



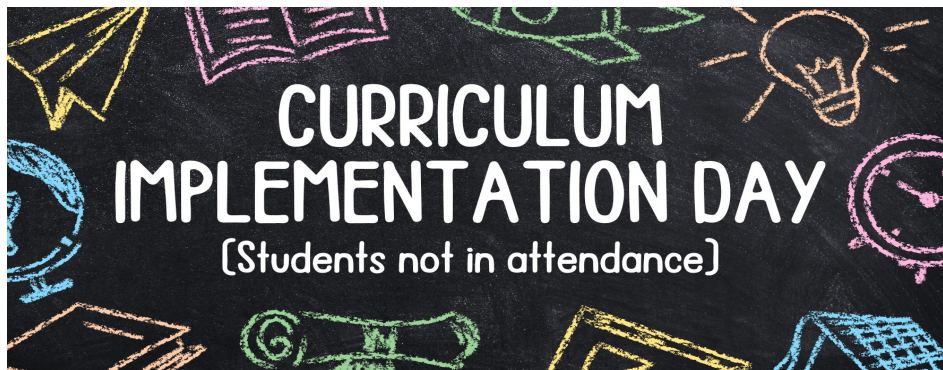
# ÉCOLE LARSON ELEMENTARY

## Weekly Newsletter

December 1 - 5, 2025

### Week at a Glance:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Floor Hockey Game @ Queen Mary 3:30pm  Strings Winter Concert 6:30pm	<b>International Day of Persons with Disabilities</b>  Rainbow Protectors 12:00pm  Floor Hockey 12:20pm	PALS Holiday Store 2:50 - 4:00pm	Curriculum Implementation Day (Students not in attendance)



### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- December 9 Floor Hockey Game @ Larson 3:30pm
- December 12 Learning Updates are published
- December 14 Hannukah begins
- December 16 Floor Hockey Game @ Queen Mary 3:30pm
- December 19 Last day before Winter Break

### Learning Updates Coming Soon

Learning updates will be available on **Friday, December 12**. Parents will receive an email once the updates are published and ready to view.

To ensure a smooth experience, please check that your **Parent Portal login** is working ahead of time, as you may need to reset your password.

For helpful tips and instructions on setting up your account, please refer to the resources below:

- [MyEducation BC Portal Tips & Resources – North Vancouver School District \(sd44.ca\)](https://sd44.ca)
- [K-12 Student Reporting Information for Parents and Caregivers | Building Student Success – B.C. Curriculum](#)



### Reporting Absences—School Messenger App (Safe Arrivals)

Ensuring students arrive safely at school each day is one of Larson's top priorities. Please help us ensure this is done by using the Safe Arrival platform in School Messenger to report an absence.

Click [HERE](#) for more info.



### FACTS ABOUT

## Hand, Foot AND Mouth Disease

Hand, foot and mouth disease is caused by a virus. Anyone can get hand, foot and mouth disease but it is most common in children. It usually occurs in the summer and fall. Hand, foot and mouth disease is not usually serious but children may have the following signs:

- > fever
- > headache
- > sore throat
- > not interested in eating or playing
- > small, painful sores in the mouth
- > a skin rash

The rash looks like red spots with a small blister on top. The rash is usually on the hands and feet but can show up on other parts of the body.

Hand, foot and mouth disease is not the same as foot and mouth disease that affects animals.

There is no blood test for hand, foot and mouth disease and no medicine to treat it. It may be possible to get the disease more than once. There is no vaccine. There are no special tests or treatments for pregnant women in contact with someone with hand, foot and mouth disease.

Washing hands, especially after changing diapers or helping children go to the toilet, can help control the spread of hand, foot and mouth disease.

#### How is Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease Spread?

Hand, foot and mouth disease can be spread in droplets coughed, sneezed or breathed into the air by someone with the disease or by contact with the feces of someone with the disease. It can also be spread by touching objects, such as toys or tables that have the virus on them, and then touching your eyes, nose or mouth.



#### What to Do at Home

- ☐ If another child has hand, foot and mouth disease, watch your child for signs of the disease.



