



ÉCOLE LARSON ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter

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LARSON WEBSITE

WEEKLY INTENTION

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UPCOMING DATES

- **Lunar New Year**
February 17
- **Pink Shirt Day**
February 25
- **Staff Collaboration - Early Dismissal @ 1:50pm**
February 25
- **Spring Concert**
February 26
- **Parent/Teacher Interviews - Early Dismissal @ 1:50pm**
March 3 & 5
- **International Women's Day**
March 8

ORCA VALUES

Kindness
Compassion
Protection
Intelligence

LARSON'S WEEK AHEAD

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Black History Month				
Family Day (School not in session)	Lunar New Year Girls Tripleball Practice 12:20pm Girls Tripleball Game @ Larson 3:30pm	Rainbow Protectors 12:00pm Choir Practice 12:20pm Boys Tripleball Game @ Highlands 3:30pm	Reading Link 12:00pm in the library JEDI Club 12:00pm in the LST room Tripleball Practice 12:20pm for ALL Gr. 6/7 teams	Hot Lunch Pizza + TCBY

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

With February in full swing, it certainly keeps us busy—and brings plenty of joy along the way! There is wonderful buzz in classrooms as preparations begin for the upcoming Spring Concert.

Last week's 100th Day of School spirit celebration was a fantastic highlight. Students and staff showed incredible creativity and humour with their outfits—thank you for bringing such fun and community spirit into our building.

We continue to remind students of our **shared responsibilities—treating others with kindness, making safe choices, and taking care of our school environment.**

Looking ahead, we want to wish all of our families a wonderful Family Day filled with rest, connection, and meaningful moments. We also extend our warmest wishes to everyone celebrating the Lunar New Year this Tuesday.

#WEAREORCAS





Larson is getting excited to showcase their hard work and musical talent!

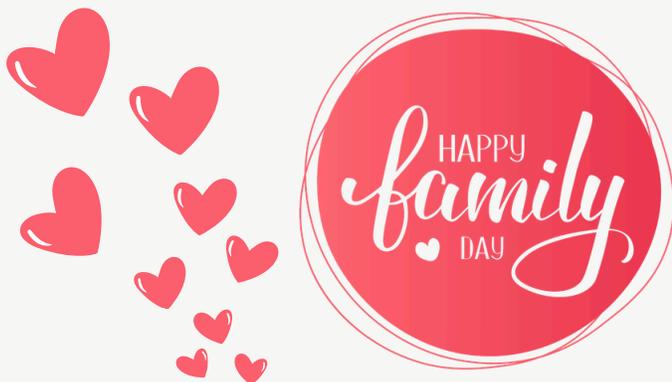
Tickets have been sent home to families. If you did not receive the information letter, please email your classroom teacher.

Please note: Due to limited space, we ask that only two family members attend the performances. **If you are unable to attend or have more than two tickets, please return the extras to your classroom teacher.**

Thank you for helping ensure every family can share in this musical afternoon.

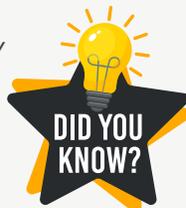
AM CONCERT
11:00am to 12:00pm
 E01, E02, E04, E08, E09, E10, F03, F05, F06, F07, F09

PM CONCERT
1:20pm to 2:20pm
 E03, E05, E06, E07, F01, F02, F04, F08, F10, F11, F12



BLACK HISTORY INTERESTING FACT:

On March 24, 1853, Mary Ann Shadd Cary published the first edition of *The Provincial Freeman*, Canada's first anti-slavery newspaper, making her the first Black woman in North America to edit and publish a newspaper.



MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS



“Mental health is not just part of overall well-being —it’s the foundation that helps every other part thrive.”

When children feel supported emotionally, they learn better, build stronger relationships, and handle challenges with confidence. School-aged children experience many changes, and reaching out early when concerns arise can make a big difference.

If you’re worried about your child’s well-being, please reach out. **We have many resources available to support students and families, and we’re here to help.**

[Check out some of the supports the NVSD provide.](#)



CLASS GROUP PHOTOS

Group photos are on **Monday, April 20th**. Please mark your calendar— there are **no retakes**.



PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place on **March 3 and March 5**. Classroom teachers will connect with families by February 20 to schedule conference times.

Please note the dismissal changes:

- Tue & Thu: Early dismissal at 1:50 p.m.
- Wednesday: Regular dismissal at 2:50 p.m.



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.

PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICES (PDD)



Students are expected to leave personal digital devices (cell phones, tablets, etc.) at home or in their bag/backpack when at school.

PDD use is not permitted at school. This includes the use of smart watches. They may be worn and used to tell time only. They are not to be used to play games or communicate with anyone.

Should an urgent situation arise, and you need to contact your child, please call the main office. Students cannot answer calls or texts during the school day. We will contact you if there is an emergency with your child.

If a student uses a device during instructional time, the device will be collected and returned at the end of the school day. If this becomes a recurring issue, or if a student is rude or disrespectful to staff when reminded of expectations, families will be contacted and asked to come to the school to pick up the device.

Thank you for your support and cooperation!



Our Lost & Found is full again!

Please take a moment to check if anything belongs to your household.



Reminder: Any unclaimed items remaining after February 20 will be donated.



JEDI SURVEY FOR FAMILIES



The staff at Larson 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.

[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.

[Larson Cultural Holidays and Traditions Survey](#)

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.

TWO RIVERS MEATS FUNDRAISER

Stock your freezer with quality local meats and support Larson at the same time. Help us reach our \$1000 fundraiser goal.

Orders are now open and will continue until March 16th.
Pickup: March 30th (details will be in your confirmation email)

[CLICK TO ORDER HERE](#)



JOIN A PALS MEETING

Want to get more involved or stay in the loop? All parents and caregivers are welcome at our PALS meetings. Come learn about what's happening at Larson, share your ideas, and get involved in shaping upcoming events.

Meetings are held from 6:30-7:30PM in the School Library.
Our next meeting is February 24th. No RSVP needed, just show up.



COMING UP AFTER SPRING BREAK

Mark your calendars—there's lots to look forward to! We'll be launching a new delicious pizza fundraiser in partnership with Nicli Pizzeria, and gearing up for our much-anticipated Spring Dance.

Stay tuned for full details after the break.



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