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Weekly Newsletter

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LARSON WEBSITE

WEEKLY INTENTION



UPCOMING DATES

- **Gr. 4 Outdoor School**
April 27 - 29
- **National Day of Mourning (half-mast)**
April 28
- **Staff Collaboration (Early Dismissal @ 1:50pm)**
April 29
- **Asian Heritage Month**
May 1
- **District-wide Non-Instructional Day (Students do not attend)**
May 4

ORCA VALUES

Kindness
Compassion
Protection
Intelligence

LARSON'S WEEK AHEAD

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tennis Program		Earth Day	Tennis Program	
Class Group Photos	Long/Triple Jump 12:20pm	Grade 6/7 Sprints 8:00am	Shotput 8:15am	Hot Lunch A&W
High Jump 12:20pm	Volleyball Club 3:00pm	Grade 3 Skw-une'was Program (E07/F06)	Grade 3 Skw-une'was Program (E06/F07)	
		Rainbow Protectors 12:00pm	Long/Triple Jump 12:20pm	
		High Jump 12:20pm	Grade 4/5 Sprints 2:55pm	
		Long Distance 2:55pm		

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

With just 10 weeks left in the school year, we are gearing up for a fun and busy time at Larson. As a reminder, **class group photos will take place on Monday, and unfortunately there will be no retakes.**

Wednesday is Earth Day. As a school community, we will participate in a school-wide **Lights Out** initiative to reduce energy use and show how small actions can help care for our planet.

Mid-week, our **Grade 3 students will head out to the Skw-une'was Program** for a day and night of Indigenous learning, offering meaningful opportunities to deepen cultural understanding and connection to the land.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school community. **#WEAREORCAS**

UPCOMING STUDENT RELEASE DRILL - MORE INFORMATION TO COME



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.

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](#)

IF YOU ARE FEELING UNWELL, PLEASE STAY HOME!



A friendly reminder to please follow our school health guidelines. Larson has seen an increased number of stomach bug cases recently.

Please note: Students who have experienced vomiting or diarrhea should be symptom free for at least 24 hours before returning to school.

Additional symptoms include:

- Fever - are too sick to take part in all normal school activities.
- Suspected or known communicable disease (i.e. strep throat, chicken pox, measles).

GROUP PHOTO DAY IS APPROACHING

Showcase Your Best Smile

- Students will be photographed at school.
- Once your complimentary 6x8 group photo has been processed, it will be shipped directly to the school.*
- Go online and easily purchase your group photo as a beautifully designed 8x10 print with a stylized border.

*Note that your group photos will arrive at a later date.



DON'T FORGET

School photos are a Canadian tradition to capture the school year and preserve your continued growth.

GET REMINDERS

Sign up for notifications at edgeimaging.ca/photoday to get real-time updates about your photo day and stay in the know with Edge. Each group photo style is at the discretion of individual schools.



EARTH DAY 2026 – OUR POWER, OUR PLANET

Earth Day is celebrated every year on **April 22**, and this year's theme, **Our Power, Our Planet**, highlights the role we all play in caring for the environment.

First observed in 1970, Earth Day reminds us that clean air, safe water, and a healthy climate are essential for our future.

At Larson, classes will take part in meaningful Earth Day discussions, and **we will keep the lights off for the day to help conserve energy.**

Families are also encouraged to check out this local [Earth Day community event](#) happening here in North Vancouver.

Every action counts, and every voice matters.

TRACK & FIELD SEASON

Track and Field season is officially underway, and we are excited to see so many athletes participating this year!

Practices have begun, and the [full schedule](#) is now available on our website. It includes important qualification dates and district meet information, so please be sure to mark your calendars.



Additional details will be shared as the season progresses and as events approach.

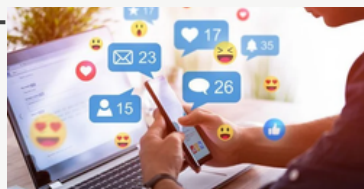
ACCESSIBLE PARKING REMINDER

We have recently noticed vehicles parked in accessible parking spaces near the kindergarten playground without a valid permit. This impacts families who rely on these spaces for safe and easy access.



