



# Lochside Elementary

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**“At Lochside Elementary we promote creativity, curiosity, critical thinking and compassion to foster socially responsible and resilient life-long learners.”**

## CALENDAR

### October

8.....Fire Drill 1:00  
11.....Advance Polling Stn in Gym  
.....Federal Election  
11.....Fun Lunch  
14.....Thanksgiving Day Stat.  
16.....Ready Set Learn 3:15-6:00  
17.....Great ShakeOut EQ Drill 10-11  
21.....Federal Election Day Polling  
.....Station in Gym  
24.....Photo RETAKE Day  
24.....Halloween Bash/Family Dance  
25.....Non-Instructional Day  
31.....Wacky Hair Day & Halloween

### November

1.....Fun Lunch  
7.....Remembrance Day Assembly  
.....10:00 Everyone Welcome  
11.....Stat. Hol. for Remembrance Day  
15.....Fun Lunch  
19-20..Early Dismissal at 1:48 pm  
22.....Non-Instructional Day

### December

6.....Fun Lunch  
Dec 23 - Winter Break  
Jan 3, 2020

### TO REPORT AN ABSENCE

Please Email:

[lochside\\_attendance@saanichschools.ca](mailto:lochside_attendance@saanichschools.ca)

You can choose to copy the email to your child's teacher as a courtesy.

If you do not have access to email, then call the school office @ 250-658-5238. Reporting absences in this way helps us better track arrivals and ensure student safety.

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**Drop off your child between 8:20 and 8:30 as we do have teacher supervision in the morning and in the afternoon until 3:00 pm, to avoid parking lot congestion.**

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## October 2019

## NEWSLETTER

### Principal's Message

#### Happy October!



September brought us the many joys of welcoming new families and students, and re-connecting with our whole community. In September educators often wish each other “Happy New Year!” because it is such a significant fresh start; we have a whole year of learning, friendship and growth on the horizon. October brings many opportunities for community building and engagement. Students will be engaged in: Fire Safety, field trips in nature, paragraph writing, cooking, daily physical activity, STEM projects and working in collaborative teams – to name only a few learning opportunities.

Thanks to parents who attended the first LEPAC meeting of the year. There are so many events that wouldn't happen with out YOU the parents. LEPAC is organizing a GIANT Halloween bash (date and time are below)! Watch for information on how to join in and volunteer.

On October 31<sup>st</sup>, we will have Wacky Hair Day. Students and staff wear orange and black, plus we all sport a crazy coiffure! Please note: Halloween brings excitement and also fears for our young students. For example, many of our young students are afraid of clowns or any costume that hides the face. There are a variety of shows and media that entertain using fear, and costumes inspired by those shows can be popular. We ask you to use [CommonSense Media](#) to preview information about what content is appropriate for your child's age.

#### Reminders:

- parents and family members should sign in at the office before volunteering in the school or visiting classrooms for any reason
- please check the Lost and Found for your child's belongings. It really helps if your child's name is on hoodies, sweaters and coats.
- All students will need indoor shoes, especially now that the rainy season is approaching
- students must be picked up after school by 3:10. We do not have supervision past this time and safety is an issue if children are not supervised by their parent(s)/caregiver(s).
- please remember that mornings are now going to be darker and rainier – use extreme caution in our parking lots.

Looking forward,

Joan O'Leary  
Acting Principal

### TERRY FOX RUN



THE  
**TERRY  
FOX RUN**  
for cancer research

Students, staff and parents participated in the Terry Fox Run held on September 26th. All of our students and staff did an amazing job of taking part in the run! We were able to raise over

\$650 for the Terry Fox Foundation to support cancer research. Well done everyone and thank you for your support and enthusiasm for this event! Thank you to Mrs. O'Leary and Mrs. Erickson for organizing this event.

### HALLOWEEN FAMILY BASH/DANCE

Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

5:30 – 8:30

Come join us for some "howling Halloween fun" at our LEPAC Family Halloween Party. There will be lots of family activities and a food concession.



