



# **Upcoming Dates:**

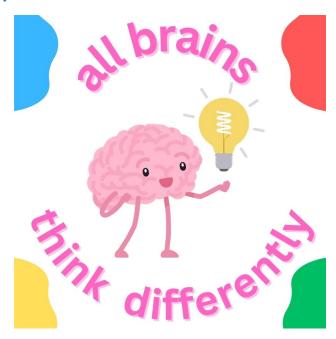
- April 14 Vaisakhi
- April 17 Spirit Day (Spring Colours Day)
- April 18 Good Friday (NO SCHOOL)
- April 20 Easter

- April 21 Easter Monday (NO SCHOOL)
- April 22 Earth Day
- April 25 Hot Lunch (Pizza & TCBY)
- April 28 National Day of Mourning (half-mast)
- April 30 Staff Collaboration (Early Dismissal 1:51 pm)
- April 30 Administrative Professionals' Day

# **Intention of the Week:**



# **Information & Updates:**



#### APRIL IS AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH

Autism Acceptance Month is an annual opportunity to listen to diverse voices, rethink biases, and learn to be better allies through conversation and learning. **Check out** <u>Autism BC</u> **to learn more.** 

INTERESTING FACT: 1 in 30 children between the ages of 6 and 18 years old receive an autism diagnosis in BC. (Autism BC)

Click HERE to watch a video from Autism BC!

## **EARTHQUAKE DRILLS**

As we have experienced some minor earthquakes recently, staff and students took the opportunity to review our safety protocol and conduct a drill last week. The drill included duck & cover protocol and a full evacuation. Everyone did a great job remembering the safety plan and it was a successful drill!

Click **HERE** for more information on Emergency Preparedness from the NVSD.





## TRACK AND FIELD

Track and Field season is here! Students at Larson will be participating in shot put, high jump, long jump, sprints, relays and long distance running. Informed consent forms were sent out last week and should be returned no later than **Monday, April 7th.** The complete schedule will be included in the next newsletter.

## **Field Qualifications:**

Date: Tuesday, May 20th Location: Highlands Time: 3:30-5:00/5:20pm

**Track Qualifications:** 

Date: Wednesday, May 21st Location: Sutherland Time: 12:00-4:00pm

**District Meet:** 

Date: Tuesday, June 3rd Location: Swangard Stadium Time: 8:15am-3:30pm

#### **Practice Schedule and Coaches**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00 - 8:45		Gr. 6-7 Long Jump	Gr. 4-5 sprints and relays	Gr. 6-7 sprints and relays	Gr. 4-7 Long Distance
12:20 - 12:45		Gr. 4-5 Long jump	Gr. 6-7 High jump	Gr. 4-5 High jump	
3:00 - 3:45				Gr. 4-7 Shot Put	

#### Coaches:

#### Field events

Gr. 4-5 Long jump - Mrs. Emmerson and Mme. Higgins

Gr. 6-7 Long jump - Ms. Mae

Gr. 4-7 High jump - Mr. Yeo

Gr. 4-7 Shot put - Mme. Peggy

#### Track events

Gr. 4-7 Long distance - Mme. McCurrach and Mme. Bridget

Gr. 4-5 Sprints & relays - Mr. Corbett and Mme. Cynthia

Gr. 6-7 Sprints & relays - Mme. Stephania and Mme. Stachowiak

## **GRADE 6/7 PRESENTATIONS**

Presentations are put on by both The Foundry and Vancouver Coastal Health and focuses on alcohol and drug prevention. Classes will participate in a 50 minute interactive presentation focusing on mental health and drug prevention education. The presentations highlight Foundry Services that are available for our students as well as provide education around vaping, health risks, peer pressure and a few activities/discussions.

Learn more HERE!





#### **ARTISTS FOR KIDS**

Artists for Kids is excited to be offering two clay After School Art classes this spring at the Gordon Smith Gallery! Visit the Artists for Kids After School Art webpage to register.

## **HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED**

Each year, the North Vancouver School District welcomes students from around the world to live and study in our vibrant community. We strive to place secondary school international students with families who live close to their school to support each student's integration into the school and wider community.

There are secondary school international students in need of a homestay placement for the school term beginning September 2025. If you are interested in hosting an international student, please reach out to our International Education program office at <a href="mailto:international@sd44.ca">international@sd44.ca</a>. More information about the homestay program is available on the <a href="mailto:InternationalEducation">International@sd44.ca</a>. More information about the homestay program is available on the <a href="mailto:InternationalEducation">InternationalEducation</a> section of the school district website.



