



LOCHSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Over the next few weeks, teachers will begin the process of reporting about your child's progress at school. Formal reports will be sent home during the week of November 25th to the 29th. Assessment, evaluation and reporting are terms that parents hear often during this period. It is important to understand that they represent three distinct aspects of determining student progress. **Assessment** represents the process that teachers go through in collecting information about what the child knows, is able to do and is learning to do. This information is generally gathered through tasks that the students perform.

Evaluation represents the process of making judgments and decisions based on the evidence gathered during assessment for the purpose of goal setting and/or reporting. The teacher or the student may do evaluation independently or in collaboration. Finally, **reporting** is the process of presenting and communicating information about a student's learning and progress, gained through evaluation based on identified standards. Reporting may be done in writing, through a conference or informally. The processes of assessment, evaluation and reporting are ongoing.



We have three formal written reports each year (November, March and June). Processes staff members use will vary. Some teachers prefer to hold conferences first and then issue reports. Others may issue the report prior to meeting with you. Some teachers may schedule their conferences on the "Early Closure Days" or

later on in the month. Others may make arrangements to convene interviews in the afternoons and evenings - over the course of a week or two. Each teacher will convey information about the reporting process to the parents of his or her class. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher.

Respectfully,
Joe Grewal, Principal

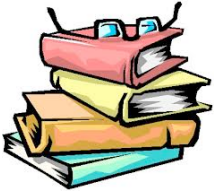


EARLY DISMISSAL November 5th, 6th and 7th

We have Early Dismissal Days coming up on November 5th, 6th and 7th. This is an opportunity for you to connect with your child's teacher. **Students will be dismissed at 1:48 pm** on each of the three days. Teachers will be conveying information to parents about the times, schedules, etc. If you have any questions please contact your child's teacher.

Dates to Note

- Tue. Nov. 5th 1:48 pm Early Dismissal
- Wed. Nov. 6th 1:48 pm Early Dismissal
- Thur. Nov. 7th 10:00 a.m. Remembrance Day Assembly
1:48 pm Early Dismissal
- Fri. Nov. 8th **Non-Instructional Day** (No School for Students)
- Mon. Nov. 11th **Remembrance Day** (Stat Holiday)
- Fri. Nov. 15th LEPAC Fun Lunch
- Wed. Nov. 20th 6:30 p.m. LEPAC Meeting
- Nov. 15, 18 & 19th Scholastic Book Fair
- Fri. Nov. 22nd Popcorn Day
12:30-2:40 pm Gr. 4/5 Indoor Soccer Jamboree @ Claremont



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
November 15, 18 and 19th
For LEPAC - Judy Payne & Kelly Perry

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! Reading is vital to leading a better life and a door opener to the 21st century. Knowing how to read is just the beginning. Motivating young people to keep reading, comprehend what they read and develop the ability to think creatively are the end goals. Scholastic Book Fairs has lots of books to motivate more reading. With your involvement, we can inspire children to practice reading and read more often.

Help grant book wishes - one classroom at a time! Please look for the **Classroom Wish List** display at the Book Fair. We encourage you to stop by the CWL display when you first arrive at the Fair. Take a moment to learn how purchasing books and donating them to your child's classroom, can give little readers even greater access to the books they want to read by expanding existing classroom libraries.

Every family that visits the fair has a chance to **WIN** books for your own home library and books for your child's classroom. Look for the ballot on the fair brochure coming home with your child the week of November 11th.

We need volunteers too! If you can help, please email Mary Brookes: lepacvolunteers@gmail.com
Friday, November 15th - 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm;
Monday, November 18th - 8:00 am to 9:15 am, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm and 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm;
Tuesday, November 19th - 8:00 am to 9:15 am and 11:00 am to 12:30 pm.



STUDENT TARDINESS

We have some students who are frequently late in arriving to school. The warning bell sounds at 8:35 am which gives students time to take off their coats, hang up their backpacks, change shoes and be

ready to start at 8:40 am. When students are late they are missing out on morning routines, instructions from the teacher and a chance to connect with their friends. We would really appreciate your cooperation in making sure your child (ren) is/are getting to school on time.



REMEMBRANCE DAY
ASSEMBLY

We will be hosting our annual Remembrance Day Assembly on Thursday, November 7th at 10:00 am. Parents/Guardians are welcome to join us for this important assembly as we pay tribute to the men and women who have served, and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict and peace. Please remember to send in a small **donation to support the Poppy Fund** that helps veterans in need of clothing, shelter, transportation, medical assistance, etc.



HAUNTED CIRCUS
FAMILY DANCE

Our Halloween Dance party on Thursday, October 24th was well attended. The dance was a huge success due to the efforts of the LEPAC Executive and parents who helped out. We had an excellent turnout for the dance. Students and their families had a great time interacting with each other and enjoying the delicious food.

There was a tremendous amount of time spent planning, organizing, decorating and preparing for this event. A big thank you to Mike & Dianne Brooks, Terry Wong, Eric Kristianson, Stephanie Kalabric, Rachel Calder, Scarlet Yum, Mary Brookes, Marie Guenther, Bob Warrender, and Rachel & Dave Calder. Additionally, Terry and Stephanie Wong did a great job of cooking and DJ Ivica Kalabric provided the music. There were many other people who helped out during the dance. Thank you everyone for your efforts on this evening!



