



# LOCHSIDE ELEMENTARY PARENT/GUARDIAN WEEKLY

Tom Vickers - Principal  
Leila Sinclair-Wise – Vice Principal

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**Friday, October 29, 2021**

Parents/Guardians,

We are grateful to have had lots of mild and sunny weather. This has allowed us to fit in two practice emergency drills without getting the shivers. We are grateful to our Health and Safety team for all of their hard work to ensure we are following protocols and maintaining safety at our school.

Another focus related to health and safety for our community is kindness. *We have witnessed a number of moments where students have helped a classmate who was struggling, and also students giving encouragement to friends who have done a nice job. The more kindness we and our students show, the more we will be able to accomplish great things together.*

Thank you to our staff for their steadfast leadership in outdoor learning, professional development on literacy and indigenous education, and preparing for our Remembrance Day Assembly which will be shared virtually in individual classrooms. This coming month we look forward to parent-teacher conferences, please note the dates for early dismissals below.

We would like to congratulate our newly elected **LEPAC Executive: Co-Presidents** - Anya Rodenburg Yang & Heather Galey; **Vice President** - Priyanka Gupta; **Secretary** - Trish Jackson Mitchell; **Treasurer** - Melissa Joyce **COPACS Rep** - Eva Castelsky; **Volunteer Coordinator** - Krista Henzie; **Wellness and Digital Safety Coordinator** - Caroline Statievsky, **Members at Large** - Lindsay Bryden, Meghan Birch, Leanne Quon-Turple & Mei Wang. We're grateful to these parents/guardians for stepping into these vitally important roles.

With appreciation,




Tom Vickers & Leila Sinclair-Wise

## CALENDAR




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

<b>November</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>January</b>
9 LEPAC Meeting 6:30 pm	6 Report cards go home this wk	3 Stat Holiday
10 Popcorn Day	8 Popcorn Day	4 School Re-opens
10 Poppies provided, donations collected	10 Fun Lunch - Pizza	11- K/1 Hearing Screening
11 Remembrance Day Stat Holiday	14 LEPAC Meeting 6:30 pm	12
12 Non-Instructional Day	20-31 Winter Break	
15 Fruit & Veggie Delivery		
19 Fun Lunch - Subway		
24 Early Dismissal @ 1:48		
25 Early Dismissal @ 1:48		
29 Fruit & Veggie Delivery		

**Information Items:**

<p><b>Trick or TREATS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We recognize that many of our students will be collecting treats over the weekend. We respectfully ask that the “treats” stay home and you continue to pack your amazing “Rainbow” lunches.</li> </ul>
<p><b>November 4th - Celebration of Diwali</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A national holiday in India, Diwali is also known as Deepavali, from the clay lamps (known as <i>diyas</i> or <i>deepas</i>) that people light to celebrate it. This "Festival of Lights," marks the victory of good over evil, light over darkness. Even though it is a Hindu festival, it is celebrated by people of different faiths all across India. (Source: Binny's Diwali by Thrity Umrigar)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Masks</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>Much like kleenex, we suggest you send in a supply of masks for your child(ren) to have at school.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Remembrance Day Poppies</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poppies will be provided for students on Wednesday, November 10th. Classroom teachers will be collecting donations but contributions are not required.</li> </ul>

<b>Drop Off &amp; Pick Up</b>	<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>
<b>Attendance Protocols for Parents</b>	<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>
<b>Get Outside and Get Moving for Well-Being</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Our October Snapshot is focused on getting outside and getting active to support mental health and well-being. Please visit the following link for more information:</li> <li>● <a href="#">Here is the link</a></li> </ul>
<b>Next LEPAC Meeting is Tuesday Nov. 9th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The meeting will be in the gym beginning at 6:30.</li> <li>● Enter directly from outside by using the gym doors located on the blacktop behind the kindergarten classes</li> </ul>
<b>Criminal Record Checks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 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</li> <li>● schools have access to check names to ensure that a valid CRC is in place.</li> <li>● <b>Please note: Criminal Record Checks are taking up to 3 weeks to process at this time.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>School Volunteer Information.</b> Here is the link:  <a href="https://www.sd63.bc.ca/parents-students/school-volunteer-information">https://www.sd63.bc.ca/parents-students/school-volunteer-information</a> </p>

<p><b>TERRY FOX RUN</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Congratulations on completing the Terry Fox Run - Well done Lizards!</li> <li>● A total of \$833.20 was raised by our generous community.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Fall Programs at Saanich Commonwealth Place</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Click <a href="#">here</a> for Fall programs starting in November at Saanich Commonwealth Place.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Friday Jokes</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● What is a balloon's least favourite type of music? "POP" music</li> <li>● What does a cloud wear under his raincoat? "Thunderwear"</li> </ul>

**HAPPY HALLOWEEN FROM LOCHSIDE STAFF**





**PUMPKIN RUN 2021**