# **Celebrating Student Learning:**



1 - Artwork from Division F08 (Mme. Chapman/Mme. Shandro)



2 - Artwork from Division F06 (Mme. Hernandez)



3 - Artwork from Division E06 (Mr. Brown)

# **Reminders:**

# **Attention Parents**

We kindly ask that you wait outside to pick up your children after school. Your cooperation helps us maintain a secure environment for all students.

Thank you for your understanding and support!





## TRAFFIC SAFETY REMINDER

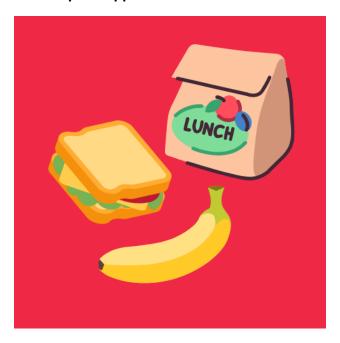
- Drivers are reminded to obey all traffic signage.
- Please **do not stop** in "No Stopping" zones. This means, no dropping off in these zones. Drop off / Pick up areas are intended for brief stops only.
- **Do not park** and leave your car for any reason in these zones.
- Please do not enter the staff parking lot to pick up / drop off students.
- We would also ask that drivers respect our neighbours and refrain from parking in ways that block access to driveways.



## **ABSENCE REPORTING - SAFE ARRIVALS**

The Safe Arrivals system through School Messenger is a quick and easy way to report if your student will not be attending school due to illness, vacations or appointments. It is easier than calling in and only takes a minute to submit an absence which greatly helps staff with the daily attendance. It will also ensure you do not receive notifications from the school in the event they are not present.

Click **HERE** to learn how to set up the app!



#### STUDENT LUNCHES: KEEPING OUR KIDS ENERGIZED AND FOCUSED!

Parents, ensuring your child has a nutritious and sufficient lunch is key to their success at school. Please take a moment to ask your child if they feel they have enough food to last through the day and if they are happy with the lunch options you provide. Understanding their preferences can help ensure they enjoy their meals and don't need to ask for replacement food at school. A well-packed lunch helps keep students energized and focused, enabling them to make the most of their learning experience.

At Larson, we are committed to supporting our students' nutritional needs. We have fruit bowls available throughout the school for easy access, and we can provide additional food if necessary or in emergencies. Let's work together to ensure our children are well-fed and ready to tackle their day with enthusiasm!

Click here for quick and easy ideas to provide healthy packed lunches for your children.

# **Message from PALS:**



#### JOIN US FOR A CANADIANS BASEBALL GAME- SCHOOL FUNDRAISER!

We're excited to invite Larson families to a special school fundraising event at the **Vancouver Canadians baseball game!** 

Date: Sunday, May 18, 2025 at 1:05 PM

• Location: Nat Bailey Stadium

• Larson Family Section: Section 2

• Tickets: Click here to purchase

• All proceeds will go toward student programs and school initiatives.

Come cheer on the Canadians and enjoy a fun day at the ballpark with other Larson families. This is a wonderful opportunity to build community spirit while supporting our school! **Tickets are limited – buy yours today!** 

## DON'T MISS OUT! MOVIE NIGHT IS COMING UP!!

- Join us for a fun-filled **Movie Night** featuring **Peter Rabbit!**
- Friday, April 11, 2025

• Door opens: 6:00pm

Movie starts: 6:30pm

- Get your tickets at <u>Munchalunch.com</u>!
- Select 'Movie Night!' from the top menu and order your tickets and food!
- Pizza must be pre-ordered by Tuesday, April 8, no pizza sales at the event.

Don't wait – get your tickets now and join the fun!





## PEDALHEADS FUNDRAISER!

Sign up for a **Pedalheads program before June 30, 2025**, and help our school!

- · Use promo code **LARSON25** at checkout.
- · Get \$25 off your registration.
- · \$25 will be donated to Larson PALS.

Pedalheads offers Bike, Swim, Trail, and Soccer lessons for kids aged 2-12 years.

Give your child a fun, active experience while supporting our school! Sign up today at <a href="Pedalheads Website">Pedalheads Website</a>.

STAY UP-TO-DATE BY JOINING LARSON PALS FACEBOOK!