PARKING LOT REMINDERS

- Be patient - give yourself an extra 10 minutes
- Do Not Stop right at the front entrance - as it causes traffic to back up
- Don't Leave Your Vehicle Unattended in the Drop Off Lane.
- Do not park in the No Parking areas as it restricts traffic flow.

DRESS APPROPRIATELY FOR FALL WEATHER

The weather in the fall can be wet and windy. Students spend the majority of the day inside the school building. We would like to get them outside for some fresh air and exercise at recess and lunch. Please make sure your child is dressed for the fall weather. Wearing layers of clothing like sweaters, sweatshirts and jackets are a great way to stay warm. Outdoor shoes are highly recommended since our field can be wet and muddy at times.



INDOOR SOCCER

The indoor soccer season is in full swing. We have over 50 students assigned to three different teams. The students play indoor soccer Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at lunch. Our grade four and five students are very keen and motivated to participate in our school soccer league. We have scheduled a Soccer Jamboree on Friday afternoon Nov. 22nd @ Claremont Secondary. Permission forms will be sent home in the next couple of weeks. Thank you to coaches Bob Warrender, Sherry Seabrooke, Helena Takhar and Shawn Mckean for supporting indoor soccer.



LOST & FOUND

We have many items of students' clothing in our Lost & Found. Please check out the coat hooks by the kindergarten classrooms for missing items of

clothing including jackets, hoodies, shoes, shirts, pants, etc.



Thank you to:

- The Green Team led by Computer Lab Assistant Sandy Rainer and teachers Stephanie Kenny, Helen Hawley, & Sarah Ewart for helping to keep our school grounds clean.
- Our teaching staff for all of their effort in getting ready for parent teacher conferencing and reporting.
- Parents Kevin Shields and Bernhard Spalteholz for their assistance in re-organizing and replenishing our earthquake supplies.
- Tin Kwan for organizing our Fun Lunches for all of the Lochside students.
- Members of the LEPAC Executive and other parents who helped to organize the Haunted Circus Family Dance.



Reflex Math is an online software application designed to help students of all ability levels to develop fluency with their basic facts in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We are currently piloting the program for students in grades two to five. By the end of this week all students in grades 2 to 5 will have their individual login information. This application can be accessed from home. If you need any more information, a login and password, etc. please ask your child's classroom teacher, Sandi Rainer or Mr. Grewal.

Please help your child try this application at home and let us know what you think. The website address is: www.reflexmath.com



ANNUAL PUMPKIN SMASH!

You're invited to the Compost Education Centre's 10th Annual Pumpkin Smash! Give your jack-o-lantern a proper burial! Join the

Greater Victoria Compost Education Centre for post Halloween family fun and games, November 2nd and 3rd. Smash your pumpkins in our giant compost bin instead of sending them to the landfill! Intact edible pumpkins will be donated to local food banks.

Saturday Nov 2nd 10 am - 3 pm at Broadmead Thrifty Foods 777 Royal Oak Drive

Sunday Nov 3rd 10 am - 3 pm at Cloverdale Thrifty Foods 3475 Quadra at Cloverdale

Greater Victoria Compost Education Centre

1216 North Park Street

Victoria BC V8T 1C9

Website www.compost.bc.ca



PREVENTING COLDS AND INFLUENZA (FLU)

Cold and influenza season is here.

As the weather gets cooler and we move indoors, so do germs. Children need reminders to decrease the risk of colds and flu in your house by:

- ◆ Washing hands often
- ◆ Coughing and sneezing into their elbow
- ◆ Not sharing facecloths or towels
- ◆ Keeping hands away from nose and mouth
- ◆ Not sharing food or drink with others

To help limit the spread of germs, please keep your child at home if he or she is feverish, coughing a lot, has a thick yellow or green discharge from the nose, or is otherwise obviously unwell.

Viruses cause colds and influenza. The most effective treatment for a cold is rest and fluids. The influenza vaccine will protect against specific types of influenza. Antibiotics will not make a cold or other virus go away faster. However, more serious infections can start out as a cold. Call your doctor if

your child has an earache, fever higher than 39° C (102° F), rash, is very sleepy, very cranky or fussy, has trouble breathing or a cough that will not go away.

Handwashing is the most effective way to stop the spread of germs that cause colds, influenza, diarrhea, and other illnesses. To wash hands properly:

- ◆ **Wet** hands under warm running water
- ◆ **Scrub** with plain soap for a count of **20**, all over hands and between fingers
- ◆ **Rinse** under running water for a count of **10**
- ◆ **Dry** hands with a clean paper towel
- ◆ **Turn** off taps with a paper towel

Remember to wash hands:

- ◆ Before and after eating or handling food
- ◆ After using the toilet, handling pets, coughing, sneezing, or wiping noses

For more information contact:

Health Units:

Esquimalt 250-519-5311

Salt Spring Island 250-538-4880

Outer Gulf Islands 250-539-3099

PRO-FUN DAY 5-10 YRS

FRIDAY, NOV. 8TH

We guarantee FUN in this day-long extravaganza of fun. Despite the fact the camp takes place in a school, there will be no school related business, no homework and no tests, simply games, arts and crafts, running and playing and a swim to cap it all off.

Royal Oak Middle School

Pro-FUN Day

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Register Online at Saanich Commonwealth Place or phone 250 475 7600 ext. 1