



Lochside Elementary

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CALENDAR

February

- 25.....Uvic Symphony
-Gr. 4/5s
- 26.....Maple Man
- 27.....Pink Shirt Day



March

- 4.....Non-Instructional Day
- 5-8.....Student Learning Surveys Gr.4s
- 7.....Early Dismissal @ 1:48 pm
- 8.....Basketball Jamboree ROMS
-12:00 noon
- 11.....Peter Rabbit Musical Ks
- 13.....District Elem. Swim Meet @
-SCP
-LEPAC Meeting 6:30 pm
- 15.....Last Day before Spring Break
- 18-22..Spring Break Week
- 25-29..School Closure Week
- Mar 18 – Mar 29 Spring Break**

Spring Break!



April

- 1.....School re-opens after Spring Br.
- 8.....Non-Instructional Day

FEBRUARY 2019

NEWSLETTER

January was a busy month with students focused on curricular and extracurricular activities. 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(ren) on a daily basis. We had great attendance at our Family Literacy Day on Friday, January 25th as many parents and/or guardians visited the school and read with our students. Kindergarten registration has now closed at neighbourhood schools in the Saanich School District. New and Out-of-District registrations will taken at the School Board Office on 2125 Keating Cross Road, Saanichton.

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 Challenge." "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.

With Appreciation,

Tom Vickers

Anti-Bullying Pink Shirt Day
Wednesday, February 27, 2019



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/>



Thursday, March 7th Early Dismissal Day.
Students at dismissed at 1:48 pm

MORNING WATCH PROGRAM

Please phone **250-658-5238**
if your child will be absent or late.

If registered for Morning Watch,
please email:
lochside_attendance@saanichschools.ca



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. Vickers and Mrs. 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.



This is just a reminder to parents to please be respectful of the "No Parking" zone in our school parking lot.

Please do not leave your vehicles unattended in the Drop-Off lane as this causes traffic congestion and backups. Please do NOT park outside of the designated parking spots and "squeeze" your vehicle into the end zones. This creates an unsafe situation for our school bus drivers who must navigate the turns. Please respect the parking spaces that have been marked by plastic cones. **These spaces are reserved for staff only.**

Let's all do best to keep our parking lot safe for students, parents/guardians staff and visitors. Thank you for your cooperation.

LOST & FOUND

Our Lost & Found rack &

bins runneth over! Please do a final check with your child(ren). All unclaimed items will be donated to a charity.

Times Colonist Raise a Reader Campaign



Last year, \$271,500 was raised through the Annual Times Colonist Book Sale the proceeds of which were distributed to 162 schools and organizations. We are pleased to announce that Lochside has received a \$2200 grant from the Times Colonist Raise a Reader Campaign, hence

doubling our library budget! Students can look forward to a new literary collection in our learning commons very soon!

BOUQUETS TO



- Mrs. L.D. and Ms. Walker for organizing the WE Club Bake Sale held on Feb. 21st. Congratulations to the WE Club for raising \$450 to donate to the Mustard Seed Food Bank.

- Lynn Hood and her team of parent volunteers who planned and helped out at the Used Clothing/Rummage & Bake Sale – Feb. 7, 8 and 9. A total of \$1000 was raised for our Grade 5 Camp Thunderbird Program.

- Krista Henzie for keeping our Emergency/Forgotten Lunch cupboard stocked and ready to hand out to students!

- Carolyn Phillips and Liz Makarewich for doing the Morning Watch detail.

- Kirsty Hooker and Christy Hryhoruk for co-ordinating Fun Lunch and all the parent volunteers who assist.