



LOCHSIDE ELEMENTARY PARENT/GUARDIAN NEWS

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April 2023

ÍY SÇÁCÉL, Hello Parents & Guardians,

Welcome back! It was so lovely to have all our students back in the building yesterday morning. By the sounds of all the chatter and laughter, students are happy to be back at school, and have had a fun-filled, restful Spring Break. As we enter our final term of the year, April holds lots of exciting events. We are looking forward to welcoming [Anne Glover](#), multi-cultural storyteller through string art, over the next few weeks (April 5 -13). Each class will have an opportunity to listen to stories along with engaging in activities with string. Thank you to LEPAC for supporting this cultural initiative, and to Madame Canady and Mademoiselle Ewart for organizing this for our students. We are also excited to host our first ever Lochside Lizard Olympics today for all students K-5. Ask your children afterschool what events they participated in!

Cross Country will be starting up for our grade 3-5 students. Practices will take place at lunch time. Students are encouraged to wear proper running gear and shoes for practices and meets. All meets will take place afterschool at Centennial Park. A permission form will be coming home, today, Tuesday, April 04 for all students interested.

- Meet #1 - April 19th
- Meet #2 - April 26
- Meet #3 - May 3

Every year, students in grade 4, as well as parents, staff and principals/vice-principals are requested to respond to the Student Learning Survey. Please see the [Deputy Minister's Bulletin](#) for more information. The survey is open until April 28, 2023. If you are interested in filling out this survey, please click on this [link](#). You do not need a login code to access the survey. You do not need to be a parent of a student in grade 4 to access the survey either. All grade 4 students have already filled out this survey before Spring Break.

We look forward to another term full of engaged learning and fun. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to email, call or come in to chat. Thank you for your continued support of our school.

With gratitude, HÍSWKE,

Helena Takhar & Leila Sincliar-Wise

CALENDAR

Please Note: This calendar is in process - there will be updates going forward

Please continue to check the [school website](#) for updates.

<p>April 2023 03- School reopens 05 - Lions Club Grade 3 Vision Testing 07- Good Friday 10- Easter Monday 11 - LEPAC mtg 6:30pm 12- Popcorn Day 14- Fun Lunch (Subway) 14 - ROMS band performing for intermediate students 17/18th - Kindergarten Dental/Hearing Screening 18- Ready, Set, Learn 19- Cross Country Meet #1 @ Centennial Park 24- NID 26- Cross Country Meet #2 @ Centennial Park 27 - Lockdown Drill 28- Fun Lunch</p>	<p>May 2023 08,11 & 17 - Maturation Talks for Grade 4/5 09 - LEPAC mtg 6:30pm 09 - 11 Hop on Cycling Gr ½ 10 - Popcorn Day 12 - Fun Lunch 16 - Class Picture Day 19 - Professional Development Day - no school 22 - Victoria Day - STAT 26 - Fun Lunch 31 - Camp Imodene Gr 4/5</p>	<p>June 2023 02 - Fun Lunch 07 - Popcorn 08 - Track Meet Gr 3-5 13 - LEPAC mtg 6:30pm 16 - Fun Lunch 22 - Talent Show (Afternoon) 22 - LEPAC End of Year BBQ 23 - Fun Day (morning) 23 - Talent Show (Afternoon) 27 - Farewell Assembly TBD 27 - Grade 5 Beach Day 29 - Last Day of School - Report Cards distributed</p>
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Information Items:


PEXSISEN - The moon of the opening hands - the blossoming out moon



- All the plants and trees are opening up their hands again and the moon meets their welcome. All of nature is blooming. At this time the Brant Geese are dried. The Earth renews its strength.
- During this time, the Saanich Peoples hunted and dried XELXELJ (Brant Geese) for future use. Float nets were placed where the XELXELJ would feed along the tide line to capture the geese. Clams, Oysters and mussels were at their best this time of year, too.
- Cedar trees were fallen at this time of year to make **boats**, among other things. The warmer weather also caused the tree sap to run up the trees, making it easier to strip the bark. The fallen trees were then left to cure and the bark was saved for weaving into mats and clothing.
- Before the Saanich People started to raise sheep, they would use goat and dog hair for spinning yarn and knitting. Their primary wool source was a breed of dog that was small, white and wooly. The warmer weather caused the dogs to shed and their hair would be gathered for carding and later, knitting.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

- What animal hair or wool is used in other countries? (e.g. Llamas)
- What activities happen in Western culture’s Gregorian calendar that are similar to those in the First Nations?

<p>SPORTS FOR KIDS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sports for Kids will be starting up in April just after the Easter Break. The program can take up to 50 kids for 30 minutes before school (8:05 - 8:35am) to release energy and get started for the day. We are excited to have this program at our school again. More information will come out this week with regards to sign up information.
<p>LOCKDOWN DRILL</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● On April 11, at the LEPAC meeting, Constable Dean Robson will be in attendance to share the rationale and process for how a Lockdown/Secure & Hold drill is performed at an Elementary School level. Our Lockdown Drill will be held on April 27th.
<p>READY SET LEARN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ready, Set, Learn for 3-5 year old will be held on April 18th, 2023 at the TSAWOUT gym from 3:30-5:30pm. ● Families are invited to join in and participate in hands-on learning activities. ● There will be food and refreshments, gift bags and door prizes ● Address: 7728 Tetayut Rd., Saanichton
<p>INDIGENOUS ATLAS OF CANADA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Before the break we had the opportunity for our school to host the Indigenous Atlas of Canada. It was wonderful to see so many families come and observe this map, and learn facts about the map from their children. We are hoping to bring this map back to our school every year. 
<p>SALISH WEAVE COLLECTION</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We will be hosting 6-8 prints from the Salish Weave Collection from April 11-28th in the front foyer of the school. ● Everyone is welcome to come view this beautiful art collection

UPDATE FROM LPAC

Welcome back after what we hope was a wonderful Spring Break.

Call For Nominations!

We are looking for people to join our LEPAC Executive for the 2022/23 School Year. We are looking for people to fill the following positions:

- COPACS Rep
- Communications Coordinator
- Member at Large

If you would like information about these positions please contact us at lochsidepac63@gmail.com.

We hope to announce our LEPAC nominations at our next meeting on April 11th. LEPAC is a great way to participate in the school community and gives so much value to your children's school experience.

Spirit Wear

The Spirit Wear store is back open until April 16.

We are hoping to get a few more orders in so that we can make this run of clothing happen!

<https://store.passionsports.ca/Lochside/shop/home>

THRIFTY FOODS FAMILY 1.5KM RUN



- Join Team “Lochside Lizards” for the TC10K's **Thrifty Foods Family Run 1.5K** held on Sunday, April 30th, 2023.
- Here is the link to sign up directly for our school team. The entry fee is \$20 and the deadline for early bird is January 31st.
- Price of entry increases after January 31st, 2023.
- <https://raceroster.com/registration/d538d2c9-f186-4358-abd0-5ce7bda4454e/entry?team=467607>
- We will send out an update about race package pickup when the information is known.

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THE UPSIDE YOUTH CENTRE

**STEPPING
UP TO
MIDDLE
SCHOOL**

April 4th - June 13th
Tuesday's - 3:30 - 5:30

@ The Upside Youth Centre
Saanich Commonwealth Place

REGISTER HERE ✨

A FREE social for
grade 5 students
looking to meet new
friends who are going
to the same middle
school next year.

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