



# LOCHSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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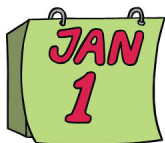
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## HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

### Dear Parents/Guardians:

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone the very best for the upcoming holidays. 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 students for their efforts with their schoolwork and kindness to each other on the playground. Thank you to all staff members as their positive attitude and effort to support our students are greatly appreciated. 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 success 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:

- Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Holiday
- Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Bookshop – Stage
- Fri. Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> Dress Rehearsals @ 9:00 am & Winter Concerts @ 1:30 pm
- Mon. Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am Little Story Theatre & Sing-A-Long
- Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> Last day before Winter Break
- Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> School Re-Opens
- Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> 3:15 – 5:45 pm Ready Set Learn
- Feb. 2 - 6<sup>th</sup> 6:30- 8:00 pm LEPAC Meeting
- Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> Family Literacy Day
- Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm K Information Evening @ Sidney Elementary
- Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten Registration
- Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> Family Day Statutory Holiday
- Mar. 9 – 20<sup>th</sup> Non-Instructional Day
- Spring Break

## 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 view the concerts on Monday and Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. 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 15<sup>th</sup> and/or 16<sup>th</sup> of December!

<u>Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup></u>
Mrs. McDonnell K	Mr. Koopmans K/1
Mrs. Takhar K	Mrs. Whitehead 1
Mrs. Coutre/Miller 1	Mrs. Sihoe 1/2
Mrs. Bell 2	Mrs. Cavallin 2
Mrs. Kenny 3	Mr. Kachmar 3
Mr. Niedjalski 3	Intermediate Choir
Intermediate Choir	Mr. Warrender 4/5
Ms. Hawley 4/5	Ms. Seabrooke 4/5
Mrs. Smith 4/5	Mrs. Gillingham 4/5



### HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Thank you to LEPAC for organizing our Food Drive from November 24<sup>th</sup> to December 5<sup>th</sup>. The response from the Lochside parent community has been amazing! A big thank you to the LEPAC and the following parents for organizing the Food Drive: Kelly Perry, Jeni Norris, Alysha Boss, Marissa Cameron, Jenn Todd, Kirsty Hooker and Nicole Whitsitt. Thank you to all parents who sent food items during the last few weeks. We were able to put together eight hampers for families in our local community as well as send a large quantity of food to the Mustard Seed Food Bank.

**Send \$2 if you want your child to buy books at the Holiday Bookshop – Mon. & Tue. Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>**

## **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.



## **STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL**

Every morning we have a large of number students who arrive late to school and miss out on morning routines in their classrooms. When students arrive late it can also be disruptive to others in the classroom and create unnecessary anxiety for students arriving late. Please help us get students here early in the morning so they can begin school on time. Thank you for your consideration.



## **KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION EVENING**

Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
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)

## **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.

## **EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**



- The indoor soccer season finished off the year with a jamboree at Claremont on Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Intermediate Choir has been practicing on Tuesdays at lunch with Mrs. Chater.
- Swim Club coached by Ms. McLeay takes place on Wednesdays after school.
- The Knitting Club is being organized by Mrs. Hillier and meets on Thursdays at lunch.
- After Winter Break we will be starting up basketball for students in grades 4 and 5.
- Parent Betsy Dunphy will be organizing a Lego Club that will start up soon.



## **Kindergarten Registration**

February 2 to February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
at your neighbourhood school. All children born in 2010 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.