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LARSON WEBSITE

WEEKLY INTENTION



UPCOMING DATES

- **National Indigenous Peoples Day**
June 21
- **Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony**
June 24
- **Last Day of Classes & Year End Assembly**
June 25
- **First Day Back at School**
September 8

E.C.H.O.

- Empathy / Empathie**
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LARSON'S WEEK AHEAD

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Kindergarten and Grade 6 Immunizations Treat Sale 3:00pm	Volunteer Appreciation Event 8:00am Volleyball Club 3:00pm Band Concert @ Queen Mary 6:00pm	Kindergarten Outdoor Learning @ Cates Park 9:00am-2:00pm		Juneteenth Hot Lunch A&W Treat Sale 3:00pm

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are pleased to share that **Fun Day was a big success**, and students had a blast! **A huge thank you to PALS for putting on another fantastic Larsonpalooza**—it was wonderful to see families come together to celebrate our community.

On Monday, **Grade 6 and Kindergarten immunizations** will take place. Tuesday morning, we will host our **Volunteer Appreciation Event** as a small thank you to our dedicated parent volunteers. That evening, our **final Band Concert will be held at Queen Mary Elementary**, where we look forward to celebrating our young musicians' hard work and talent.

On Friday, we recognize **Juneteenth**, a day recognized and celebrated by Black communities and allies to honour the shared history of liberation, reflect on Canada's own legacy of slavery, and fight against anti-Black racism. Canada observes **National Indigenous Peoples Day** on Sunday, which honours the cultures and contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support as we head into the final two weeks of the school year. **#WEAREORCAS**



2026/2027 SCHOOL YEAR INFORMATION



We are already looking ahead to September at Larson! On the first day of school (**Tuesday, September 8**), students in **Grades 1-7** will meet in their grade groups from last year and attend from **9:00-11:00am** to ease into the year in a calm and supportive way.

During the first week, students will take part in a mix of grade group and family groupings, which we call **Orca Pods**, designed to build connections and create shared experiences across the school. Orca Pods bring together students from different grades into small, consistent groups. This approach supports relationship-building beyond the classroom, strengthens a sense of belonging, and provides opportunities for older students to take on leadership roles while supporting younger students.

Students will move to their new classes on Friday, September 11, 2026. All NVSD elementary schools will be using this model.

We look forward to a positive, connected start to the school year. **Families will receive additional information in late August.**

PLANNING AHEAD FOR SUMMER? LET US KNOW!

Is your family moving or extending your summer plans into September?

Please email larson@sd44.ca to keep us informed.

- **Moving?** We will provide you with the necessary withdrawal information.
- **Returning after September 8?** To hold your child's spot, we will require proof of your return date.

Your early communication helps us plan effectively—thank you for your support.

2026/2027 SCHOOL SUPPLIES



We are offering families for students in Grade 2 through 7 the opportunity to purchase School Supplies through **School Start Back to School Supplies**. The kits can be delivered directly to your home.

Students in Kindergarten English and Kindergarten through Grade 3 French - the school will order the supplies for the students and a fee will be added to your School Cash Online account.

School Supply kits can be ordered online at [School Start Back to School Supplies](https://www.schoolstart.ca), by phone at 1-800-580-1868 or by email to info@schoolstart.ca.

HEALTHY HABITS FOR HAPPY SMILES



Children begin losing their baby teeth around age 6, with the last ones typically falling out by age 12. Keeping these teeth healthy is important for speech development, proper nutrition, spacing for adult teeth, and confidence.



Families play an important role in supporting good oral health. **Here are a few simple tips:**

- Help your child brush and floss until they can handwrite their name (around age 8)
- Use a small amount of fluoride toothpaste twice daily, especially before bed
- Limit sugary snacks and drinks, and encourage water throughout the day
- Offer healthy snacks such as fruits, vegetables, yogurt, eggs, or cheese
- Book regular dental check-ups starting by age one

Frequent snacking or sipping on sugary foods and drinks can increase the risk of cavities. Aim for 2-3 healthy snacks per day and encourage water between meals.

