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LARSON WEBSITE

WEEKLY INTENTION



UPCOMING DATES

- **Tennis Program**
April 8 - 24
- **Reading Link**
April 14
- **Vaisakhi**
April 14
- **PALS Spring Dance**
April 17
- **Class Group Photos**
April 20
- **Earth Day**
April 22
- **Staff Collaboration (Early Dismissal @ 1:50pm)**
April 29

ORCA VALUES

- Kindness
- Compassion
- Protection
- Intelligence

LARSON'S WEEK AHEAD

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Easter Monday (School not in session)		Tennis Program		
		International Day of Pink Rainbow Protectors 12:00pm Track & Field Meeting 12:00pm Grade 4-7 Choir Practice 12:20pm	JEDI Club 12:00pm in the LST room	Day of Silence Hot Lunch Pizza + TCBY

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It has been wonderful to see our students settling back into routines, and we are proud to share that they had a great first week back. **This will be another short week as we observe Easter Monday**, but one that remains full of learning and connection.

This week, we will recognize **International Day of Pink**, which promotes kindness, inclusion, and standing against bullying, as well as the **Day of Silence**, raising awareness around the impact of silencing and exclusion.

We are looking forward to the start of the **Track & Field season** and continuing our tennis program this week.

We also encourage families to check in with their children and **help reinforce our Orca Values**, as gentle reminders at home support students in navigating school expectations and social interactions.

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UPCOMING STUDENT RELEASE DRILL MORE INFO TO FOLLOW



In May, our school will be conducting a **Student Release Drill** as part of our ongoing commitment to student safety and emergency preparedness. The exact date is still to be determined, and additional information will be shared with families once details are confirmed.

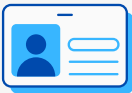
What is a Student Release Drill?

Student release procedures are used to safely and orderly reunite students with their parent/guardian or an approved guardian alternate during an emergency or disaster situation. Practising this process is an important part of the school's emergency response plan and helps ensure everyone knows what to expect in the event of a real emergency.

What will happen during the drill?

During the student release drill, the school will set up a temporary Reception Centre and Parent Reunification Area. For scheduled drills, this typically takes place in the school gymnasium.

As part of the student release process:

- Parents/guardians (or approved guardian alternates) will be asked to bring photo identification (e.g., a driver's licence). 
- Identification will be verified against the information on your child(ren)'s Student Release Form.

Please note that students will only be released to individuals listed on their Student Release Form who can provide valid photo ID.

Learn More

More details will be shared closer to the drill date. 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](#)

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to keep our school community safe.

STOMACH VIRUSES



We are asking for your support in closely monitoring your child's health, as we have **recently seen an increase in stomach virus cases at Larson.**

Stomach viruses can spread quickly in school settings, so we kindly remind families to follow our school health guidelines to help reduce further transmission.

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

In addition, students should stay home if they are experiencing:

- **Fever or are feeling too unwell to participate in normal school activities**
- **Suspected or confirmed communicable illnesses, such as strep throat, chickenpox, or measles**

Keeping children home while they recover helps protect classmates and staff and supports a healthier school environment for everyone.



CLASS GROUP PHOTOS

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

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





FRIENDLY REMINDER: MORNING DROP-OFF & STUDENT SAFETY

To ensure the safety of all students, families are asked **not to wander the halls or take children directly to their classrooms during morning drop-off**. School staff are on duty to support students in getting to class safely.

If you need to pick up your child during school hours, please report to the office to sign them out. Office staff will ensure your child meets you promptly and safely.

For safety reasons, **parents should not enter classrooms, hallways, or playgrounds during school time.**

To help us support smooth, safe procedures:

- **All early pick-ups go through the office.**
- **Use the [School Messenger App \(Safe Arrivals\)](#) to notify us of early departures.**
- **Drop off forgotten items at the office—staff will deliver them to your child.**

Thank you for helping keep our school safe.

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 will be sent home this week, and practices will begin the week of April 13. A complete practice and competition schedule will be shared in upcoming newsletters.

Field qualification dates and locations are to be determined at this time.

Track Qualifications

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

District Meet

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



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.

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.



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!!

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

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.

GLOW IN THE DARK DANCE

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

Our Glow in the Dark Dance is sure to be another 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!

Save the date - more information to come!

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!