### - Keeping Your Child Safe -

We have students signed up for indoor soccer. The students are divided into teams and play practice games during the noon hour. Our students will play after school games against other elementary schools in the coming weeks. Thank you to Ms. Seabrooke, Mr. Niedjalski, Ms. Howells and Mr. O'Connor for coaching our students.



With Halloween fast approaching, we want to think of ways to keep our children safe while trick or treating. Up to about 9 years of age, children do not have the skills to be safe in traffic. Many children have difficulty judging speed and distance and concentrate for only short periods of time. This will be especially true with the added excitement of Halloween. In addition, there will be many strangers on the street on Halloween night. Here are some safety tips:

- Teach your child road safety rules and to look, listen and think about traffic!
- Know where they are!
- Know what they are doing!
- Know who they are with!
- Teach your child about personal safety and talking to strangers.
- Teach them to not go with or accept anything from someone they do not know.

### Drop Off and Pick Up Safety

Please remember to:

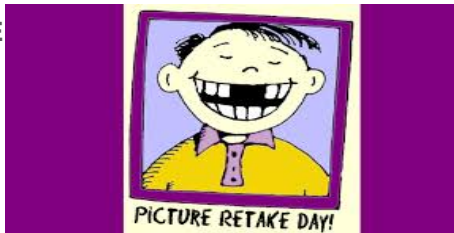
- \* Come early for drop-off and pick-up
- \* If possible avoid peak times: 8:40 am and 2:48 pm
- \* Do not leave vehicle parked in the Drop-Off Lane
- \* Keep moving to not block access to our parking lot
- \* Meet your child outside
- \* **Please leave the Staff Parking spots for Staff**



### Be Safe and Have Fun!

### --- SECOND CHANCES ---

PHOTO RETAKE  
DAY  
THURSDAY,  
OCTOBER 24TH



If you are unsatisfied with your original photo, please return proofs to the school and have your photo retaken!

### WELCOME BACK FAMILY BBQ



Lochside Staff would like to thank all the families that came out to our Family BBQ/Open House

on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with many of our new and returning families. The rain was no match for us hardy Lizards!

**Saanich Schools (SD63)**  
**Ready, Set, Learn Open House**

**introduce yourself**

Parents and preschoolers (3 years and up) are invited to visit their neighbourhood school.


- Participate in hands-on learning activities.
- Tour your neighbourhood school.
- Learn about community resources available to support families.

**Wednesday, October 16, 2019**  
**3:30 — 6:00 pm**

Join us at your neighbourhood school.

Brentwood Elementary 250 652 3996	RELSET Elementary 250 65 54648
Cordova Bay Elementary 250 658 5315	Lochside Elementary 250 658 5238
Deep Cove Elementary 250 656 7254	ProspectLake Elementary 250 727 3314
Keating Elementary 250 652 9261	Sidney Elementary 250 656 3958

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We gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia through the Ministry of Education.

### AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION



Just a reminder that after school supervision ends at 3:08 pm. We are asking that all students are in transit home by that time. If you are running late, we ask that you contact the

office to let us know. Any students who are still at school unsupervised at that time must report to the office where we will contact parents/guardians. Thank you for your support in keeping all of our students safe.

### HEAD LICE – How to watch for and treat head lice.

Head lice are common, anyone with hair can get head lice.



What to do:

- Learn how to check for live lice using [wet combing](#) and be aware of the recommended treatment options.
- Conduct weekly wet combing checks to identify head lice re-infestations as it is possible to have head lice more than once.

Click [here](#) for a useful guide about head lice and [here](#) for a video on how to comb hair for a lice check.



We are hosting the **RSL Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>** from 3:30 – 6:00 pm. This is an opportunity for parents and preschoolers to visit Lochside Elementary and become familiar with our school. There will be a school tour available

with our Lochside Student Leaders and participation in learning activities.

### PENINSULA “1000 X 5” CHILDREN’S BOOK RECYCLING PROJECT



Peninsula “1000 X 5” Project needs your help in collecting 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 are donated through schools in Saanich District.

Research indicates that home libraries have a significant positive effect on the literacy development of young children and their early success in school. Please continue to donate books your children have outgrown and encourage them to share the gift of literacy with others. Books may be left in the bin located in the main entrance foyer.