



ÉCOLE LARSON ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter

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WEEKLY INTENTION



I will build bridges instead of walls.
Je vais créer des ponts plutôt que des murs.

UPCOMING DATES

- **Parent/Teacher Conference - Early Dismissal @ 1:50pm**
March 3 & 5
- **International Women's Day**
March 8
- **Learning Updates Published**
March 11
- **Crepe Breakfast**
March 13
- **Spring Break**
March 16 - 27
- **Nowruz**
March 20
- **Two-Spirit, Indigenous 2SLGBTQIA+ Celebration and Awareness Day**
March 20

ORCA VALUES

Kindness
 Compassion
 Protection
 Intelligence

LARSON'S WEEK AHEAD

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Black History Month				
Boys Tripleball Practice 12:20pm	Girls Tripleball Game @ Montroyal 3:30pm	Pink Shirt Day Rainbow Protectors 12:00pm	Spring Concerts Reading Link 12:00pm in the library	Hot Lunch Subway + Booster Juice
Choir Practice 12:20pm	Robotics Club Competition @ Carson 3:00pm	Choir Practice 12:20pm	JEDI Club 12:00pm in the LST room	
Boys Tripleball Game @ Lynnmour 3:30pm	PALS Meeting @ 6:30pm	Staff Collaboration *Early Dismissal 1:50pm*		

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As February comes to a close, we're heading into a meaningful and exciting week at school.

Students are putting the finishing touches on preparations for Thursday's Spring Concert, and we appreciate families' support. **A friendly reminder that we can welcome only two family members per performance, and any unused tickets should be returned to classroom teachers.**

This **Wednesday is Pink Shirt Day**, when we come together to promote kindness, inclusion, and empathy. Please also note that **Wednesday is an early dismissal day (1:50pm) for staff collaboration.**

Thank you for your continued partnership and positivity in our school community.

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

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



PINK SHIRT DAY - FEB 25

Pink Shirt Day is a Canadian initiative that promotes kindness and raises awareness about bullying in schools, online, and in our communities. The movement began in 2007 in Nova Scotia, when two Grade 12 students organized a show of support for a Grade 9 student who had been bullied for wearing a pink shirt. They bought and handed out pink shirts to classmates, sending a strong message that bullying is not acceptable.

Today, Pink Shirt Day is observed every year on the last Wednesday of February, with people across Canada choosing kindness and standing together against bullying.

A reminder: Please wear pink this Wednesday to show your support for a kinder, more inclusive school community.

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](#).
- 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.
- 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.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place on **March 3 and March 5**. If you haven’t received any information, please contact your classroom teacher.

Please note the dismissal changes:

- Tue & Thu: Early dismissal at 1:50pm
- Wednesday: Regular dismissal at 2:50pm



CLASS GROUP PHOTOS

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

BLACK HISTORY INTERESTING FACT:

Willie O'Ree became the first Black player in the NHL in 1958, breaking barriers in Canadian hockey.

**CELEBRATING THE OLYMPIC SPIRIT**

The recent Olympics brought a lot of excitement to our school, and students and staff enjoyed celebrating the spirit of teamwork and togetherness.

As we keep that positive energy going, we encourage families to review what good sportsmanship looks like at home.

Good sportsmanship means being respectful, kind, and fair. **Examples of what to do** include congratulating others, taking turns, following the rules, encouraging teammates, and staying calm whether you win or lose. **Examples of what not to do** include bragging, blaming others, pouting or quitting, arguing about rules, refusing to shake hands, and excluding others.

Reinforcing these habits helps build a caring and supportive school community.

**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.

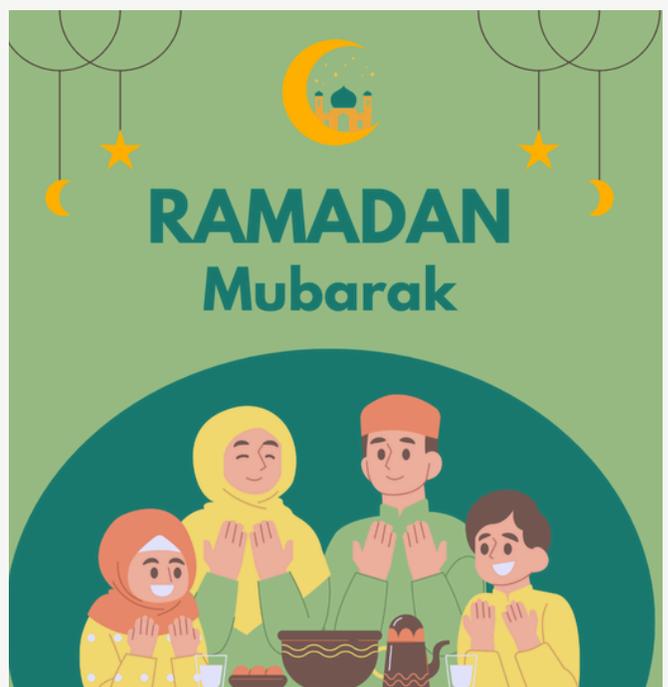
More information about the homestay program is available on the [International Education](#) section of the school district website.

WEATHER NOTICE

As temperatures drop, please ensure your child is dressed warmly for outdoor learning and play. **This includes a winter jacket, insulated boots, warm gloves or mittens, and a toque.**

Please also double-check that your child has extra clothes at school. Staying warm and comfortable helps students enjoy their day.

Please consider checking the [local weather report](#) each morning so your child is prepared for the day.

**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](#)



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.

We will begin collecting these items soon. **More info to come.**



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Give us a thumbs up over on our Facebook page.

[CLICK HERE](#)

Have questions or ready to volunteer?

Email us at LarsonPals1@gmail.com



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Glow in the Dark Dance – Friday April 17th

Stay tuned for ticket release announcement.

Larsonpalooza, our big fair is returning on Saturday June 13th

Volunteers still needed. Join the team.