



LOCHSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone the very best for the upcoming holiday season. Thank you to all members of our school community for working together to make Lochside Elementary School such a great place to learn. Thank you to all of our students for their effort with their schoolwork and kindness to each other on the playground. Thank you to all staff for their hard work and commitment during the first term. To the parents, grandparents, and community volunteers, we cannot thank you enough for your assistance throughout the year. Without the ongoing and positive support of students, staff, parents, grandparents, and community members, Lochside Elementary School would not be the successful school community that it is today. On behalf of all of our staff at Lochside Elementary, I would like to wish everyone a joyful and relaxing Winter Break!

Respectfully,
Joe Grewal, Principal

DATES TO NOTE:

Nov. 30 - Dec. 4th Reporting Week
Thur. Dec. 3rd 7:00 pm COPACS Meeting @ Lochside Elementary
Nov. 30-Dec. 11th Food Drive
Tue. Dec. 15th 1:30 pm Winter Concerts # 1
Wed. Dec. 16th 1:30 pm Winter Concerts # 2
Fri. Dec. 18th Last day before Winter Break & Intermediate Swim (PM)
Mon. Jan. 4th School Re-Opens
Wed. Jan. 13th 3:15 – 5:30 pm Ready Set Learn – Preschoolers Visit
Wed. Jan. 20th 6:30- 8:00 pm LEPAC Meeting
7:00 pm K Information Evening @ Sidney Elementary
Mon. Feb. 8th Family Day Statutory Holiday
Fri. Feb. 12th NID – New Curriculum
Fri. Feb. 19th Non-Instructional Day
Thu. Mar. 3rd 1:48 pm Early Dismissal
Mar. 14 - 28th School Closure, Spring Break & Easter

WINTER CONCERTS

Students have been getting ready for our Winter Concerts with our Artist-In-Residence, Gill Chater. There will be an opportunity for parents to attend the concerts on **Tuesday and Wednesday, December 15th and 16th at 1:30 pm**. We have divided the concert up into primary and intermediate. Please arrive on time and hopefully you can stay for the entire performance so that there are few disruptions as possible. Hope to see you all on the 15th and/or 16th of December!

Tues. December 15th 1:30 pm	Wed. December 16th 1:30 pm
Mrs. McDonnell K, Mrs. Takhar/Erickson & Ms Norris	Mr. O'Connor 4/5
Grade 1s Mrs. Coutre/Miller, Mrs. Bell & Mrs. Whitehead	Mrs. Smith 4/5
Grade 2s Mrs Bell, Mrs. Cavallin & Mrs. Sihoe	Ms. Seabrooke 4/5
Grade 3s Mrs. Kenny, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Skrivanos & Mr. Niedjalski	Mr. Warrender 4/5
	Mrs. Espedido 4/5



NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTIONS

Lochside PAC sends out weekly notices via the website. If you are not receiving these "Monday Updates" then you must go to the Lochside website and subscribe. Here is the link:

<http://lochside.sd63.bc.ca/>

From the main page, click Parents tab then a drop down menu will appear and select PAC Page. It is here that you select "Send me forum posts by email" on the right side column, at the bottom.

You can also subscribe to the School Newsletter as well as the Front Page News from our home page by scrolling to the bottom of the Quick Links.



KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION **EVENING**

Wednesday, January 20th, 2016
7pm- 8:30 pm
Sidney Elementary
2281 Henry Avenue, Sidney

- Engaging Learners through play.
- Optimal learning environments for success
- Beginning literacy, language and numeracy development
- A day in Kindergarten
- Opportunities to be involved at the school.
- French Immersion option (K-12)



Kindergarten **Registration**

January 25th – 29th, 2016 at your neighbourhood school. All children born in 2011 are eligible to begin Full Day Kindergarten.

Our Kindergarten programs offer:

- Teachers who are knowledgeable in early childhood development.
- Engaging learning opportunities through play.
- Optimal learning environments for the success of every child.
- French language instruction.
- Rich literacy and numeracy experiences.

To register at your neighbourhood school please bring:

- Proof of your address (resident driver's license, utility bill, etc).
- Proof of your child's age (birth certificate).
- Your child's BC Care Card.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

• The indoor soccer season finished off the year with a jamboree at Claremont on Friday, November 6th.

