



# LOCHSIDE ELEMENTARY PARENT/GUARDIAN WEEKLY

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**October 1st, 2021**

Parents/Guardians,

September brought us the many joys of welcoming new families and students, and re-connecting with our whole community. In September educators often wish each other “Happy New Year!” because it is such a significant fresh start; we have a whole year of learning, friendship and growth on the horizon. October brings many opportunities for community building and engagement.

It will be World Teacher’s Day on October 5th, and we want to express our gratitude to our dedicated staff, both teachers and support staff, who are making learning relevant and engaging while at the same time caring for our students’ needs for belonging and reassurance.

As fall progresses, it is so great to see our students settling in. For many educators, autumn is our favourite time of year. It’s a joy to go out at recess and see the leaves piling up and know the kids are developing a sense of connection to this land. Our beautiful grounds provide a perfect space for kids to play and come to appreciate nature. Classes are enjoying community walks, using the Beyond the Fence area for inquiry and observation, and kids are enjoying the freedom to run, play tag and enjoy games while out for recess.

Reminders:

- parents/guardians should contact the office in advance of entering the building. We are still trying to minimize the number of adults in our building.
- please have your child check the Lost and Found for their belongings. It really helps if your child’s name is on hoodies, sweaters and coats.
- please send in extra masks with your child. Many are being forgotten or left out on the playground.
- All students will need indoor shoes, especially now that the rainy season is approaching. Please have appropriate clothing so our students are prepared for our Fall weather

- students must be picked up after school by 3:10. We do not have supervision past this time and safety is an issue if children are not supervised by their parent(s)/caregiver(s).
- please remember that mornings are now going to be darker and rainier – use extreme caution in our parking lots. Please drop off and pick up by the rocks.

With appreciation,

Tom Vickers & Leila Sinclair-Wise

<b>CALENDAR</b>		
<b>Please Note: This calendar is in process - there will be updates going forward</b>		
<b>October</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>December</b>
5 World Teachers' Day	9 LEPAC Meeting 6:30 pm	8 Popcorn Day
8 Terry Fox Run 1:00-1:30	10 Popcorn Day	10 Fun Lunch
11 Thanksgiving Day Stat. Holiday	11 Remembrance Day Stat Holiday	14 LEPAC Meeting 6:30 pm
12 LEPAC Meeting 6:30 pm	12 Non-Instructional Day	20-31 Winter Break
13 Popcorn Day	19 Fun Lunch	
21 Shakeout BC	24 Early Dismissal @ 1:48	
22 Non-Instructional Day	25 Early Dismissal @ 1:48	
27 Photo Retake Day		
29 Fun Lunch		
31 Halloween		

**Information Items:**

**Masks  
Required**

- Earlier this morning the Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry, announced updates to the [Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#). Beginning on Mon Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, all students in B.C. schools will be required to wear a mask. This measure builds on the existing guidelines that currently apply to students in Gr 4-12. Of course, the same exceptions to this guideline will be made for K-Gr 3 students as they have been for Gr 4-12 students in the previous guidelines.
- We are currently supplying many students with masks that have been forgotten or lost. Unfortunately at this pace this will not be able to be sustainable for the year.
- Much like kleenex we suggest you send in a supply of masks for your child(ren) to have at school.

<p><b>Terry Fox Run October 8th</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lochside Elementary is on board with over 9,000 schools coast to coast to coast to help continue Terry’s dream of a world without cancer. The Terry Fox Foundation needs our support. Please donate to: <a href="http://www.terryfox.ca/LochsideElementary">http://www.terryfox.ca/LochsideElementary</a>. Together, we can all make a difference! #terryfoxschoolrun @terryfoxfoundation</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>DATE:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Friday October 08th at 1:00 - 1:30 pm</b> is our school wide Terry Fox Run!</li> </ol> </li> <li><b>FUNDRAISING:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>CASH:</b> We encourage students to bring in Toonies for Terry.</li> <li><b>ONLINE:</b> We are able to fundraise online. Here is the link: <a href="http://www.terryfox.ca/LochsideElementary">http://www.terryfox.ca/LochsideElementary</a></li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<p><b>Drop Off &amp; Pick Up</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thank you to all of our families that are parking off property and walking to school.</li> <li>If you are dropping off please honour our “Drop Off Lane Only” and “Drive Through” lanes by not parking or getting out of your vehicle in those lanes. We ask that parents/guardians drop off as close to the rocks as possible so traffic does not back up on to Royal Oak Ave.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Attendance Protocols for Parents</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents please ensure you let your child’s classroom teacher or the office know the reason for absences. This is consistent with past practice in support of daily attendance routines.</li> <li>Please copy and/or email absences to: <a href="mailto:lochside_attendance@saanichschools.ca">lochside_attendance@saanichschools.ca</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Continued Appreciation To Our LEPAC</b></p>	<p>We would like to share a continued appreciation to our LEPAC for their support in funding all of these activities that make Lochside such a great place to teach &amp; learn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seaquaria</li> <li>Classroom budgets</li> <li>Funds to support clubs</li> <li>Funds for field trips as well as funds for transportation for field trips</li> <li>Swan Lake Education Programs</li> <li>Place-based learning supplies - e.g. shovels and gloves, pickets and signage of native plants in our Beyond the Fence Area; including a budget for courtyard maintenance and learning projects</li> <li>Kindergarten and Primary home reading books</li> <li>Subscriptions for Lexia and Reflex Math</li> <li>Musical instrument repair and maintenance</li> </ul>

- Funds to buy new classroom games - e.g. for indoor recess
- Indoor silent bikes

**Next LEPAC Meeting is Tuesday Oct. 12th**

- The meeting will be in the gym beginning at 6:30.
- Enter directly from outside by using the gym doors located on the blacktop behind the kindergarten classes

**Criminal Record Checks**

- Volunteers working with students in school, accompanying classes on a field trip, or acting as a volunteer driver with students are required to complete a Criminal Record Check for the school district every three years. A list of approved volunteers is maintained by the district and
- schools have access to check names to ensure that a valid CRC is in place.

**School Volunteer Information.** Here is the link:

<https://www.sd63.bc.ca/parents-students/school-volunteer-information>

**September Snapshot**



[September Snapshot - Managing Stress and Adapting to Change \(Students and Parents\)](#)

**Kindergarten Bus Safety Orientation, October 5, 2021**



- Our KF students will be attending a Bus Safety Orientation on Tuesday, October 5th, followed by a bus ride around the neighbourhood. Permission forms have been sent home, please ensure they are returned to the classroom teacher asap.

Tuesday, October 5th	Homerooms
9:45 am	Div. 2 Johnson & Div. 3 McDonnell
12:30 pm	Div. 1 Niedjalski & Div. 4 White/Miller

**Friday Jokes**



- Why did the student eat his homework?  
*Because the teacher told him it was a piece of cake*
- What kind of tree fits in your hand?  
*A palm tree!*

