



# ÉCOLE LARSON ELEMENTARY

## Weekly Newsletter

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LARSON WEBSITE

### WEEKLY INTENTION



*I throw kindness like confetti.*

*Je repands de la gentillesse comme des confettis.*

### UPCOMING DATES

- **Valentines Day**  
February 14
- **National Flag Day of Canada**  
February 15
- **Family Day (School not in session)**  
February 16
- **Lunar New Year**  
February 17
- **Pink Shirt Day**  
February 25
- **Staff Collaboration - Early Dismissal @ 1:50pm**  
February 25
- **Spring Concert**  
February 26

### ORCA VALUES

Kindness  
Compassion  
Protection  
Intelligence

### LARSON'S WEEK AHEAD

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Black History Month</b>				
Boys Tripleball Practice 12:20pm	Girls Tripleball Practice 12:20pm	<b>International Day of Women and Girls in Science</b>	<b>Spirit Day: 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School</b> Reading Link 12:00pm in the library	<b>District Professional Day</b> (Students do not attend)
Choir Practice 12:20pm	Girls Tripleball Game @ Larson 3:30pm	Rainbow Protectors 12:00pm	JEDI Club 12:00pm in the LST room	
Boys Tripleball Game @ Braemar 3:30pm		Choir Practice 12:20pm	Tripleball Practice 12:20pm for <b>ALL</b> Gr. 6/7 teams	

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As February unfolds, we continue to center Black History Month as a meaningful focus across the school. Classes have been engaging in ongoing Black History presentations, as well as thoughtful in-class learning.

We're also looking forward to our upcoming spirit days, including the **100th Day of School**. These celebrations help build excitement, connection, and a strong sense of community for our students.

A reminder that we have a **District Pro-D Day this Friday**, leading into an **extra-long Family Day weekend**. We hope you enjoy some restful, quality time with loved ones. We also recognize that these holidays can feel difficult when family is far away, and we are thinking of you.

#WEAREORCAS





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

Tickets went home with students last week. 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

**SPIRIT DAY!!**

We're excited to celebrate a big milestone — our 100th day of school! To make the day extra fun, students and staff are invited to join in by **wearing 100 of anything or dressing like they're 100 years old!**



**Get creative — 100 stickers, 100 beads, 100 pom-poms, or any other fun idea you can think of. Or, have fun dressing up as your future 100-year-old self!**

This special day is all about celebrating hard work, growth, and the amazing learning we've accomplished together so far.

We can't wait to see everyone's imaginative outfits as we mark our first 100 days of learning, laughing, and growing this year!

**THE COMMON COLD**



**A Reminder About Common Colds**

Cold and flu season is upon us, and many students may experience mild cold symptoms at this time of year. **Children can continue attending school as long as they feel well enough to take part in regular classroom activities.**

We kindly ask families to:

- **Remind children to practise good hygiene**, including washing their hands regularly and sneezing or coughing into their elbows instead of their hands.
- **Dress children appropriately for the weather**, as staying warm and dry helps them feel more comfortable.
- **Provide cold medication at home if needed**, so they're ready for the day.
- **Keep an eye on symptoms and stay home** if your child develops a fever, a worsening cough, difficulty breathing, or if their symptoms become more severe.

Thank you for your support in keeping our school community healthy!



**Black History is Canadian History:**

*In 2021, over 40.9% of the Black population in Canada were Canadian-born, with roots stretching back generations*



**30 Years of Black History Month: Honouring Black Brilliance Across Generations — From Nation Builders to Tomorrow's Visionaries.**

This theme marks 3 decades of Black History Month in Canada by honouring the lasting contributions of Black Canadians—both the trailblazers who shaped the nation and the emerging leaders who continue to inspire change and excellence today.

**Learn more about Black History Month [here](#).**



Our school recently celebrated the start of the 2026 Winter Olympics, which began early events on February 4 ahead of the Opening Ceremony on February 6 in Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy.

Last Friday, students and staff showed their spirit by representing countries they support or feel connected to.



**Best wishes from Larson to all the athletes competing!**



**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](mailto:international@sd44.ca).

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



**VALENTINE'S DAY TREATS**

We love celebrating special days with our students! We kindly ask that families **do not send homemade treats or high-sugar snacks to share with the class.**

Teachers may plan classroom celebrations and will communicate directly with parents about any snacks or treats that may be needed.

Thank you for helping us keep our classrooms safe, inclusive, and enjoyable for everyone!

**EARLY DEPARTURES**



If a student needs to leave school during the day, they must be signed out at the office by a parent or guardian. Parents are asked to go directly to the office. Students will be called from their classroom to meet you there.

Please use the [School Messenger App \(Safe Arrivals\)](#) to report early departures. This ensures that office staff have enough time to bring your child to the office so they are ready for pick-up.

For Grade 7 students only, self-sign-out is permitted with written parental consent provided to the office in advance. Please send an email to [larson@sd44.ca](mailto:larson@sd44.ca).

**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](#)

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## 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.*

### PALS EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We're looking for a parent volunteer to help with PALS email communications.

This role includes:

- **Sharing weekly PALS updates for the Sunday school newsletter**
- **Sending occasional event emails (for larger fundraisers such as Larsonpalooza)**

It's a flexible role (**about 30 minutes to 1 hour per week**), can be done from home, and does not include social media.

We've attached the full role description with more details. If this sounds like a good fit for you, or someone you know at Larson, **please email: [laronpals1@gmail.com](mailto:laronpals1@gmail.com)**.

Thanks so much for supporting PALS and our Larson community.



### FUN LUNCH ORDER REMINDER

Please remember to place your Fun Lunch order on Munchalunch.

Fun Lunch is a great way to treat students to something they look forward to at school, while also helping raise funds to support Larson.

**>> [CLICK TO ORDER HERE!!](#) <<**

Questions can be directed to [laronfunlunch@gmail.com](mailto:laronfunlunch@gmail.com).

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### HELP BRING LARSONPALOOZA 2026 TO LIFE

We're looking for a **Lead or Co-Leads** to guide this year's **Larsonpalooza Spring Fair**, our school's biggest and most exciting community event.

You don't need to be an expert planner. If you enjoy bringing people together and making fun things happen, this could be a great fit. Planning kicks off in the new year, and you will have:

- Guidance from last year's lead
- Support from sub committee leads (games, food and drink, signage, communications, and more)
- A team ready to grow as we build it together

Interested or have questions? Email [laronsspringfair@gmail.com](mailto:laronsspringfair@gmail.com)

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