



LOCHSIDE ELEMENTARY PARENT/GUARDIAN WEEKLY

Tom Vickers - Principal
Joan O'Leary – Vice Principal

Friday, June 11th, 2021

Parents/Guardians,

The year's end always brings with it a tremendous sense of accomplishment. So many things have been accomplished this year! From the Terry Fox Run near the beginning of the year to the Grade 4/5 trip to Camp Thunderbird – our students have been involved in an extraordinary number of activities. Those activities have fostered a tremendous amount of learning and personal growth - kids have shown kindness, enthusiasm, grit and joy on a daily basis.

Farewell to Mrs. Whitehead! After 38 years of teaching Mrs. Whitehead is retiring. Mrs. Whitehead has brought humour, energy and dedication to her work every day - caring for aches and booboos, sparking joy in reading, providing enrichment and delighting in students' achievements, and sharing in the culture and language of her students. She loves to laugh, and treats her students as though they were her very own. Her presence will be greatly missed. I know you will join us in wishing her well in retirement and hoping this next stage is filled with good health, happiness and many joyful family moments. Thank you for everything, Mrs. Whitehead!

To our Gr. 5 Graduates – congratulations on your achievement! Thank-you for your contributions to our community: thank-you for your smiles, friendly ways and helpful spirit. We wish you all the best as you move to your new middle schools. Parents, if this is your last child to transition, we send you a special thank you for your support and for the guidance that you have provided for your child(ren). One thing we talk about as kids transition is that although they are leaving Lochside, we hope they carry our Lochside beliefs with them. Taking care of oneself, others and our environment are great ways to support personal well-being ... and that is a great foundation for engagement and learning:) We always look forward to hearing from our students in the future - please don't hesitate to drop in to say hello:)

Happy Father's Day to all our community's Dads, Step-dads, Grand-dads, ... all the dedicated men who are parenting and inspiring and supporting the kids. All the best for a day of being appreciated and uplifted:)

With appreciation,

Tom Vickers & Joan O'Leary

See Calendar and Information Items Below

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

CALENDAR	June 14th - 18th		June 21th - 25th	
	June 28 Intermediate Recognition Ceremony 29 Last Day of School for students 30 Admin. Day	Mon 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBT Meeting 	Mon 21
	Tues 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	Tues 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
	Wed 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wellness Wednesday • Summer Reading Club- class virtual team visits 	Wed 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
	Thu 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Reading Club - class virtual team visits 	Thu 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
	Fri 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seaquaria empties tank and creatures 	Fri 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sencoten K & K/1

Information Items:

<p>Friday Jokes of the Week</p>	<p>Why are elevator jokes so classic and good? <i>"They work on many levels!"</i></p> <p>Why do bees have sticky hair? <i>"Because they use a honeycomb!"</i></p> <p>How can you tell a dogwood tree? <i>"By the bark!"</i></p>
<p>Parent Appreciation</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are grateful to our parent group who thoroughly spoiled us recently during Teacher Appreciation week:) • We will be making a contribution to Power To Be in honour of our wonderful parent community:) • Power To Be is an organization that contributes greatly to learning in nature and health in our community. You can check them out here. • As a thank you to our community, Power To Be invites you to take advantage of a free viewing of the IMAX The Great Bear Rainforest on June 16th (click Imax the link for details).

Truth and Reconciliation



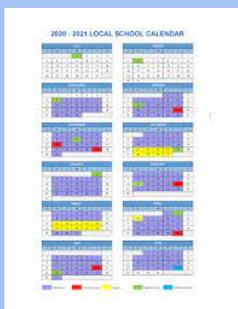
- Our staff have been facilitating conversations in age appropriate ways to help our learners process. One resource we used is Monique Gray Smith's book [You Hold Me Up](#). In this way our focus has largely been on discussing ways to show love and support for each other and consider each other's well-being in our everyday actions. This theme links directly to turning the tides on colonization and working towards reconciliation.
- For those of you at home who would also like to learn alongside, here are some children's book titles you can find at libraries and book stores: Goodbye Buffalo Bay, I Am Not a Number, Kookum's Red Shoes, My Name is Seepeetza, Shin-chi's Canoe, Sweetgrass Basket, A Stranger at Home, Stolen Words, The Orange Shirt Story. There are also novels: Secret Path, Wenjack, Sugar Falls, They Called Me Number 1, Fatty Legs, These Are My Words: The Residential School Diary of Violet Pesheens (to name a few).
- As adults we are called to speak our country's truth in this journey of reconciliation. Here are just two titles that might be of support:
 - [21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act](#)
 - [Speaking OUR Truth - A Journey of Reconciliation](#)
- **Additional resources for personal wellness:** [Mental Wellness Hub](#)

Staffing and School Organization



- We are well underway with our district's staffing process for the 2020-2021 school year. We have a great professional learning community (Teachers and EAs) and look forward to welcoming a few new staff. That process will not conclude until the first week of September.
- We currently plan to have 20 divisions and will have a very similar number of classes at each grade.
- Note: Because families move in and out of our catchment all throughout the summer, we continue to build classes right up until the days before school re-opens on Sept. 7th. **For this reason**, students will return to last year's class and teacher to re-connect before we finalize lists and sort into our new classes later in that first week.

2021-2022 School Calendar



- [Here](#) is a copy of next year's school calendar, including dates for non-instructional days and school holidays.

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.