



# ÉCOLE LARSON ELEMENTARY

## Weekly Newsletter

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### WEEKLY INTENTION

I am open and ready to learn.

Je suis ouvert/e et prêt/e à apprendre.



### UPCOMING DATES

- **Larson Professional Day**  
(School not in session)  
January 19
- **Carson Music Tour**  
January 20
- **Floor Hockey Game @ Carisbrook**  
January 20 (3:30pm)
- **International Holocaust Remembrance Day**  
January 27
- **Floor Hockey Game @ Cleveland**  
January 27 (3:30pm)

### ORCA VALUES

Kindness  
Compassion  
Protection  
Intelligence

### LARSON'S WEEK AHEAD

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Floor Hockey Game at Montroyal 3:30pm	Floor Hockey Practice 12:20pm	Black Excellence Day Salmon Eggs Arrive	Hot Lunch Sushi Floor Hockey Practice 12:20pm

-----Grade 6's to Outdoor School----->

## New Year, New Newsletter

We've updated the format of our Weekly Newsletter - we hope you enjoy the fresh look!

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back, Orcas!

We hope everyone had a restful and fun holiday break. We are looking forward to a great start to 2026! Please look out for our weekly newsletter as this is where we will update you on upcoming important events and dates.

**Thank you in advance for staying up to date on our school community!**

## GRADE 6 OUTDOOR SCHOOL

Grade 6 students will be heading to outdoor school at the Cheakamus Centre this week! Below is some important information for parents.

**Leaving Larson - Tuesday, January 13th** (the bus will depart from Larson for the Cheakamus Centre at 9:00am. Students should arrive around 8:45 am that morning to check-in with teachers outside).

**Returning to Larson - Friday, January 16th** (the bus will leave the Cheakamus Centre at 1:30pm and should arrive back at the school by 2:51 pm, potentially a bit earlier).

*If you have any additional questions, please reach out to your classroom teacher.*



## health CORNER

A friendly reminder to families about keeping our school community safe and preventing the spread of illness.

Please keep in mind that students should stay home if they have the following symptoms:

- Fever - are too sick to take part in all normal school activities.
- Suspected or known communicable disease (i.e. strep throat, chicken pox, measles).
- Vomiting or has diarrhea. Students should be symptom free for **at least 24 hours** before returning to school



## 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.

# BLACK EXCELLENCE DAY

Black Excellence Day was established by the Ninandotoo Society in honour of the civil rights activist Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who was born on January 15, 1929. **It is observed annually on January 15**, or the preceding Friday if it falls on a weekend or holiday.



## LITTERLESS LUNCH - Pack-in-Pack-out



- **Bring it Home** - All packaging, uneaten food, and scraps go back home with your child. This includes Munch-A-Lunch packaging, except for liquids like milk, ice-cream, and yogurt.
- **Zero-Garbage Lunches** - Use reusable containers, snack bags, and drink bottles instead of single-use packaging.
- **Reusable is Key** - Send washable containers and a sealable bag for leftovers or compostable scraps.



## LOST & FOUND



Please take a look below to see if anything belongs to your family. Students can pick up items anytime during school hours.

**Items not claimed by January 31st will be donated.**

**Thank you for your assistance!**



## 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.

### NEXT PALS MEETING



Our next PALS meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

### UPCOMING FUNDRAISER

We are excited to share that a Two Rivers Meats fundraiser will be coming soon. More details will be shared in an upcoming newsletter.



### LARSONPALOOZA LEADS NEEDED



We are currently looking for leads for Larsonpalooza, our school's biggest community event and fundraiser, and one of the events our students look forward to most each year. Your support can help make Larsonpalooza a success for our entire school community.

Last year's lead team has already put supports in place, including guidance and ready to use resources, so new leads will not be starting from scratch. If you are interested, have questions, or would like to be part of an initial conversation, please reach out to [larsonpals1@gmail.com](mailto:larsonpals1@gmail.com). Leads are needed soon so planning can begin.