



Lochside Elementary

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CALENDAR

March

- 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.
- 3.....Cross Country Season begins
-Practices at lunch Mon/Wed/Fri.
- 8.....Non-Instructional Day
- 12.....Fun Lunch
- 12.....Class Photo & Whole School Pic
- 12-16..Scholastic Book Fair
- 16.....Peter Rabbit Musical Ks
-2:00 Gym
- 17.....Cross Country Meet #1
-Centennial Park on Wallace Dr.
- 17.....ROMS Band Performance
- 18.....Easter Egg Hunt (Seabrooke & Sihoe)
- 19.....Good Friday
- 22.....Easter Monday Holiday
- 24.....Story Theatre Performance
- 24.....Cross Country Meet #2
-Centennial Park on Wallace Dr.
- 25.....ROM Learning Services Open
-House 7:00-8:30 pm
- 26.....Fun Lunch
- 28.....TC Kids FunRun
- 29.....Screen Free Week
-April 29-May 3

May

- 1.....Cross Country Final Meet #3
-Centennial Park on Wallace Dr.
- 2.....Grade 5s visit ROMS
- 9.....Kindergarten Orientation
- 10.....Non-Instructional Day
- 17.....Fun Lunch
- 20.....Victoria Day Holiday
- 22-24..Camp Thunderbird Gr. 5s
-Camp Lochside Gr. 4s
- 23.....Parent Appreciation Day

MARCH 2019

NEWSLETTER

Teachers have been busy throughout the term collecting information about your child's progress. These assessments provide a summary of your child's progress in the core areas of social responsibility, literacy and numeracy. These assessments should provide you greater insight as to:

- what your child is able to do
- areas of learning that require further attention and development
- ways the teacher is supporting the student's learning needs (and where appropriate, ways the student or parents might support the learning).

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress please contact his or her teacher.

Finally a reminder that schools will close for Spring Break from March 18 - 29. We wish you all a relaxing and restful Spring Break.

With Appreciation,

Tom Vickers



There are many different extra-curricular activities taking place at Lochside. Last week, we wrapped up Basketball, Swim Club and the Chess Club.

Congratulations to all the Lochside Lizards who represented our school at the Basketball Jamboree and District Swim Meet.

Way to go! Thank you to all the coaches and parent volunteers who supported our students! Lochside Lizards Rock!



The very successful WE Club is continuing after Spring Break.

Cross Country Season begins Wednesday, April 3rd. Practices are held at lunch every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The three cross country meets are held at Centennial Park on Wallace Drive from 3:15 – 4:30. Dates are: April 17, April 24th and May 1st.

A Rugby Club is in the works after Spring Break – stay tuned!

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

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

ANTI-BULLYING PINK SHIRT DAY



Students and staff participated in the annual Anti-Bullying Day by wearing pink shirts on Feb. 27th. 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.'

Author R.P. Huttinga visits Lochside Feb. 25 & Mar. 11th

The Library Learning Commons was overjoyed to receive \$2,200 in a grant from the Times Colonist Literacy Society. With the money received, we were able to invite author R.P. Huttinga to the school to share his two published books, *The Adventures of Aussie & Otis: Welcome Home* and *Winter Storm*.



The stories are based on the interactions of Aussie, an adopted sled dog and a young pug, during their adventures. The dogs model growth mindset and the importance of following your dreams. The students had an opportunity to ask questions to the author and had time to meet Otis, a pug and character from both books.

Both of his books are now in circulation in our library collection.

STAFF PARKING



Parents and Guardians, please be aware that all staff parking spots are reserved for use between 800 AM - 400 PM. Staff numbers have increased over the last 2 years and these spots must be available for staff as we come and go for meetings at the District Office and other schools. Please take notice of the cones and painted stalls and respect staff parking.

WE CLUB – Drive to Support Anawim House April 1st to 12th

Lochside's We Club will be holding a drive to support Anawim House (a home for the less fortunate in our community). We are asking students to bring in basic essentials (eg. Soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.).



At the end of the drive, shoe boxes will be filled with these items and delivered to Anawim House.

Cultural Adventure with the Maple Man – La Grande Coulee, February 26th, 2019

Thank you to the LEPAC for funding this cultural workshop to better understand French-Canadian traditions including making real maple taffy and taffy tasting; wooden spoon rhythmic accompaniments; and a video on maple sap.



Presented by Bayside PAC and Bayside School, with support by COPACS:

Learn what students are learning about Sexuality and Substance Use Awareness

Parents and Guardians of Grade 5-9 students in the WSÁNEĆ and Saanich School District are welcome to join:

Michelle Joyce – SD 63 Police Liaison
Lux Welsh – Ambit Gender Diversity
Nick Sandor – Island Sexual Health

Please register at
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/sex-and-drugs-parents-need-to-know-what-the-kids-know-education-night-tickets-57908339402?aff=affiliate1>

We will discuss what students are learning about substance use, sexual orientation, gender diversity and modern masculinity.

Tuesday, April 9, 2019
6:30-8:30pm
Bayside Middle School
1101 Newton Place, Brentwood Bay

**MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT
RE: PETS IN SCHOOLS**



As a general rule, dogs and cats are not allowed in schools.

Some classroom pets are permissible such as hamsters, mice, spiders, fish and gerbils so long as they are maintained within a cage or aquarium. These need to be cleared with school administration.

The issue with dogs and cats include allergies, fears and the potential for hair/dander shedding and soiling. If there was a bite or any aggression it would be difficult to justify and the district runs the risk of unsecured liability. Service dogs are the obvious exception. By law, registered service dogs are permitted into public spaces like schools, hospitals and stores when other animals are not.

Licensed therapy pets would likely not be allowed, except under specific cases and only when teachers are in positions where the animal would have a specific therapeutic purpose for a student (e.g. school counsellor working with an ASD student). Specific permission from school administration would be required. Should a teacher or student want their pet to be brought for a special occasion (e.g. show-and-tell) this would also require special permission from school administration. Unfortunately, we have had a situation where there have been permissions granted for multiple pets in a school and there is now a heightened expectation of more staff and now students wanting to bring their pets to school on a regular basis. It is important that we re-emphasize the general expectation that was sent out in Sept 2016.



HEAD LICE

Holidays are a time when families travel and it is not uncommon to pick up little critters known as head lice. Please check your children's hair regularly. You can view a helpful video at this [link](#). Also, please wash coats and backpacks in hot water over the Spring Break. Thanks for your help with this!

PARENT VOLUNTEERS SIGN-IN/SIGN-OUT

For safety reasons, we are asking parents/volunteers who are helping out in the building to please sign-in/out at the front office.



Thank you for your cooperation so that in the event of an emergency, all persons in the building can be accounted for.

We appreciate our staff and volunteers



- Christine F. for collecting and dropping off all the foil and soft plastic recycling to the Recycling Depot.
- Raj S. for picking up all the beverage containers and returning them to the Bottle Depot for credit to our Camp Thunderbird students.
- Trish Jackson for organizing the Pink Shirt and Lochside Apparel orders
- All our teacher coaches at the Basketball Jamboree and District Swim Meet.

**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.