



Welcome all Lochside families!

We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer and are excited to begin a great school year! We would like to take this opportunity to share some important information as we begin the year:

### **What is LEPAC?**

If you have children at Lochside you are an automatic member of the Lochside Elementary Parent Advisory Council (LEPAC). LEPAC is dedicated to promoting effective communication between home and school, meeting with the administration to provide the parents voice and perspective, support the school's goals, and pursue educational enhancement opportunities.

### **Communication**

Due to this school year being unique, effective and up-to-date information is crucial. As we have witnessed this past few months, information is changing daily in regards to health, safety, and education. We strongly encourage every Lochside family to read LEPAC's communication to not only be aware of current information regarding LEPAC, but to also stay connected with our community. Four areas where we have established ways to communicate with our parent community are:

#### **1) Weekly emails**

LEPAC sends out a weekly email, which will include reminders of important dates, volunteer opportunities, and information on LEPAC initiatives such as Lochside apparel, etc. In order to receive our emails, **EVERY FAMILY (RETURNING OR NEW) MUST GO TO LOCHSIDE WEBSITE AND CLICK THE FOLLOWING: PARENTS>SUBSCRIPTIONS>SUBSCRIBE TO PAC NEWS. Type in your email address and click SUBSCRIBE TO SELECTED FORUMS.** It's that easy!

#### **2) LEPAC Monthly Meetings**

LEPAC hosts monthly meetings. Please note that our LEPAC meetings have changed and now will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH (UNLESS OTHER WISE NOTED) FROM 6:30-8:00PM. We are hoping to continue to provide parents with the option to attend by either online (zoom) or a physically distanced in-person located in the Lochside gymnasium. What options are offered will depend greatly on what the current situation in regards to health and safety, which will always

be our top priority! Please read our weekly emails for the current and up to date information regarding these meetings. Please also note that due to health and safety concerns, we will not be providing childcare at this time. At our LEPAC meetings, we discuss important topics such as our budget and general concerns we may have as parents. We also have our administrative team in attendance where they provide their administrative report. Please join us!

### **3) Facebook**

We encourage all Lochside parents to like and follow our Lochside Parents Facebook page. We post reminders of events and/or dates as well as parent education articles. We feel that during this time, Facebook will provide our parents with the opportunity to feel connected to our amazing community. To find us, simply search Lochside Elementary Parents' Page.

### **4) Lochside Webpage**

We encourage our parent community to regularly visit our school's website. LEPAC's information including our approved minutes, constitution and contact information can be found when you click PARENTS>PAC PAGE.

As your LEPAC exec, we will continue to dedicate our time and energy in providing effective communication, support the school's goals, effectively liaise with the administration providing the parents voice and perspective and pursue educational enhancement opportunities. We thank you for your support, patience and understanding, as we continue to learn and navigate through the unique set of challenges this year brings.

We look forward to connecting with our amazing Lochside community throughout this year. On behalf of LEPAC, we wish you and your family a very happy and successful year at Lochside.

Yours truly,

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