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Weekly Newsletter

December 8 - 12, 2025

Week at a Glance:

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| | Floor Hockey Game @ Larson 3:30pm | Floor Hockey 12:20pm | | Hot Lunch (Pizza + TCBY) Floor Hockey 12:20pm |



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- December 16 Floor Hockey Game @ Queen Mary 3:30pm
- December 19 Last day before Winter Break
- December 25 Christmas Day
- December 26 Kwanzaa begins

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Orca families,

I hope this email finds you all well and healthy.

We have recently discovered that there is a conflict in our calendar involving the scheduled January 16th Professional Development day. Grade 6 Outdoor School has been scheduled for January 13-16, 2025. As a result, we have to reschedule the Professional Development day to **Monday, January 19th**. This will enable all staff to participate in very important learning opportunities.

As well, that will ensure the Grade 6 students can enjoy the day away from school with friends. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding. Please make the adjustment in your calendars.

If you have any questions, please email me at dyeo@sd44.ca.

Warm regards,
Dean Yeo

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 \(sd44.ca\)](#)
- [K-12 Student Reporting Information for Parents and Caregivers | Building Student Success – B.C. Curriculum](#)



HEAD LICE PROCEDURES FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

Head lice are common in schools but do **not** spread disease and are **not** a public health risk. Our focus is on managing lice effectively while minimizing disruption and stigma.

What to Do:

- Learn more about head lice [click here](#)
- Check your child's hair regularly in a well-lit area using conditioner and a fine-toothed comb. Pay close attention to the scalp, behind the ears, and the nape of the neck.
- If you find lice, check all household members and treat only those affected using one of the recommended methods (shampoo/rinse, wet combing, or spray).
- Notify the school if your child has head lice.
- Recheck after a few days—lice can be missed the first time.



For more details or support, contact **Vancouver Coastal Health**.

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.



Gingerbread house artwork from F04 (Mme McCurrach & Mme Terrillon)



Reminder for Students: Bring Your Cutlery!

Please remember to pack your own cutlery for lunch each day. Having your fork, spoon, or reusable utensils ready helps make lunchtime smooth and enjoyable for everyone. **The office does not have extra cutlery to give out**, so it's important to bring your own. This also helps reduce waste and keeps our school eco-friendly.

Thank you for being prepared and responsible!



Hollyburn Family Services is pleased to present the following training in January 2026:

CIRCLE OF SECURITY® PARENTING PROGRAM FOR CAREGIVERS OF CHILDREN 0-5yrs

This workshop focuses on the parent/caregiver role, reflective practice, creating secure attachment and increasing connection.

DATE: Sundays January 4-February 8, 2026

TIME: 1:00 to 3:00pm

COST: Free

LOCATION: Hollyburn Family Services - 104-267 West Esplanade, North Vancouver

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP:

Please contact Tomi Hamner by email at: thamner@hollyburn.ca or text/call: (604) 908-3673



Space is limited, sign up today!

Facilitator:
Tomi Hamner

Circle of Security® Parenting program is an education and intervention program that helps caregivers better understand and meet children's attachment needs.

Artists for Kids

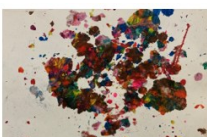
Painting Pandemonium

- 8 Wednesdays from January 14 to March 4
- 3:30-5:00pm
- Grades 3-5
- Instructor: Bridget Arnold

Class description: In this fun and engaging painting class, students will explore a variety of painting themes and techniques, using both acrylic and watercolor paints.

Each week, our artists will create exciting and unique projects, often inspired by different science themes.

Visit the [Artists for Kids](#) website for more information and to register.





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.



LARSON SKATING EVENT – TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!

Get ready for an unforgettable night on the ice! **Kids love this event**, join the fun and glide into the holiday season.

Join us on **Monday, December 15, from 4:30–6:00 p.m.** at **Harry Jerome Community Centre.**

[CLICK HERE TO GET YOUR TICKET TODAY!](#)

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

We're preparing a **Staff Appreciation Lunch on Wednesday, December 17**, and we warmly welcome contributions, whether food items or volunteer time. Your support helps us celebrate the wonderful staff who care for our children every day.



Food items can be dropped off in the lunchroom (next to the office) **before 11:00 a.m.** If you need an alternate drop-off time, please contact Nicole at **778-997-2781**.

Important!!

- This lunch will serve approximately **60 staff members**.
- Please **label all food items**.
- To sign up, please use the [Google sign-up sheet here](#).

Thank you for your kindness and support.



AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS — WINTER REGISTRATION OPEN

Looking for a fun and engaging way for your child to learn new skills this winter? Our after-school programs fill up quickly!! Register early to secure a spot!



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-2](#)

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](#)

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SPIRIT WEAR & HOLIDAY STORE

Thank you to all the families who supported Spirit Wear and generously contributed to the Holiday Store. Your kindness and involvement truly make a difference, and it is because of families like yours that our school community feels so warm and connected. We are deeply grateful for all you do.

