



# ÉCOLE LARSON ELEMENTARY

## Weekly Newsletter

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LARSON WEBSITE

### WEEKLY INTENTION



### UPCOMING DATES

- **District-wide Non-Instructional Day (Students do not attend)**  
May 4
- **Music Monday**  
May 4
- **Red Dress Day**  
May 5
- **Mother's Day**  
May 10
- **Emergency Student Release Drill**  
May 15

### ORCA VALUES

Kindness  
Compassion  
Protection  
Intelligence

### LARSON'S WEEK AHEAD

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Grade 4 Outdoor School</b>				
High Jump 12:20pm	<b>National Day of Mourning (half-mast)</b>  Long/Triple Jump 12:20pm  Volleyball Club 3:00pm	Kindergarten Outdoor Learning @ Wagg Creek Park  Grade 6/7 Sprints 8:00am  Rainbow Protectors  High Jump 12:20pm  Staff Collaboration - Early Dismissal @1:50pm)	Shotput 8:15am  Long/Triple Jump 12:20pm  <b>Track Mini-Meet @ Sutherland 3:30-5:00pm</b>	<b>Asian Heritage Month</b>  <b>Hot Lunch</b> Sushi

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are looking forward to another great week at Larson. At the beginning of the week, our **Grade 4 students will be heading out to Outdoor School** for a memorable outdoor learning experience.

A friendly reminder that **Wednesday is a staff collaboration day, with early dismissal at 1:50pm.**

We will wrap up the week by celebrating the start of **Asian Heritage Month on Friday**, recognizing and honouring the rich cultures, histories, and contributions of Asian communities. **Please note as well that Monday, May 4, is a district-wide non-instructional day, and students will not be in attendance.**

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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.



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!

## WHY BEING ACTIVE MATTERS FOR CHILDREN



Moving our bodies every day helps children feel happy, healthy, and ready to learn. Being active helps build strong bones and muscles, improves balance and coordination, and supports overall growth. It can also help children manage big feelings, reduce stress, and concentrate better in the classroom.

At school, students enjoy regular gym classes and outdoor body breaks, giving them lots of chances to move, play, and take a break from learning indoors. Even with this built-in activity, staying active outside of school is just as important. **In fact, the Government of Canada recommends that children and youth get at least 60 minutes of active play or exercise each day, but only about 37.6% of Canadian children and youth are reaching this goal.**

Families can help by encouraging active fun at home—playing outside, walking or biking together, joining sports, or simply enjoying time at the park. Small moments of movement all add up and help children build healthy habits that can last a lifetime.

**For tips and ideas on keeping children active, families can visit the Government of Canada's physical activity page: [Children and physical activity – Government of Canada](#)**



**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.

**OUTDOOR SCHOOL INFORMATION**

Our Grade 4 students will be heading to **Outdoor School at the Cheakamus Centre** this week! Below is some important information for families.



**Departing Larson – Monday, April 27**

The bus will depart from Larson for the Cheakamus Centre between 8:50 and 9:00am. **Students should arrive at school by 8:30am** to check in with their teachers outside before departure.

**Returning to Larson – Wednesday, April 29**

The bus is expected to arrive back at school by the end of the regular school day (**2:50pm**). Please note this is an approximate time and delays are possible.

[Click here](#) to view the packing list recommended by the Cheakamus Centre.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your child’s classroom teacher.

**ATTENTION!**  
**FOOD DELIVERIES ARE NOT ALLOWED AT SCHOOL**

*Thank you!*

**ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS**

**NOT STREET LEGAL**

- No insurance **\$598**
- No driver's license **\$276**
- No helmet **\$138**
- Stunting **\$368**  
7-day impound

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



**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.*

**STAY CONNECTED WITH LARSON PALS**

We've launched a new website as your central hub for all fundraising, events, and information—and a new Instagram to share updates and moments along the way.



👉 Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/larson.pals>

👉 Website: <https://www.larsonpals.com>

**NICLI PIZZA FUNDRAISER**

Order discounted pizza and support Larson at the same time!

👉 Order by April 30: <https://fundraising.niclipizzeria.com/f/larson>

📌 Pick-up: Early May at the school



**LARSONPALOOZA (June 13)**

Our biggest (and most memorable!) event of the year—and our largest fundraiser.

It truly takes a village—if every family helps in a small way, we can make this an incredible experience for the kids.

👉 Join a committee: <https://signup.com/go/eiTGULz>



**CANADIANS BASEBALL GAME**

Join Larson families for a fun day at the ballpark while supporting the school.

**Date: Sunday, May 17, 2026 | 1:00pm**

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

