



Upcoming Dates:

- May 17- International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia
- May 19 Victoria Day (NO SCHOOL)
- May 20 Class Group Photos
- May 21 Longhouse (Grade 3's) Group 1
- May 22 Longhouse (Grade 3's) Group 2

Intention of the Week:



Information & Updates:



IMPORTANT: PARENT INPUT FOR CLASS BUILDING

In May/June, staff begin to place students into the classes for next year. This is a very thoughtful and purposeful process by teachers and administration. Classes are designed to be safe and engaging learning environments for students. Staff consider the academic, social, and emotional needs of all students. As parents, you may have information that you want staff to consider in

these areas. If you feel it is important to provide this information for staff to consider, please complete the Parent Input form by using the link below.

https://forms.office.com/r/a8TDpD25DA

Please note:

- Please complete a separate survey for each of your children
- This information must be received by May 23
- Request for specific teachers cannot be made
- Although Larson is a large school, because it is English and French Immersion, there are limited classes for students to be placed



RED DRESS DAY (National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit people)

Red Dress Day honours and brings awareness to the thousands of Indigenous women and girls and Two-Spirit people who have gone missing or who have been murdered. It is observed annually on May 5 and was first observed in 2010.

The <u>REDress Project</u> was started in 2014 by Jamie Black, a mixed Anishinaabe and Finnish artist that "highlights the epidemic of violence against Indigenous women."

To raise awareness and pay tribute on this day, wear red, inform yourself about MMIWG2S, and participate in your local community events. Our thoughts are with the families and communities who have lost loved ones.

Students can wear red to school on **Tuesday, May 6th** to show their support.

Learn more about this important day **HERE**.



MUSIC MONDAY

Music Monday, started in 2005 by the Coalition for Music Education in Canada, is a day to highlight the importance of music education in schools. It is observed annually on the first Monday of May.

Click HERE to learn more!



CLASS GROUP PHOTO DAY

Class group photos have been booked for **Tuesday, May 20th**! Please mark this on your calendar as students love to be part of this fun school activity and do not want to miss out! **There are no retakes for this photo day.**



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 international@sd44.ca. More information about the homestay program is available on the International Education section of the school district website.

Celebrating Student Learning:



1 - Artwork from Division E04 (Ms. Goodman)



 ${\it 2}$ - Artwork from the LST Team



3 - Artwork from Division F07 (Mme. Louisy-Daniel/Mme. Greiff)

Reminders:



BE HEALTH AWARE

A friendly reminder to families about keeping our school community safe and preventing the spread of illness. Please keep in mind that students should stay home if they have the following symptoms;

- Fever are too sick to take part in all normal school activities.
- Suspected or known communicable disease (i.e. strep throat, chicken pox, measles).
- Vomiting or has diarrhea. Students should be **symptom free for at least 24 hours** before returning to school.

Click HERE for more information on what to do if your child is sick.



TRAFFIC SAFETY REMINDER

Recently, police officers were present at Larson during the morning drop off to monitor traffic and remind parents to slow down and be cautious in our neighbourhood. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to keeping the Larson community safe!

- 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.

Message from PALS:



JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) has been rescheduled.

• New Date: Tuesday, May 20, 2025

• **Time:** 6:30–7:30 PM

• Location: Larson School Library

All parents and guardians are welcome to attend. Important school updates will be shared. Questions? Email us at larsonpals1@gmail.com.



LARSONPALOOZA-VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Planning is well underway for Larsonpalooza, our much-loved annual spring fair! A big thank-you to everyone who's already signed up — your support means a lot.

To make this year's event a success, we still need more parent volunteers to help with planning. Many roles can be done from home and on your own time! If you enjoy this event, please consider donating a bit of your time to help bring it to life <u>Sign up Here!!</u>



GROWING SMILES – Pickup Reminder! May 10th!

Thank you to all the families who placed orders this year!

• Pickup Date: Saturday, May 10th

- Location: In front of Larson Elementary
- Pickup Time: Will be emailed to families on May 9th



VANCOUVER CANADIANS BASEBALL GAME – May 18!

Our baseball game fundraiser is just a few weeks away! Join us for an exciting day at the ballpark with other Larson families — and help support our school!

Date: Saturday, May 18

• Time: 1:05 PM

Location: Nat Bailey Stadium

• Section: Larson families will sit in Section 2

• Tickets: Limited — get yours soon! Purchase here!!



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