Developing strong oral hygiene habits early supports not only healthy teeth, but overall well-being.



No worries if you can't make it—coffee and treats will be available to grab and go at drop-off!

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT

The Larson Elementary staff warmly invite all parents, guardians, and volunteers to join us for coffee and treats as we celebrate and thank you for your hard work and dedication to our school community.

We truly appreciate all that you do!

June 16, 2026 at 8:00am
Larson Gym



2026/2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR

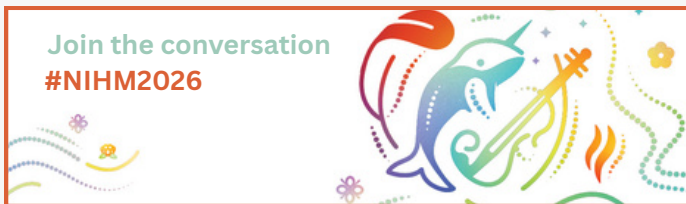
The Larson 'Year at a Glance' calendar for the 2026/2027 school year is now available on the school website—be sure to check it out for important dates and events! Click [HERE](#) to view.



INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY - SUNDAY, JUNE 21


National Indigenous Peoples Day is a special day in Canada to recognize and celebrate the rich cultures, traditions, and contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples.

This day is an opportunity for all Canadians to learn, reflect, and honour the history, resilience, and diversity of Indigenous Peoples across the country.





IMPORTANT INFORMATION: ORCA E.C.H.O


E.C.H.O. (Empathy, Community, Harmony, and Ownership) is our PBIS (Positive Behavioural Interventions and Supports) framework that helps us create a safe, caring, and inclusive school culture at Larson.




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AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS – FALL 2026

The after-school programming at Larson is now live! There will be art classes, 3D printing, sports, and musical theatre programs this fall – a fun way for students to build skills, try something new, and spend time with friends after school. Reminder: these are optional paid programs offered by independent organizations.

ARTMANIA – Sculpture & 3D Art Explorers (Grades 1–5)

Students can unleash their creativity through hands-on sculpture and 3D art projects inspired by architecture, nature, storytelling, and contemporary art. This exciting program encourages artistic expression while developing problem-solving and spatial-thinking skills. Sessions run Tuesdays from September 22 to December 8 in the Music Room.



SPORTS EXPLORERS (GRADES 1–4)

Get ready to move, play, and explore! Sports Explorers introduces students to a different sport each week, including soccer, basketball, ultimate, pickleball, handball, and more. Led by experienced PE professionals, this fun and active program helps students build athletic skills, teamwork, sportsmanship, and confidence while staying active and making new friends. Sessions run Thursdays from September 17 to November 5 in the gym.



STEAMOJI – Introduction to Fabrication: 3D Printing (Grades 2–4)

Perfect for young creators and innovators, this beginner-friendly program introduces students to the world of 3D printing and fabrication. Participants will design and create custom projects while exploring engineering and design concepts. Classes take place Wednesdays from September 23 to December 9 in the Music Room.



LIGHTS UP MUSICAL THEATRE (GRADES K–7)

Calling all future performers! Lights Up Musical Theatre gives students the opportunity to sing, dance, act, and shine in a supportive and creative environment. This fall, participants will work toward a performance of Hercules while developing confidence, creativity, and stage skills. Led by experienced Lights Up instructors, this engaging after-school program is perfect for students who love to perform and express themselves. Sessions run Fridays from October 1 to November 26 in the gym.

[Click here](#) to check them out and/or register!



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THANK YOU, LARSON FAMILIES

A sincere thank you to all the parents who contributed food, drinks, and treats for our annual end-of-year Teacher & Staff Luncheon. Your generosity helped make the event special, and it was greatly appreciated by the Larson staff. Thank you for helping us celebrate the amazing people who support our children every day.



GRADE 7

TREAT SALE!

COTTON CANDY **FREEZIES** **POPSICLES**

MONDAY JUNE 15 **AT 3:00**