



## LOCHSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

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). Formal reports will be sent home during the week of Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup>. Please note that teachers will have less information about each child to report on during this term because students missed the first three weeks of school due to the strike. If you have any questions or concerns, then please contact your child's teacher.

Respectfully,  
Joe Grewal, Principal

### Dates to Note

Fri. Nov. 28 <sup>th</sup>	12:30 Soccer Jamboree 5:45 pm LEPAC Movie Night
Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>	Reports go home
Nov. 24-Dec. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday Food Drive
Fri. Dec. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Popcorn Day
Dec. 8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday Bookshop
Fri. Dec. 12 <sup>th</sup>	LEPAC Fun Lunch
Dec. 15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup>	1:30 pm Winter Concerts
Fri. Dec. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Last day before Winter Break
Mon. Jan. 5 <sup>th</sup>	School Re-Opens
Wed. Jan. 21 <sup>st</sup>	3:15-5:45 Ready Set Learn
Feb. 2 - 6 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten Registration



### REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

On November 6<sup>th</sup> Lochside students and staff honoured the men and women who have served Canada over the course of its history. The assembly was very moving and demonstrated a depth of understanding by our students about the importance of Remembrance Day. Thank you to the students, staff, parents and community members who attended and were part of this important assembly.

### MOVEMBER PANCAKE BREAKFAST



8:00-9:00 am Friday Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>

Some of the male staff members at Lochside Elementary are participating in Movember by raising funds for prostate cancer research. We would like to invite parents and staff to a pancake breakfast at 8:00 am on November 28<sup>th</sup> in the Multipurpose Room. Please drop by for good conversation, delicious pancakes & coffee/tea.  
**Price: Free or a Loonie/ Toonie (Adults only)**



### 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 45 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. 28<sup>th</sup> @ Claremont Secondary. Permission forms will be sent home in the next couple of weeks. Thank you to coaches Bob Warrender, Sherry Seabrooke, Helena Takhar, Mark Niedjalski and Glenn Kachmar for supporting indoor soccer.

### SWIM CLUB

We have over 30 students signed up for Swim Club for Grades 3 - 5. Swim Club takes place after school on Wednesdays at Commonwealth Place. Thank you to teacher, Kathryn McLeay, for organizing Swim Club for our students. We are looking forward to a great year for our swim team.



### HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

LEPAC is organizing a Food Drive from November 24<sup>th</sup> - December 5<sup>th</sup>. Please help your child remember our responsibility to the less fortunate people in our community. We are asking students to "Help Fill the House" in the foyer!

### 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. In the middle of December we will be sending the items from the Lost and Found to our local shelter.



### *Thank you to . . .*

- Tin Kwan for organizing our Fun Lunches for all of the Lochside students.
- Our teaching staff for all of hard work and preparation for parent conferences and writing student report cards.
- Kelly Perry for being our Coordinator of the BC School Fruit and Veggie Program.
- Our Learning Services staff for providing daily support to all of our learners.
- Carolyn Phillips, Jeff Thom, Mark Creswick and other parents who are helping our with the Morning Watch.

### WINTER CONCERTS

Students have been working with our Artist-In-Residence, Gill Chater, on Mondays and Tuesdays during the months of October and November. We will be having two Winter Concerts on Monday and Tuesday, December 15/16 in the afternoon. We will be sending more information about these concerts in the following few weeks. A big thank you to LEPAC for supporting our Artist-In-Residence for our students.



### BOOK FAIR

The recently held Book Fair was very successful. Thanks to parent Kelly Perry and her group of volunteers who helped to organize the Book Fair. The list of volunteers included the following parents: A. Boss,

M. Brookes, D. Mellings, T. Mellings, K. Parsons, C. Philips, J. Holland, A. Tsui, L. Hood, A. Hayes, V. Kerr, O. Colgate, R. Calder, S. Yum, Allison S., T. McMicking, J. Marriette, M. Posthuma, N. Whitsitt, C. McNamee, M. Cole, B. Dunphy, L. Larson and Judy Z. Thank you also to our teacher librarian Cindy Heppell and librarian assistant, Mary-Anne Babcook.

## HOLIDAY BOOKSHOP

The Holiday Bookshop is back this year on **December 8 & 9<sup>th</sup>**. All books cost \$1 and Students will be able to purchase lightly used books as gifts for two family members. Proceeds from the Holiday Bookshop will be split between LEPAC and The Mustard Seed Food Bank.

In order to run the Holiday Bookshop, we need Lochside families to donate books. Please bring your lightly used books to school the week of **December 1 – 5<sup>th</sup>** and take them to the marked area on the gym stage or place in the marked box by the office. We are looking for all ages and levels of reading including adult, young adult, chapter books and early readers as well as a range of Fiction, non-fiction, cook books, craft books. We also appreciate donations of wrapping paper, bows and gift tags.

On **December 9<sup>th</sup>** from 2:45 - 4pm, once all students have had a chance to shop with their classes, parents and students are welcome to attend and purchase any remaining books for 1\$ each. The success of the Holiday Bookshop relies on our volunteers. We are looking for volunteers to fill the following shifts:

### **Set-up:**

**Dec 8<sup>th</sup>:** 7:45 - 8:40 am

### **Gift Shop:**

**Dec 8<sup>th</sup>** - 8:40 to 11:15 am and 12:15 -2:45 pm

**Dec 9<sup>th</sup>** - 8:40 to 11:15 am & 12:15 - 2:45 pm  
and 2:45-4:00 pm

Please email the following to volunteer:  
lochsideholidaybooks@gmail.com

Thank You,  
Allison S., Alison K. and Tanna M.



## **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