tuesday or Thursday at 1:00 pm. Please arrive on time and hopefully you can stay for the entire performance so that there are few disruptions. The students are enthusiastically wanting to share their musical repertoire with you.

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Kindergarten Registration
Jan. 28th - Feb. 1st, 2019

All children born in 2014 are eligible to begin Kindergarten. Our Kindergarten program offer:

To register at your **neighbourhood school** please bring:

- Proof of your address (resident driver's license, utility bill)
- Proof of your child's age (birth certificate)
- Your child's B.C. Care Card

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Indoor Soccer season finished with a jamboree at Claremont November 22nd.

Choir Club has been practicing on Mondays at lunch with Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Cavallin & Mrs. Kenny

Chess Club: Mr. Kerr and Ms. Moser

Swim Club: Mrs. Kenny, Mrs. Kovacs, and Mrs. Smith

WE Club: Ms. Walker and Mrs. L.D.



Please remember to check out our **Lost and Found**. There are many, many items of clothing left outside by our students. Unclaimed items will be sent to a local charity during the Winter Break.

FILL THE HOUSE FOOD DRIVE



Our annual Fill the House Food drive has started. Please look for the Thrifty's bag that has come home with your child. Attached to the bag will be a letter with more information regarding donations as well as a gingerbread person that your child can decorate, cut out and return to the office. We will be accepting donations from Nov. 26th - Dec. 7th.

Our community has always been so supportive of this LEPAC initiative. We thank you in advance for all your donations!!

CHRISTMAS TREE WISH LIST

We are excited to announce that families will have the opportunity to fulfill holiday gift wish list items for Lochside families in need again this year. There will be a tree in the lobby with gingerbread



men hanging from it noting the various wish lists. Should your family choose to "fulfill a wish", a parent/guardian may remove a gingerbread man from the tree, purchase the item on the back, return the unwrapped gift along with the gingerbread man and place it in the designated box under the tree in the foyer.

HOLIDAY BOOK SHOP December 11th and 12th



The Holiday Book Shop promises to be a fun and affordable way for our students to buy a literacy focused gift for loved ones. Each item at the Book Shop will be priced at \$1.00 each and will be wrapped. We need your help to make this event a

success! You are invited to make a donation of gently used books as well as paper, bows & gift tags. We will collect the books, paper, bows and gift tags for the Holiday Book Shop until December 8th in the wrapped box in our school foyer. Proceeds will be shared between the Mustard Seed Food Bank and LEPAC. A big thank you to Alysha B. and Jenni E. for organizing!

SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE DIGITAL CITIZEN at Lochside School

There are at times elementary school children coming to school with personal devices in their backpack, whether

I am a Digital Citizen!

I will protect my Private Info and the information of others.

I will log out, and not share my log-in or password with others.

I make sure that I am SAFE & APPROPRIATE when I am online.

I will visit appropriate websites that promote learning and are for educational purposes.

I RESPECT myself and others when I am online.

I use kind words and remember that my "digital footprint" should not harm others.

I say "NO" to CYBERBULLYING.

I will tell an adult if someone is being unkind or harmful.

in the form of a cell phone, a tablet, DS or an 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. Parents can encourage 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.



Indoor Soccer coaches: Ms. Seabrooke, Mr. Niedjalski, Ms. Howells, Mr. O'Connor and Mrs. Takhar: What a great soccer season! Thank you for coaching our students.



SAVE THE DATE!

Registration for the 2019 softball season (April-June) at the Cordova Bay Softball Club opens on January 7, 2019. Cordova Bay Softball Club offers free registration for players on the Learn to Play, Under 6, Under 8 and Under 10 teams. Go

to <http://cordova-bay-fastball.sportssignup.com/site/> to register. This is a great opportunity to try a team sport, get some fresh air and meet new friends.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

A huge thank you to Megan M. and Jamie S. for organizing the Scholastic Book Fair. Many hours of work went into making this event a big success. We also want to thank every parent who signed up to take a shift during the book fair. Without you, this event would not be possible. It's always worth it when you watch all the students (428 to be exact!!!) so excited looking through the books and purchasing their favourite item :). As a school we had hundreds of books go home with students, \$1000 worth of books for the Library, each teacher was gifted at least 3 new books for their classrooms, and \$1500 to help fund LEPAC initiatives. That you so much for your generosity and helping create excitement around reading! A special thanks to: Jamie S, Trish J M, Donna D, Danielle R, Reet D, Liz M, Xiaofeng P, Mami K, Jodie M, Nicole W, Lindsay S, Christine F, Carolyn P, Irene E, Susan T, Lisa P, Ruth W, Jodi H, Julia Z, Akiko N, Heather G, Leanne T, Kirsty H, Alison K, Helena T, Brian F, Tom S, Michelle N, Jodie M, Natalia M, Sara D.

MOVIE NIGHT: LEPAC would like to thank Samantha B. for organizing the movie night this past Thursday evening. We also want to thank the wonderful parents who volunteered to help out that evening with food and set up/clean up as well as all families who came and supported this fun event and Mrs. O'Leary.



The **BOTTLE DRIVE BLITZ** to help raise funds for the Grade 5 Trip to Camp Thunderbird is coming up on **January 12th** in the school parking lot. Please save up those bottles over the holidays and spread the word to families and friends! If you would prefer to return your bottles prior to the Blitz, but would still like to support the Grade 5 Class, bottles can be returned to any Bottle Depot. Please let the cashier know at the beginning of your transaction that you would like to donate your bottles to the **LOCHSIDE GRADE 5 FUNDRAISER** account and all proceeds will be applied towards Camp Thunderbird.