



# LOCHSIDE ELEMENTARY PARENT/GUARDIAN WEEKLY

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## Friday, November 13th, 2020

Parents/Guardians,

We want to thank Ms. Liebault and Mrs. Molloy for their work coordinating and creating our virtual Remembrance Day Ceremony. All classes were able to view the ceremony, including musical presentations, a minute of silence and messages about living in peace.

In the past few weeks we have been working with parents on developing IEPs and arranging parent teacher conferences. These are deep conversations about sharing perspectives, wisdom and plans going forward. We know that children learn in multiple ways, at different rates and that learning is an individual and social process. Thank you to teachers, staff and parents for participating in these conversations to support students' learning.

The first report card will come home during the week of December 7-11. Teachers who use FreshGrade are keeping parents informed with regular monthly posts, and so those students will receive a summative report at the end of the year. No matter which platform your child's teacher is using, please remember to reach out with any questions or concerns. Take time to read the report card or FreshGrade posts and discuss how you and your child can work together to continue their learning and support them with any 'stretches' identified in this first term. Your support with learning is greatly appreciated!

With appreciation,  
Tom Vickers and Joan O'Leary



### CALENDAR

**Please Note: This calendar is in process - there will be updates going forward**

| <u>November</u>                  | <u>December</u>                           | <u>January</u>        |
|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| 20 Non-Instructional Day         | 07 Report Cards go home this wk           | 01 New Year's Day     |
| 25 <b>Early Dismissal @ 1:48</b> | 08 LEPAC Meeting 6:30 pm                  | 04 School Re-Opens    |
| 25 Fire Drill                    | 11 Fire Drill                             | 12 LEPAC Meeting 6:30 |
| 26 <b>Early Dismissal @ 1:48</b> | 18 Last Day of School before Winter Break |                       |
|                                  | 21 Winter Break Begins                    |                       |
|                                  | 25 Christmas Day                          |                       |
|                                  | 26 Boxing Day                             |                       |

### Information Items:

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| <b>Non-Instructional Day</b>                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friday, November 20th will be a day for staff to work on assessment &amp; reporting. Students will not be in attendance.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Early Dismissal/ PT Interviews @ 1:48 pm</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have our Early Dismissal Days on November 25 &amp; 26. This is an opportunity to connect with families before reports come out.</li> <li>• We will dismiss students @ 1:48 pm</li> <li>• TEAMS, phone calls or outdoor meetings will be used for interviews.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>1000x5 Project</b>                              | <p>Since 2008, it has been possible to collect more than 165,000 children's picture books for redistribution to babies, toddlers, and other young children on the Peninsula. That's more than ten times the number of books in most elementary school libraries. The majority of these books were donated through schools in Saanich District. Research indicates that home libraries have significant positive effects on the literacy development of young children and their early success in school. Success begets success. For these reasons, the PENINSULA "1000 X 5" Project work will continue until the end of June, over the summer, and throughout the next school year. You can help sustain the flow of books by encouraging your children to share the gift of literacy with others. They can donate books they have outgrown into the collection bin/box at school.</p> |
| <b>From Mrs. Fedrigo - A Resource for Wellness</b> | <p>The resource below is all about gratitude and how to cultivate appreciation and positive thinking.</p> <p>Try this simple exercise in this moment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1)Think about one thing you are grateful for.</li> <li>2)Think about one person you are grateful for.</li> </ol> <p>It's amazing how doing a simple exercise can lift your mood and change your energy.</p> <p><a href="https://www.makesociallearningstick.com/blog/cultivating-gratitude">https://www.makesociallearningstick.com/blog/cultivating-gratitude</a></p>   |
| <b>November Mental Health Wellness Snapshot</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Here is the link to the November Mental Health and Wellness Snapshot--Social Media and Screen Time.</a></li> </ul>   |
| <b>Friday Jokes of the Week</b>                    | <p><b>Why did the computer go to the dentist?</b><br/>It had a blue tooth!</p> <p><b>Why did the bicycle fall over?</b><br/>It was two-tired!</p> <p><b>Why couldn't the pirate learn the alphabet?</b><br/>Because he was always lost at C!</p>  |



- This year's Movember Roster from Lochside Elementary includes Mark Niedjalski, Rico Hing, Andreas Clesle, Pieter Koopmans, Tom Vickers, Paul Mckenzie, Lothar Krampol and Matthew O'Connor.
- Our team is raising funds and awareness this Movember for all of the Fan-TACHE-tic dads, brothers, sons and mates in our lives. We need your help.
- Please donate to support men's health on the link below 😊  
<https://movember.com/t/lochside-elentary>