- Grade 2, 3, 4 & 5 Choir has been practicing on Thursday at lunch with Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Cavallin & Mrs. Kenny
- Swim Club coached by Mrs. Ewart takes place on Wednesdays after school.
- The Knitting Club is being organized by Mrs. Hillier and meets on Wednesdays at lunch.

- After Winter Break we will be starting up basketball for students in grades 4 and 5.

LOST AND FOUND

Please remember to check out our Lost and Found. There are many items of clothing left outside by our students. Unclaimed items will be sent to a local charity during the Winter Break.

CALENDAR NOTICE

So you know, the Board passed the following motions in its public meeting of [November 25, 2016](#):

That, further to direction from the Ministry of Education to convert two instructional days this school year to non-instructional days for curriculum implementation in-service, the Board convert two full days for that purpose.

That the Board convert [Friday February 12, 2016](#) and [Monday April 11, 2016](#) to non-instructional days.

Many thanks,

Keven Elder,
Superintendent of Schools
Saanich School District

LEPAC ITEMS



FILL THE HOUSE FOOD DRIVE

Our "Fill the House" Food Drive began on [Monday!](#) Please watch for details and paper bags from Thrifty's that were sent home with students on [Friday](#). We are happy to announce that this year we are not only accepting donations of dry goods, but will also be accepting monetary donations and donations of gift cards to help the Mustard Seed provide complete [Christmas](#) hampers (dry goods, toys and certificates to purchase fresh produce/turkey and/or clothing) to families in need. Bags of dry goods can be delivered to our giant house in the school foyer. There will be a donation bucket under the tree in the foyer for any monetary or gift card donations.

We will also be sponsoring families within our own community this year and their wish list items will

be hung on the tree in the foyer. If you would like to fulfill a wish, please take an ornament off the tree and return the purchased item under the tree, we will then add those wish list items to complete a [Christmas](#) hamper for families within our community. This is such a wonderful cause and we thank you all for your support!

Thank you to Nicole Whitsitt, Heather, Caul , Liz Belanger, Kirsty Hooker, Marissa Cameron, Jeni Norris, Brenda Greenwood, Alysha Boss, Jennifer Todd and everyone else who helped with organizing and building. Also, Trish Jackson Mitchell and Paige Mashford provided our boxes.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thank you to our parent community for supporting our Scholastic Book Fair! A big thank you to Kelly P. Tina L. for helping organize and special thanks to Alex S., Carolyn P., Reet D. and Mami K. Also, thank you to our parent volunteers! Our events could not happen without you:
Mary B., Don, M., Susan T., Cheryl G., Lynne L., Ana, T., Christine D., Trish M., Kathryn W., Sandra G., Colleen M., Bonnie V., Judy P., Orla C., Yvonne D., Jennifer M., Allison S., Julie A., Janice B., Moira F., Joanne S., Lucy S., Jeff T., Andrea H., Katie W., Meagan M., Mark C., Kelly E., Christine C., Paige M. and Tanna M.
Mr. Grewal, Ms. O'Leary, Ms. Heppell and Ms. Babcock, thank you so much for your continuous support and assistance with all of LEPAC's events. The Book Fair was a great success and we exceeded our fundraising goal! We were also able to provide our Learning Commons with over a thousand dollars in new books and learning materials.

HOLIDAY BOOK SHOP

We are happy to announce that the Holiday Book Shop will take place again this year and it promises to be a fun and affordable way for our students to buy a literacy focused gift for loved ones. Each item at the Book Shop will be priced at \$1.00 each and will be wrapped at our special wrapping station. But, we need your help to make this event a success! You are invited to make a donation of gently used books as well as paper, bows & gift tags. Fiction and non-fiction books for all ages are encouraged!

We will collect donations of books, paper, bows

and gift tags for the Holiday Book Shop from [November 30th](#) to [December 10th](#) in wrapped boxes outside the Multi-Purpose Room. Once we sort and organize the donations, the Holiday Book Shop will then be open to students for shopping on [Friday, December 11th](#) and [Monday, December 14th](#). Net proceeds will be shared between the Mustard Seed Food Bank and LEPAC.

A big thank you to Alysha B. and Jenni E. for organizing!