#### When to Call Your Doctor or 811

- ☐ Call your doctor immediately if your child has **any** of the following signs:
  - > a temperature of 38.5 °C and is less than 6 months of age
  - > has a headache or sore throat
  - > is listless, not interested in playing with toys or is unusually sleepy
  - > has any other signs of illness that concern you
- ☐ Wash your hands and your child's hands carefully after you wipe your child's nose, change a diaper or use the toilet.
- ☐ Wash your hands often and always before and after preparing food.



**Children with hand, foot and mouth disease may go to the child care centre or school if they feel well enough to take part in activities.**

Acetaminophen (Tylenol™, Tempra™) or ibuprophen (Advil™, Motrin™) may help reduce a fever and provide some comfort. Always follow the directions on the package about how much and how often to take acetaminophen or ibuprophen.

**Never give products containing ASA (acetylsalicylic acid, such as Aspirin™) to anyone under the age of 20 years.** Use of ASA products by children can lead to Reye's syndrome, a serious condition affecting the brain and liver.

If you have any questions, contact your local Community Health Centre

### We Want to Learn About Your Family's Cultural Holidays and Traditions!



Our school community is wonderfully diverse, and we'd love to celebrate that together! Do you have special cultural holidays or traditions that you observe at home? Whether it's a holiday, festival, or unique family tradition, we want to hear about it.

Your stories will help us learn more about each other and create opportunities to celebrate our rich cultural heritage at school.

Please [click here](#) to complete a survey created by our school's JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion) committee. Thank you for helping us make Larson a place where every culture and individual belongs and shines.

### GRADE 7 PURDYS FUNDRAISER



**\*\*This has a short turn around: order by December 6!\*\***

Order [HERE](#) (you may be prompted to create an account associated with your email address)

#### Pick up details:

- 3-4:30pm at Larson Friday, December, 19
- Or arrange to pick up directly from Laura at 4th and Mahon any time after December 15.



### Message from PALS:

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

#### HOLIDAY STORE DONATIONS — FINAL WEEK

**Donations accepted until Tuesday, December 2.**  
Collection box is located at the front office.



We are welcoming new, small gift items suitable for Kindergarten to Grade 7, such as toys, puzzles, craft kits, books, family experience passes, and gift cards (\$5–\$15).

**Even small contributions help make the event special for all students.**  
Thank you for supporting our Larson community.

#### SEEKING A LEAD (OR CO-LEADS!) FOR LARSONPALOOZA 2026



**We're looking for one parent—or a pair of co-leads—to guide this year's Larsonpalooza Spring Fair, our biggest and most-loved community event.**

Planning begins in the new year with mentorship from last year's lead and support from all sub-committee leads (games, food & drink, signage, communications, etc.).

**If you enjoy bringing people together and helping create a memorable day for our kids, this role is essential to PALS running the fair this year!**

Please connect with us: [larsonspringfair@gmail.com](mailto:larsonspringfair@gmail.com)

#### AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS — WINTER REGISTRATION OPEN

Registration is now open for our winter after-school programs, all taking place at Larson.

##### Lights Up Musical Theatre (K–7)

Thursdays, Jan 15–Mar 12 | 2:50–5:00 PM | Gym  
[REGISTRATION FOR LIGHTS UP](#)



##### Sport Explorers – Foundations (K–2)

Wednesdays, Jan 14–Mar 11 | 3:00–5:00 PM | Gym  
[REGISTRATION FOR SPORT EXPLORERS K](#)

##### Sport Explorers – Development (Gr 3–5)

Fridays, Jan 16–Mar 13 | 3:00–5:00 PM | Gym  
[REGISTRATION FOR SPORT EXPLORERS GR3-5](#)

##### Comics & Claymation with Artmania (Gr 1–6)

Mondays, Jan 5–Mar 9 | 2:50–5:00 PM | Stage  
[REGISTRATION FOR ARTMANIA](#)



#### CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH — FREE MEMBERSHIP

**Canadian Parents for French (CPF)** – North Vancouver supports French Immersion families through parent resources, cultural events, and advocacy.  
<https://facebook.com/CPFNorthVancouver>

Free membership benefits include:

- Resources and tips for supporting French learning at home
- Student contests, scholarships, and cultural activities
- Updates on advocacy for strong French programs
- Opportunities to connect with other French Immersion families

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