



ÉCOLE LARSON ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter

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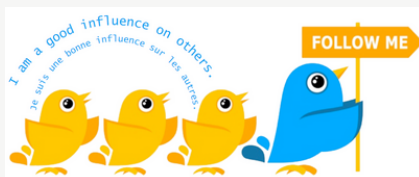


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LARSON WEBSITE

WEEKLY INTENTION



I am a good influence on others.

Je suis une bonne influence sur les autres.

UPCOMING DATES

- **International Holocaust Remembrance Day**
January 27
- **Last Floor Hockey Game @ Cleveland**
January 27 (3:30pm)
- **Black History Month**
February 1
- **International Inclusive Education Month**
February 1
- **Tripleball Game**
February 2

ORCA VALUES

Kindness
Compassion
Protection
Intelligence

LARSON'S WEEK AHEAD

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Floor Hockey Practice 12:20pm	Tripleball Practice 12:20pm	Tripleball Practice 12:20pm	Hot Lunch Pizza + TCBY
	Floor Hockey Game at Carisbrook 3:30pm			Floor Hockey Practice 12:20pm

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are so proud of our students for starting the new year with such positive attitudes and strong commitment to their learning!

The first two weeks back have been full of energy and focus, and it's wonderful to see everyone working hard and supporting one another.

As we move forward, we want to remind families of the importance of following our school conduct guidelines and maintaining good attendance. These expectations help create a safe, respectful, and productive environment for all students.

Your support at home makes a big difference! Together, we can ensure that every child's experience is positive and beneficial. Thank you for partnering with us in helping our students succeed.

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

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COLD WEATHER REMINDER



Please ensure students are dressed appropriately for the wet and chilly weather. Winter jackets, boots, mitts and toques are strongly encouraged.

To help keep students comfortable after outdoor play, when they may get muddy or damp, we ask that parents send an extra set of clothes (shirt, pants, socks, and underwear) in a labeled bag for their child. This can be kept in your child's backpack or in the classroom. **This includes intermediate grades.**

Having these items on hand helps avoid discomfort and interruptions to learning.

Thank you for helping us keep students warm, dry, and ready to learn!

HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH



Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD) is a common illness caused by enteroviruses. While anyone can get HFMD, it is most often seen in children under 10 years of age. Please watch your child for signs of the disease. *Not everyone with HFMD will have all, or any symptoms.*

Please remind your child to:

- Practice good hand hygiene during and after infection. It's possible to be contagious for several weeks after the blisters have healed
- Sneeze or cough into a tissue or their inner arm (elbow)
- Throw tissues directly in the garbage after use
- Wash hands again after coughing or sneezing
- Avoid sharing cups, forks or spoons

Children with HFMD may come to school if they feel well enough to take part in activities. The risk to other children is not great if proper hygiene practices are followed.

If you have any questions, please [click here](#) or contact Vancouver Coastal Health.

Thank you for helping us keep our school community healthy.



MANAGING TRAFFIC AND PARKING

Please do not park in the accessible parking spots near the kindergarten classrooms unless you have a valid permit displayed. These spaces are reserved for individuals who require them and keeping them available ensures that all members of our school community can access the building safely and comfortably.

Please do not park or stop in the designated "No Stopping" zone located at the front of the school. Additionally,



vehicles must not be left unattended in areas marked as "No Parking". These zones must always remain clear to ensure safe access for emergency vehicles, and smooth drop-off and pick-up for students.

Traffic congestion before and after school continues to be a concern, and we ask for your patience and cooperation.

If issues arise, please respond with kindness, especially in front of children. A calm and respectful approach helps ensure the safety and well-being of all our students and families.

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.



New Bulletin Boards Coming to Our Main Entrance!

We're excited to share that three new bulletin boards have been installed just inside the main entrance near the gym! These boards are designed to keep our school community informed, connected, and engaged.

- **Parent Information Board:** A central spot for important announcements, upcoming events, and helpful resources for families.
- **Meet the Staff Board:** A refreshed and updated display where you can get to know the wonderful team supporting our students each day.
- **PALS Board:** A dedicated space to highlight our PALS program where PALS can share updates throughout the year.



Above: Artwork from Division F11 (Mme Davidson)

Below: Artwork from Division F08 (Mme Hernandez)



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.

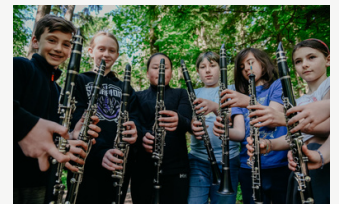
We have secondary school international students in need of a homestay placement for the school terms beginning February and September 2026, and February 2027.

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.

BAND AND STRINGS FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Band & String registration is open for students in grades 4-7. **Please note that the ability to offer a program at Ecole Larson is contingent on several factors:**



- **Enrolment** – The Band and Strings program operates on a cost-recovery basis, funded directly through registration fees. Students in grades 3-6 will see Strings Program fees added to their School Cash Online for the Strings Program. Participation in this program is optional.
- **Staffing** – Within the NVSD, equity across schools is a priority. To ensure all schools receive programming, those requesting a second program may not be granted both Band and Strings, regardless of enrollment.
- **Physical Space and Scheduling** – Each school must have the physical space and scheduling capacity.

Details can be found on the [Elementary Band and Strings' webpage](#).

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

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.

FUN LUNCH (MUNCHALUNCH) REMINDER

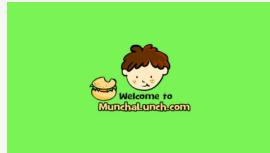
Please remember to place your Fun Lunch order on Munchalunch.

June 19, 2026 is the final ordering date for this school year.

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 larsonfunlunch@gmail.com.



ELEMENTARY BAND AND STRINGS REGISTRATION OPEN

Registration is open for the **NVSD Elementary Band and Strings Program** for the **2026 to 2027 school year**.



- **Grade 3 families: Register for Strings** (students entering **Grade 4**).
- **Grade 4 families: Register for Band** (students entering **Grade 5**).
- **Register via [SCHOOL CASH ONLINE](#)**
- Enrolment deadline: **Friday, February 27, 2026**.

Questions: bandandstring@sd44.ca. These programs require **sufficient enrolment** to run at Larson.

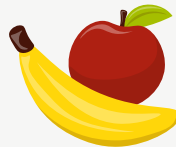
HEALTHY FUTURES WEBINAR (NVPAC)

North Vancouver Parents' Advisory Council (NVPAC) is hosting an online webinar on **healthy food choices and family friendly meal ideas**, including lunch and snack tips and healthier options for fundraiser events. Join **Tine Parker (District Administrator, Healthy Futures)** and **Lisa Hubbard (North Shore Neighbourhood House)**.

Please read more about [Healthy Futures online](#).

- **When: Monday, February 9 (7:00–8:00 p.m.)**
- **Where: Online (virtual webinar)**

>> [CLICK TO REGISTER TO ATTEND](#) <<



SUPPORTING STUDENTS

NVSD has shared resources to support students who may be affected by distressing global news. Students may be exposed to upsetting global news through media, **social media, and conversations**, sometimes without the **context or emotional support** needed to process what they see and hear. Even when events are far away, children can be affected, and this may show up as worry, big emotions, or difficulty focusing.

NVSD schools are supporting students with **predictable routines, calm spaces**, and opportunities to **talk, reflect, or take a break when needed**.

Helpful resources:

- [Foundry Virtual BC](#)
- [SD44 Social Emotional Learning and Mental Health](#)

