



ÉCOLE LARSON ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter

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LARSON WEBSITE

WEEKLY INTENTION

I will make healthy choices.

Je fais des choix sains.

UPCOMING DATES

- **Class Group Photos**
April 20
- **Earth Day**
April 22
- **Gr. 3 Ske'una-was Program (Group 1 & 2)**
April 22 - 24
- **Gr. 4 Outdoor School**
April 27 - 29
- **National Day of Mourning (half-mast)**
April 28
- **Staff Collaboration (Early Dismissal @ 1:50pm)**
April 29

ORCA VALUES

Kindness
Compassion
Protection
Intelligence

LARSON'S WEEK AHEAD

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Tennis Program		Tennis Program	
High Jump 12:20pm	Vaisakhi Reading Link Challenge @ Queen Mary 9:00am Long/Triple Jump 12:20pm	Grade 6/7 Sprints 8:00am Rainbow Protectors 12:00pm High Jump 12:20pm Long Distance 2:55pm	Shotput 8:15am JEDI Club 12:00pm Long/Triple Jump 12:20pm Grade 4/5 Sprints 2:55pm	Coffee and Community 8:30am Hot Lunch Subway + Booster Juice PALS Spring Dance 6:00pm

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our students continue to impress us with their enthusiasm and positive spirit as we head into another action-packed spring week.

This week promises to be a busy and engaging one, with **Track & Field practices beginning** and some of our students participating in the **Reading Link Challenge**. We are so proud of the commitment our learners continue to show, both academically and athletically. We would also like to wish a **joyful Happy Vaisakhi** to all those in our community who are celebrating.

Friday will be an especially full and memorable day at our school. We look forward to welcoming families to our **Coffee and Community parent meetup** in the morning, followed by the **PALS Spring Dance** in the evening. This is sure to be a lively celebration; however, **we kindly ask parents to review behavioural expectations with their children, as this remains a school-based event**. We appreciate your support.

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UPCOMING STUDENT RELEASE DRILL



On Friday, May 15 at 1:30pm our school will be conducting a **Student Release Drill** as part of our ongoing commitment to student safety and emergency preparedness.

A letter with additional information was sent home last week.

In the meantime, families are encouraged to review the **Student Release Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)** section for additional information about the process and how to prepare:

[Student Release FAQ](#)

WHEELS AT SCHOOL & E-SCOOTER SAFETY

Students may ride bikes, scooters, skateboards, or in-line skates to and from school. No matter the wheels, helmets must be worn, and safe, respectful behaviour is expected.

Riding is not allowed on school grounds. Please walk your wheels once you arrive. Bikes should be locked at the courtyard racks. Scooters, skateboards, and skates must be stored safely in classroom cloakrooms to prevent tripping hazards. If a student struggles to follow these expectations, they may be asked to leave their wheels at home.



REMINDER FROM THE RCMP: E-SCOOTER REGULATIONS

Following several recent close calls involving students on e-scooters, we would like to remind families of the information below.

Under BC's pilot program:

- **Riders must be at least 16 years old to legally operate an e-scooter**
- This rule applies across all participating municipalities
- Even with adult supervision, children under 16 are not permitted to ride e-scooters

Thank you for helping us keep our school safe and accessible for everyone!

ALLERGIES AT SCHOOL



North Vancouver School District supports students with seasonal and life-threatening allergies through school-specific safety and emergency care plans.

Parents play a key role by reporting allergies annually and providing required medical information and medication to help keep students safe.



Key Points:

- **Parents must report severe allergies (anaphylaxis) to the school office and teacher each year**
- **Medical forms and medications (e.g., EpiPens) must be submitted annually**
- Schools create emergency care plans for students with life-threatening allergies
- Some schools and classrooms are designated allergy-aware and require allergen-free foods
- **Medication can only be given by staff with written parent authorization**

For concerns or questions, please contact the school office for assistance.



TRACK & FIELD SEASON

Track and Field season is here! Students at Larson will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of events, including **shot put, high jump, long jump, triple jump, sprints, relays, and long-distance running.**

Informed consent forms were sent home last week, and practices will begin on Monday.

Track Qualifications

Date: Tuesday, May 12
Location: Sutherland
Time: 8:00am – 12:00pm



Field Qualification

Date: Wednesday, May 20
Location: TBC
Time: TBC



District Meet

Date: Tuesday, June 2
Location: Swangard Stadium
Time: 8:15am – 3:30pm

Time	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Before (8:00am or 8:15am)			6/7 Sprints 8:00am	Shotput 8:15am	
Lunch (12:20pm)	High Jump	Long/Triple Jump	High Jump	Long/Triple Jump	
After (2:55pm - 3:30pm)			Long Distance	4/5 Sprints	

CLASS GROUP PHOTOS



Group photos are on **Monday, April 20th.**

Please mark your calendar—there are **no retakes.**



HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED

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

We have secondary school international students in need of a homestay placement for the school terms beginning February and September 2026, and February 2027.

