



# LOCHSIDE ELEMENTARY PARENT/GUARDIAN WEEKLY

Tom Vickers - Principal  
Joan O'Leary – Vice Principal

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## September 10th, 2021

Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back! It is wonderful to see all of the children back at school. We would like to welcome everyone returning to Lochside as well as families who are new to our school. We are looking forward to a great year of learning.

We apologise for moving students so late in the week but during the summer and our first week of school we received over 20 new registrations. This caused us to reconfigure our school on Wednesday causing us to move on Friday. We feel we have done an excellent job meeting the needs of our learners and building positive learning environments.

Communication between home/school is an important and an essential component of your child's education. If you have any questions regarding your child's progress, please see your child's classroom teacher. Please visit our website to subscribe to our newsletters, PAC news and important front page news items

Our enrollment is currently 431 students and we look forward to all of the exciting experiences and new learning opportunities for each of our students this year. We have many new students attending Lochside Elementary this year and we welcome them to our community.

With appreciation,

Tom Vickers & Leila Sinclair-Wise

### CALENDAR

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

#### September

16 Welcome Back Picnic  
27 Non-Instructional Day  
30 Orange Shirt Day  
30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

#### October

8 Terry Fox Run  
11 Thanksgiving Day Stat. Holiday  
XX LEPAC Meeting 6:30 pm  
22 Non-Instructional Day  
31 Halloween

#### November

XX LEPAC Meeting 6:30 pm  
11 Remembrance Day Stat Holiday  
12 Non-Instructional Day

### Information Items:

<b>Welcome and Welcome Back</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Leila Sinclair-Wise Vice-Principal and Gr. 4/5</li> <li>● Donnie Peterson Grade 4/5</li> <li>● Chelsea Howells Grade 3/4</li> <li>● Lisa Alexander Music/ Grade 4/5</li> <li>● Rebecca Leet French</li> </ul>
<b>Welcome Back Picnic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● After review through our Health &amp; Safety and Leadership teams we are happy to invite you to our “Welcome Back Picnic” Thursday, September 16th from 5:30 to 7:00.</li> <li>● Based on recommendations from our district we will be replacing our BBQ with a picnic dinner. We invite you to pack a picnic and bring a blanket to join us on our school grounds.</li> <li>● This is an opportunity for you to reconnect with our community in our beautiful outdoors.</li> </ul>
<b>School Supplies for 2021-2022</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Monk orders for school supplies arrived this week.</li> <li>● Please follow communication from your child’s teacher re: labelling items and what supplies to send to school.</li> <li>● Kindergarten families: school supplies will be managed through your child’s classroom teacher.</li> <li>● Any school supplies not picked up from the gym will be delivered to your child’s new classroom. Please contact Kate McCallum, School Supply Co-ordinator if you have any missing or damaged items. Replacements will be sent to the school. <a href="mailto:Kate.McCallum@monk.ca">Kate.McCallum@monk.ca</a>. Cell: 250-216-6746.</li> </ul>
<b>Arrival &amp; Dismissal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We really enjoyed having everyone check in this week:) Please remember going forward that your partnership is critical to ensuring safety. We ask parents to physically distance from other parents and children not their own.</li> <li>● At arrival, students can say goodbye and proceed to their line-up spot independently.</li> <li>● At dismissal, your child’s classroom teacher will let you know where to wait to meet your child. We ask all students/families to proceed home directly.</li> </ul>
<b>Student pick-up/drop-off during school hours</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Parents, please pre-arrange pick up/drop off by calling the office: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We will have the student ready for pick in the front hall</li> <li>○ Late-arriving students will enter by the front office and sign in, with support from office staff</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Parking Lot</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Please take extra time and care when dropping students off and picking them up from school. Pay close attention to the Drop-Off areas and ensure that students are crossing the parking lot in a safe manner.</li> <li>● Please do not STOP right at the entrance to our parking lot. This causes cars and traffic to back up onto Royal Oak Drive.</li> <li>● Parents are reminded to not leave vehicles unattended in the Drive-Thru or Drop-Off lanes while picking up their child.</li> <li>● Parents also need to remember that they should NOT be parking on Lochside Drive behind the school. This blocks access for homeowners with larger vehicles.</li> </ul>

<b>Office Protocols And Visiting the School</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Please call the office to make an appointment.</li> </ul>
<b>Transportation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If you have questions about the school bus, please contact the Transportation Dept: <b>Phone:</b> (250) 652-7343</li> <li>● <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:transportation@saanichschools.ca">transportation@saanichschools.ca</a></li> <li>● Students riding the bus will be issued a BUS CARD that they will need to use every day. The card helps us manage a daily attendance list of who is on the bus.</li> <li>● Cards will come home next week. Please ensure your child has it secured on their backpack for everyday use.</li> </ul>
<b>Early Dismissal Days 2021-2022</b>	<p><b>Early Dismissal Dates to Note::</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2021</b></li> <li>● <b>Thursday, Nov. 25, 2021</b></li> <li>● <b>Wednesday, March 2, 2022</b></li> <li>● <b>Thursday, March 3, 2022</b></li> </ul>
<b>Non Instructional Days</b>	<p><b>Non-Instructional Dates to Note:</b></p> <p><b>Monday, Sept. 27, 2021</b>  <b>Friday, Oct. 22, 2021</b>  <b>Friday, Nov. 12, 2021</b>  <b>Friday, Feb. 18, 2022</b>  <b>Monday, Apr. 25, 2022</b>  <b>Friday, May 20, 2022</b></p>
<b>Litterless Lunch at Lochside</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● At Lochside, we will be reducing our litter footprint in the school. One of our initiatives to reduce and reuse more is to promote a litterless lunch. It is a lunch that creates no waste! It can involve the use of reusable containers or possibly no containers at all, to store and transport food. It involves the elimination of disposable products and the encouraged use of reusable containers.</li> </ul>
<b>Picture Day</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Individual school photos will be taken on Oct. 1, 2021 by LifeTouch Photos</li> <li>● Retake date is Oct. 27, 2021</li> </ul>
<b>Medication at School</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We are in the process of connecting with all families whose children require medication at school, this involves epipens. As we move through this process, we will ensure that we have current paperwork signed by your physician on file. We thank you for your understanding and prompt attention to these forms.</li> </ul>
<b>Allergy Safe Environment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We have quite a few students who are allergic to different food items, as well as environmental allergies. If your child's classroom has an allergy, there will be a notice sent home with information for lunches and snacks. If you have any concerns regarding this, please contact Leila Sinclair-Wise.</li> </ul>

