



At Larson we are all learners. Students, staff and families are collectively responsible for creating, contributing and sustaining conditions that promote growth, safety and belonging for all

Larson Weekly Update June 28-30, 2021

Intention of the Week: I throw kindness like confetti



Core Competency Focus of the Week: I am kind to others, can work and play cooperatively, and can build relationships with others

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: National Indigenous Peoples Day - June 21



June 21 was National Indigenous Peoples Day in Canada. At Larson, we extended our learning and our celebrations throughout the week of June 21-25 to explore important cultural and historical components of Indigenous Education and their connections to our Orca values here at Larson. The photos you see above are examples of work that were created during one of the lessons that focussed on the impact of colonization. This poem, written collaboratively by the Grade 1 students in F10, represents the children's responses to feeling loss.

Staffing Update



At this time of year, there are many changes to school organizations and staffing. This year we have had some changes to our Office Staff before the end of the school year. We said good bye to Ms Sonia Ross as she accepted a position at Braemar and we have subsequently welcomed Ms Collen Reilly back to Larson. We have also welcomed Ms. Pat Taylor to our Office Team.

Mr. Colin Young, Ms Heidi Benoit, Ms Emily Norvell, M Rival Roussel, Mme Isabelle Dion and Mme Moira Vis will all be teaching in different schools or locations next year. These teachers have contributed tremendously to our learning community, and they will be greatly missed here at Larson. We are also saying goodbye to a number of Education Assistants who have been

working in our classrooms for part of this year including Ms. Norma Tinipac, Ms. Nikki Asari, Ms. Christina Powell, Ms. Norma Esperanza Hernandez, Ms. Cress Spicer, Ms. Lisa Bond, Mr. Chris Yu and Ms. Shania Dular. We extend our best wishes to each of these individuals in their next assignment.

September 2021



The first day of school for students in Grades 1-7 will be Tuesday, September 7, 2021. Students will be dismissed at 11:00am on this day. Wednesday, December 8 will be a full day of instruction for students in Grades 1-7. Our new Kindergarten students will begin on a gradual entry. Parents/Guardians will receive an update about school start up by email before September.

Report Cards



Term 3 Report Cards will be posted to the Portal on Monday, June 28, 2021. Parents/Guardians will receive an email when report cards have been published and are available to be viewed.

Lost and Found



We still have many lost items that we hope will be claimed by their owner before the end of the school year. We will display these items in front of the school on Monday, June 28 and Tuesday,

June 29. Any unclaimed items will be sorted, cleaned and donated to a charity that recycles and/or repurposes clothing and accessories.

Heat Wave - Severe Weather Warning



Environment Canada has issued a heat warning for Metro Vancouver beginning Friday, June 25 through Tuesday, June 29. Families are asked to discuss the importance of drinking water, and dressing appropriately for this extreme weather. Students will need their water bottle at school on these days!

At school, staff working with students will modify activities, reduce expectations for physical activity and encourage students to make use of the shade when outside.

Expression of Gratitude to PALS



The entire Larson Staff want to say thank you to our amazing PALS team for their ongoing support of our students, staff and broader community during this most challenging year. We are fortunate to be part of a caring and inclusive community and look forward to new opportunities to work together in the 2021-2022 school year.