If you are interested in hosting an international student, please reach out to the 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.



2026 Summer Camp @ Norgate Community School

\$250.00 per 5 day week/\$200.00 per 4 day week

8:45am-3:15pm

Before & After Camp care available if enough campers register

- Week 1 June 29th-July 3rd (4 day week No camp July 1, 2026)
- Week 2 July 6th -July 10th
- Week 3 July 13th-July 17th
- Week 4 July 20th-July 24th
- Week 5 July 27th-July 31st
- Week 6 August 4th-August 7th (4 day week No camp August 3rd)
- Week 7 August 10th-August 14th
- Week 8 August 17th-August 21st

REGISTRATION Deadline JUNE 5TH

Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays will be out trips to various places around North Vancouver and Vancouver

Tuesdays/Thursdays will be centre and Norgate Neighbourhood days

To register please contact Mrs. Michelle at Norgate School

Email: mbean@sd44.ca Phone #604-903-3680



MESSAGE FROM PALS:

This section is provided by Larson PALS. Programs, events, and fundraisers listed below are organized by parent volunteers to support the Larson school community.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Spring After-School Programs Are Open for Registration! [Register for After School Programs Here!](#)

We're excited to offer a great lineup of after-school programs for the spring term! This session includes an engaging arts program, a new nature exploration program, an active sports program, and a fun musical theatre program. These programs are a wonderful way for students to try something new, build skills, and spend time with friends after school.

Spots are limited, so be sure to check the details and register early.

We hope to see many students joining the fun this spring!

LARSON AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS
SPRING 2026

MONDAY	ARTS EXPLORERS GRADES 1-6 Explore painting, drawing, sculpture, collage, and mixed media in a fun supportive setting
WEDNESDAY	LINGUISTICS, ARTS & NATURE GRADES K-4 OUTDOOR* This program focuses on Spring poems in different language, blending hands on projects, music & outdoor activities
THURSDAY	LIGHTS UP THEATRE GRADES K-7 Intro to Musical Theatre. Students will fly into the magical, musical world of MaryPoppins!
THURSDAY	SPORTS EXPLORERS GRADES K-3 OUTDOOR* A variety of sports & activities including soccer, basketball, ultimate, pickleball, handball & more

FOR MORE INFO : LARSONPALS1@GMAIL.COM

DONATE YOUR SPORTS EQUIPMENT

Spring cleaning is close, and we would love your gently loved sports equipment.



We are looking for gently used equipment to support outdoor, unstructured play during recess.

Needed items are soccer balls, footballs, volleyballs and softballs (all approx. 6-12" diameter) as well as youth baseball gloves suitable for kids 10-12yrs.

The collection box is now at the office for drop offs!!

NICLI PIZZA FUNDRAISER

Slice, slice baby – our Nicli Pizzeria fundraiser is here!

Order delicious pizza at a special discounted price and support Larson at the same time. Bring home that “yummy” and be the star of dinner.



Order now through April:

<https://fundraising.niclipizzeria.com/t/larson>

Pick-up: Early May from the school

Thank you for helping us raise some dough, one pizza at a time.

PALS HAS A NEW WEBSITE!!

We're excited to share that Larson PALS now has a central hub for everything we do – events, fundraisers, updates, and more!

Visit us at: www.larsonpals.com

This will be your go-to spot to stay informed and connected with all things Larson PALS.

Be sure to bookmark it and check back often!

LARSON FUNDRAISER

Watch the Game Live

Baseball Game

VS

VANCOUVER CANADIANS vs EVERETT AQUASOX

SUNDAY, MAY 17 2026
1:05 PM

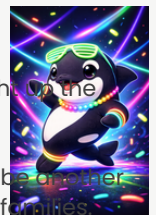
LARSON ORCAS SECTION 2
NAT BAILEY STADIUM

Buy Now!

Tickets are limited and can only be purchased through this link. Scan the code or visit <https://www.gofevo.com/event/0518-LES>
Questions? email larsonpals1@gmail.com

GLOW IN THE DARK DANCE

Friday April 17th – Get ready to light up the night!



Glow in the Dark Dance is sure to be an unforgettable evening for Larson families. Join us for a fun night featuring a DJ spinning great music under black lights, creating a glowing dance floor atmosphere. Wear your brightest neon and glow gear and come ready to dance!

Grab your tickets here:

<https://www.larsonpals.com/events/glow-in-the-dark-dance>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Canadians Baseball Game – Sunday May 17th

- Stay tuned for ticket release announcement.

Larsonpalooza, our big fair is returning on Saturday June 13th

- Volunteers still needed. Join the team!