Please remember that accessible parking near the kindergarten classrooms is reserved for those with a valid permit clearly displayed.

FREE STUDENT SESSIONS – ESTABLISHING SAFE, CARING & RESPECTFUL DIGITAL COMMUNITIES



As part of Safer Schools Together's on-going work with the Ministry of Education and Childcare through the erase strategy, they have added new dates and times for STUDENT sessions on the topic of **"Establishing Safe, Caring & Respectful Digital Communities"**.

These complimentary sessions are for students in grades 5-12. These sessions will take place on April 29 and 30. To view the time options and to register please click on the link: [erase Student Sessions](#)

SST also continues to offer complimentary FAMILY sessions on the topics of "Establishing Safe, Caring & Respectful Digital Communities" as well as "Establishing Family Practices for Safeguarding Against Cyberbullying and Sextortion". There is one training session per month erase Family Sessions. Please share with your school communities.



OUTDOOR SCHOOL INFORMATION

Grade 3 students will be heading out to the **Skw-une'was Program** this week.



The buses will depart from Larson for the Cheakamus Centre at 9:00am. Students should arrive around 8:45am that morning to check-in with teachers outside.

If you have any additional questions, please reach out directly to your classroom teacher.

FIRST PEOPLES PRINCIPLES OF LEARNING

Learning ultimately supports the well-being of the self, the family, the community, the land, the spirits, and the ancestors.

Learning is holistic, reflexive, reflective, experiential, and relational (focused on connectedness, on reciprocal relationships, and a sense of place).

Learning involves recognizing the consequences of one's actions.

Learning involves generational roles and responsibilities.

Learning recognizes the role of indigenous knowledge.

Learning is embedded in memory, history, and story.

Learning involves patience and time.

Learning requires exploration of one's identity.

Learning involves recognizing that some knowledge is sacred and only shared with permission and/or in certain situations.

For First Peoples classroom resources visit: www.fnesc.ca

LIBRARY BOOK REMINDER

Overdue library book slips were sent home last week. Please check with your child about any overdue books.



If your child's book is lost or has been damaged, **please contact Mrs. Goodman at hgoodman@sd44.ca.**

Thank you for your support!



ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS

NOT STREET LEGAL



✘	🛡️	No insurance	\$598
✘	👤	No driver's license	\$276
✘	📵	No helmet	\$138
✘	🤹	Stunting	\$368 <small>7-day impound</small>

! Many high-powered "e-bikes" sold online are actually electric motorcycles under BC law. **THEY ARE NOT STREET LEGAL** unless properly registered, insured, and operated by a licensed driver.



**NOT PERMITTED ON
ROADS, SIDEWALKS,
BIKE LANES, OR
PUBLIC PATHWAYS.**

Scan here for
the **legal**
requirements



LOST & FOUND ITEMS

Please look below to see if anything belongs to your family. Items can pick up anytime during school hours.

Items not claimed by May 1st will be donated.
Thank you for your assistance!



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



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**](mailto:international@sd44.ca).

More information about the homestay program is available on the [**International Education**](#) section of the school district website.

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.

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!

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/f/larson>
 Pick-up: Early May from the school



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

LARSONPALOOZA

Our big fair is returning on Saturday June 13th!

Larsonpalooza Event Planning Committees need you! Use the link or QR code to join an event planning committee lead by experienced volunteers.
<https://signup.com/go/eiTgULz>

Your child's end-of-year celebrations are core memories of this amazing school and you can be a part of its success. If you haven't been able to volunteer yet this year, now is your opportunity for a high-value contribution on a flexible schedule.



CANADIANS BASEBALL GAME FUNDRAISER

Join the Larson community for a fun-filled baseball game! By purchasing tickets, you'll enjoy a great day at the ballpark with other Larson families while supporting our students.

Proceeds will help provide essential resources, including classroom materials, sports equipment, updated technology, outdoor activity spaces, and enriching field trips.

Thank you for your support—we can't wait to see you there!

Buy tickets here: [Larson Elementary School Fundraiser](#)

