






Lochside Elementary

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February

- 6..... Parent Information and Engagement Evening @ Bayside: 7PM
- 7.....Fun Lunch & Kindness Assembly
- 13.....Red & White Day for Valentine’s 
- 14.....Non-Instructional Day 
- 17.....BC Family Day – Holiday
- 18.....Camp Thunderbird Info Meeting for Parents of Gr. 5 students 6pm
- 19.....Skip a thon & LEPAC 6:30pm
- 21.....Fun Lunch
- 27.....Pink Shirt Day 

March

- 5.....Early Dismissal @1:48pm
- 6.....Fun Lunch and Basketball Jamboree
- 11.....District Swim Meet
- 11.....LEPAC 6:30pm
- 13.....Report Cards and Last Day before Spring Break
-  16-20..Spring Break Week
- 23-27..School Closure Week
- 30... School Re-Opens after Spring Vacation

April

- 3.....Fun Lunch
- 7..... Musical Presentation Grades 2-5
- 10-13. Easter long weekend
- 15.....LEPAC 6:30pm
- 17.....Fun Lunch
- 22.....Musical Presentation Grades K&1

TO REPORT AN ABSENCE

Please Email:
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.

NEWSLETTER



February is a month when we focus on kindness and persevering: we encourage students to believe in themselves, to always do their best and to learn from their mistakes. With a **growth mindset**, students can be kind to themselves and others; use positive self-talk and strengthen their resilience. You can learn more about growth mindset [here](#).

As well, we are now working as a community to fill a bucket with colourful pom-poms. Each pom-pom represents an act of kindness – to self, to others, and to our environment. When the pom-pom jar is

full, we will celebrate by having an extra-long recess. Evidence shows that promoting kindness among young people directly reduces bullying and disruptive behaviour and helps to increase social and emotional well-being. On Friday Feb. 7th we are reinforcing this message by welcoming Ryan Laird, a singer/songwriter with a message of positivity, belief in self, and resilience.



Please join in giving a warm welcome to Diane Walls, our new Administrative Secretary. She will be welcoming you, getting to know you and helping out with the many questions and tasks in the office.

We look forward to seeing the students grow and learn over the next month. Never hesitate to bring questions and concerns forward – we are here to work with you.

Kindest,

Joan O’Leary & Sherisse Norris

Family Literacy Day

We had a great turn-out for Family Literacy Day! Please continue to read daily to and with your child(ren), as it is key to building vocabulary, general knowledge, and curiosity, and zest for learning.

Chinese New Year

We were fortunate to have students Jasper, Ethan, Natalie, Ivan, and Jayden present a special assembly for us. They played drums and cymbals, and danced a **SPECTACULAR** Lion Dance!!! It was truly an inspiration to see!

Reminder:



Thursday, March 5th
Early Dismissal Day.
Pick-up after school is at 1:48 pm.



Drop off your child between 8:20 and 8:30 as we do have teacher supervision in the parking lot in the morning and in the afternoon until 3:10 pm, to avoid congestion.



SIGN IN: When helping out at the school with classroom

projects, for example reading or going on a nature walk – please first sign in at the front office. When finished, remember to sign out. This helps us ensure safety and accountability for who is in the building

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 during March Break.



[Here are some practical basics](#) about tech use that you can use to guide your kids on healthy digital habits.

Check out Commonsensemedia.org for guidance on choices of media, from games to movies, for your family.

Kindergarten Registration for September 2020

Kindergarten registration has now closed at neighbourhood schools in the Saanich School District. Going forward, new and out-of-district registrations will be taken at the School Board Office on 2125 Keating Cross Road, Saanichton.

Fine Arts - Save the Date

Music teacher, Lisa Alexander, is preparing two musical presentations for the Spring: Grades 2-5: *Carnival of the Animals* on Tuesday April 7th. There will be opportunities for parents to volunteer with stagecraft – stay tuned! Grades K and 1: *Big Beautiful Planet* on Wednesday April 22nd. This coincides with Earth Day 🌍

Cold and Flu Season

We are teaching and modelling good hygiene at school. You can follow our essential tips at home too:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or use alcohol-based hand rub when hands are not visibly soiled.
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow or a tissue. If using a tissue, immediately place it in a waste disposal and wash your hands.
- If possible, stay home when ill with acute respiratory symptoms; if this is not possible, limit close contact with others.
- Limit touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Don't share items that may have saliva on them such as drinking glasses and water bottles.
- Frequently clean surfaces like taps, doorknobs, and countertops.

Parent Engagement Evening (Policy 1100) Indigenous Education in Saanich - Everyone's Journey Towards Reconciliation

- Thurs Feb 6th (7:00 – 8:30 pm) - Bayside Middle School MPR
- Please let Ms. Norris or Mrs. O'Leary know if you are interested in attending.

Pink Shirt Day

Wednesday, February 26, 2020



Students and staff are encouraged to dress up in pink to highlight Anti-Bullying Day across the province. At Lochside we focus all year on peaceful ways and work to instill compassion and helpfulness towards others



as a community value. To get more information or resources please visit:

<https://www.pinkshirtday.ca/about>

Basketball Season

The basketball season is now underway for students in Grades 4 and 5. Ms. Seabrooke has organized the teams and created a schedule. Thank you to Ms. Seabrooke, Mr. Koopmans, 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.

We Club News



Thanks to all the families who brought in bottles for our bottle drive. We raised over \$350 to donate to Our Place, to help people find friendship and support during hard times.

Dressing for the Weather

Students need to be dressed adequately to be outdoors for recess. In spite of rain, we go outdoors for both recesses. It is a good idea for all students to have an extra pair of socks in their backpacks in case the ones they are wearing become too wet. All students should have indoor shoes for the classroom and gym. Please check with your child to ensure his/her indoor shoes still fit!

Extra Clothes Needed!

Our extra clothes bin is running low. If you have spare pants or socks that can be donated to our bins, please drop them off at the office. We are especially looking for pants for younger children. Pull on pants and leggings are useful for all ages.