



LOCHSIDE ELEMENTARY PARENT/GUARDIAN WEEKLY

Tom Vickers - Principal
Joan O'Leary – Vice Principal

Friday, April 16th, 2021

Parents/Guardians,

It is with mixed emotion that I announce our beloved Ms. O'Leary will be leaving our Lochside community and joining Ecole Keating Elementary. Over her nine years as an Administrator and Integration Support Teacher at Lochside she has become a well respected and valued member of our staff. She has been a strong advocate for all students and her passion for learning will be greatly missed. However, Ms. O'Leary also has a love of language and is fluent in French. Her new position at Ecole Keating will allow her to use her second language with her new community.

We would like to welcome Ms. Leila Sinclair-Wise who will be joining us from KELSET Elementary. She is a master classroom teacher with a wealth of experience in administration. We are excited to have her join our Lochside community and we look forward to working with her.

With appreciation,

Tom Vickers

CALENDAR

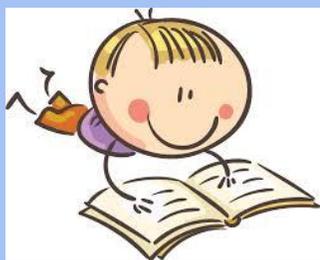
Please Note: This calendar is in process - there will be updates going forward

April	May	June
19 Earth Week 🌍	3 Class Photos	2 Camp Thunderbird Day
21 PIRLS Survey for Gr. 4	6 ROMS Gr. 5 Parents Virtual Mtg via MS Teams 6:00 pm	Trip Div. 18/19
23 Non-Instructional Day	9 Mother's Day 👩	9 Camp Thunderbird Day
	10 ROMS Virtual Visit by Gr. 5s	Trip Div. 15/20 & Div. 16/17
	21 Non Instructional Day	20 Father's Day 👨
	24 Victoria Day Stat. Holiday 🙌	29 Last Day of School for students
	31 Go By Bike Week til June 6th 🚲	Farewell Assembly
		30 Administration Day (staff only)

Information Items:

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Read, Read, Read



- It is important that our children are reading books at home which are at their “just right” reading level so that it is an enjoyable experience. If children are successful readers, then they are more likely to enjoy it and make progress. If the text is too hard, then reading becomes a chore and it can be very frustrating. If you need any help in selecting “just right” books for your child please consult with your child's teacher and our teacher/librarian. Read for enjoyment!

Earth Week - April 19-22



Parents, you can help your child develop a connection to our beautiful Earth, by visiting a favourite family spot, by reading books that celebrate the wonder of plants and animals, and by valuing the downtime in nature.

Here is a [TedTalk](#) by a student that highlights some of the reasons to enhance our connection to nature.

This coming week:

- **Lochside’s Local Nature Top Spots:** each family will receive a template of a flower - we will send copies home and also send you a digital copy. To participate, please glue or draw a picture of your family out in nature at a favourite family spot. Write your family name and the name of your top spot in the outdoors and return it to your child’s teacher. We will be creating a display of all of our connections to nature. **Students in Remote Learning, we invite you to drop off yours so we can include you:)**
- **Tally to Rally:** you are encouraged to walk or wheel to school Mon-Thurs. We will do a **tally to rally** support for active transportation - a great way to start the day.

NEIGHBOURHOOD BINGO

 DOOR WREATH	 GARDEN GNOME/STATUE	 WHITE CAR	 BIRD	 MAPLE TREE
 A NUMBER (SAME AS YOUR AGE)	 RED DOOR	 BICYCLE	 RECYCLING BIN	 SHOVEL
 BLUE DOOR	 SPEED LIMIT SIGN 40	 FREE	 FREE LITTLE LIBRARY	 PINE CONE
 DOOR KNOCKER	 STOP SIGN	 INSECT	 RED MAILBOX	 TRUCK
 SQUIRREL	 DOG	 SOMETHING THAT BEGINS WITH THE FIRST LETTER OF YOUR NAME	 FIRE HYDRANT	 SWING (TREE OR PARK)

Here are some [home activities](#) you can take on to celebrate our beautiful Earth. You can also do this lovely neighbourhood Bingo Game.

Mental Wellness Snapshot



- The Saanich School District remains committed to wellness and the promotion of positive health in our schools and communities. These monthly snapshots are an invitation to learn together as we foster and promote positive health in our own lives, and the lives of those around us. Please follow the link to access our April [Snapshot on Substance Use](#).

Lost and Found



- Parents: Please look through the below photos of our Lost and Found clothing/items. Please contact the office or have your child claim the item asap. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of June.





Are you MOVING?



NOT RETURNING IN SEPTEMBER?

- Please inform the office and your child's teacher if your child(ren) will not be returning in September 2021. This will greatly assist us in class planning for 2021-22.

Friday Jokes of the Week



Why are teddy bears never hungry?
They're always stuffed!

Why can't your hand be 12 inches long?
Because then it would be a foot!

Why did the scarecrow get a promotion?
He was outstanding in his field!