



ÉCOLE LARSON ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter

September 8 - 12, 2025

Intention of the Week:



Information & Updates:

Important Upcoming Dates:

- September 17 Terry Fox Run (after lunch)
- September 18 Meet the Teacher Night 5:00pm - 6:00pm
- September 19 Form Package returned to Classroom Teacher
- September 29 Larson Professional Day - School not in session
- September 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - Schools closed

Welcome Back, Orcas!

We've had a fantastic first week at Larson! The energy and excitement were palpable as students settled into their new classrooms. Despite the challenges posed by the Air Quality Advisory, students demonstrated remarkable calmness and adaptability—an impressive start to the school year.

With all the excitement, it's natural for some students to feel a bit nervous or disappointed, especially if they're not in the same class as their friends. Our teachers put a great deal of thought into creating balanced and supportive classroom communities, and we truly believe every student will feel happy and connected.

We understand that the beginning of the school year can be a time of adjustment. Our goal is to help students navigate these feelings and build resilience — an important life skill. We kindly ask for your support in reassuring your child and encouraging them to embrace their new classroom experience. If your child is feeling sad or having a tough time adjusting, please don't hesitate to reach out to their teacher. We're here to help and want to ensure every student feels supported.

Here's to a wonderful year ahead!

For more information, please visit the [Larson Website](#).



Important Information:

Traffic Safety: Please help us keep everyone safe by following all posted traffic rules around Larson. Traffic congestion before and after school continues to be a concern, and we ask for your patience and cooperation. If issues arise, please respond with kindness—especially in front of children. A calm and respectful approach helps ensure the safety and well-being of all our students and families.



Student Absence and Late Arrival Procedures: If your child will be absent, please notify the school using the **Safe Arrival Program** through **School Messenger**. This app allows you to quickly and easily report your child's absence. We encourage all families to use the app. If you experience any issues, you can call **604-903-3570** and leave a message with your child's **name, teacher, division number,** and **reason for absence**. If your child arrives late, they must check in at the office to sign in. This is a safety requirement, and there are no exceptions.

Students Leaving Early: If a student needs to leave school during the day, they must be signed out at the office by a parent or guardian. For Grade 7 students only, self-sign-out is permitted **with written parental consent** provided to the office in advance. When picking up your child, please go directly to the office. Students will be called from their classroom to meet you there.

Personal Digital Devices (PDD): Students are expected to leave personal digital devices (cell phones, tablets, etc.) at home or in their bag/backpack when at school. PDD use is not permitted at school. This includes the use of smart watches. They may be worn and used to tell time only. They are not to be used to play games or communicate with anyone. Should an urgent situation arise and you need to contact your child, please call the main office. Students are not able to answer calls or texts during the school day. We will contact you if there is an emergency with your child.



Consent Forms: This year, there are **three forms** that need to be completed through **School Cash Online**. In addition, a **paper package** was sent home with your child that also requires your attention. Please return the completed paper forms to your child's **classroom teacher** as soon as possible. **All forms must be submitted by September 19.** If you have any questions, feel free to contact the office at **604-903-3570**.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation!

Message from PALS:

ARTMANIA AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM: MINI ARCHITECTS

Artmania is offering Mini Architects: Explore Architecture, Art & Imagination at Larson this fall. Children will discover design through drawing, mini sculptures, collaborative models, videos, and games.

When: **Mondays, Sept 22–Dec 8, 2:50–5:00 PM (11 sessions; no class Oct 13)**

Where: **Larson Music Room (next to gym)**

Ages: **6–12 years**

Fee & Capacity: **\$385 + tax, max 13 students (8 spots remaining)**

Register here: [Artmania After School Program Register](#)



Note: Lights Up Theatre is now full and closed for registration.

MABEL'S & OLIVER'S LABELS FUNDRAISERS

We are excited to continue our partnership with Mabel's Labels and welcome Oliver's Labels as a new fundraiser this year! Both are simple online ways to support Larson while keeping your child's items labeled and organized.

- [Order through Mabel's Labels](#)
- [Order through Oliver's Labels](#)



Every purchase goes directly toward supporting our school programs and events. Thank you for your continued support!

FUN LUNCH IS BACK!

Fun Lunch returns on **Friday, October 3** with Pizza & TCBY! Families must ensure their Munch-a-Lunch accounts are ready before ordering opens.



- **Returning families:** [Order Fun Lunch for Returning Families](#)
- **New families:** [Open Account for New Families](#)

This is a great way for students to enjoy lunch while supporting Larson. Watch for ordering details soon).



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Fun Lunch is one of Larson’s most loved programs, and it thrives because of our amazing parent volunteers! We now need new people to step forward this fall to learn and help with the process.

- **By building a strong team now, we can ensure Fun Lunch continues to thrive for all students.**
- **This is the most important volunteer need at Larson right now.**

Please consider giving your time—it is a fun, rewarding way to be involved and make a real difference in our school community. We are waiting for you!!

COMING SOON

Looking ahead, we have more exciting events this fall:

- Spirit Wear fundraiser in October
- Mitchell’s Soup fundraiser
- Halloween Dance on October 23

