LOCHSIDE ELEMENTARY PARENT/GUARDIAN WEEKLY

Tom Vickers - Principal
Joan O'Leary – Vice Principal

Friday, May 14th, 2021

Parents/Guardians,

This is the time of year we educators look back and appreciate the progress we see in our students. We take time to remember the challenges and breakthroughs, and "connect the dots" in the story of each child's learning. Reflecting and remembering is literally a form of storytelling, which is such an important way to understand, share and inspire. We encourage you to think back to September and celebrate the steps forward in learning - the story - you see in your children. Communicating our stories is a core competency, and something our students are practicing. Check out this video about creating stories, with thanks to Div. 5 and Mrs. Molloy for sharing.

Our Lochside *"storientation"* - as we prepare report cards - is that students have made tremendous gains in learning, friendships have blossomed, and students' personal resilience is growing. We know this progress is a team effort - we are grateful for your hard work in supporting learning!

Thank you again for doing your part to be COVID safe as you pick up and drop off your children. Decreasing the number of people on the school grounds makes it easier to navigate pathways home and helps us all feel safe. If you wish to use the playground, you and your bubble are welcome back after 4:00.

Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the great outdoors,

With appreciation,

Tom Vickers & Joan O'Leary

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

Information Items:

Registration for the school bus for the 2021/2022 school year is now open! Please have your child's student number and visit https://www.sd63.bc.ca/programs-and-services/transportation.
Registration closes on June 30, 2021

Health & Safety Reminders

Our Lochside Health and Safety Committee asks for your help to maintain cohorts, as required by public health orders:

- MORNING ARRIVAL: ensure when your child proceeds to their gathering area - this is not free play time.
- AFTER SCHOOL: instruct your child to head right home. If you are wanting to play, consider going to a local park with friends in your "trusted 10". OR, return to the playground after 4:00, after LASP's group has had their playtime.

School Bus Registration for 2021-2022 is NOW OPEN until June 30th, 2021

- You will need your child's student number to register for transportation. (Generally, 5-7 digits)
- Please visit the registration home page **here**.

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 do dragons sleep during the day?
So they can fight "knights"!

What do you give a vampire with a sore throat?
"Coffin" medicine!

What kind of tree fits in your hand?
A "palm" tree!

Grade 5 Yearbooks

- LEPAC is pleased to announce that the Grade 5 Yearbook is now available for sale.
- The cost is $25 per book. If for any reason, the yearbook fee poses a financial hardship, please contact Principal Tom Vickers at tvickers@saanichschools.ca.
- EVERY Grade 5 student will be issued a Yearbook in the coming weeks.
- TO ORDER YEARBOOK: Deadline to order May 28th, 2021

1. Please make an e-transfer to: lepacpayments@gmail.com
2. Please enter your child's name and division in the INFO BOX.

If you are unable to use e-transfer, cash or a cheque payable to LEPAC is acceptable too. Cash and cheques can be sent to the school office or classroom teacher.

Please contact Lisa Perkins if you have any questions or concerns: lisa.perk@gmail.com

REMINDER:
4 Day Weekend

Non-Instructional Day Friday, May 21st & Monday, May 24th Victoria Day Stat. Holiday

- Please be reminded that next Friday, May 21st is a NID, students are not in session.
- Monday, May 24th is the Victoria Day Statutory Holiday

Host Families Needed by Saanich International Student Program (SISP)

SAANICH SCHOOLS

- Saanich International Student Program is actively looking for new Host Families for the international students joining us this September. For the Claremont/Royal Oak area, we are especially looking for families who'd like to welcome a boy into their home.
- Make lifelong friendships, receive a generous allowance to offset expenses and share the beauty of your home and community. Contact us here for a no-commitment consultation!