ÉCOLE LARSON ELEMENTARY
Weekly Newsletter

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WEEKLY INTENTION



UPCOMING DATES

- **Remembrance Day (School is not in session)**
  Nov 11
- **Curriculum Implementation Day (Students do not attend)**
  Dec 4
- **National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women (half-mast)**
  Dec 6
- **Winter Solstice**
  Dec 21
- **Winter Break**
  Dec 21 - Jan 4



LARSON'S WEEK AHEAD

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Student Teacher Family Conferences Early dismissal 1:50pm **Exhibition Basketball Game @ Highlands** 3:30pm	**Student Teacher Family Conferences Early dismissal 1:50pm** **Individual Photo Retakes**	**Student Teacher Family Conferences Early dismissal 1:50pm** **Community, Coffee and Connections** 2:15-3:15pm	**Student Teacher Family Conferences Early dismissal 1:50pm**	**Fun Lunch** White Spot

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we settle in after the excitement of Halloween, we look forward to a new month of collaboration and community at Larson. Our annual Costume Parade was a blast, and we hope you enjoy the photos later in this newsletter.

A friendly reminder that students will be dismissed early at 1:50pm Monday through Thursday this week to support our Student-Teacher-Family Conferences. Monday afternoon will also feature a basketball exhibition game for our student athletes.

On Tuesday, we will have individual photo retakes, so don't forget to bring your smiles! We are also looking forward to our **Community, Coffee and Connections gathering on Wednesday from 2:15 to 3:15pm.** Join us for a cup of coffee and an opportunity to connect with other members of our school community.

Finally, we would like to wish a very Happy Diwali to all those in our Larson community who are celebrating.

Thank you for your continued support, and have a wonderful week ahead!

Dean Yeo
Principal

Cynthia Zhu
Vice Principal

IMPORTANT: WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Regular attendance and punctuality are essential for student success. The habits students develop in elementary school follow them throughout their educational journey and are directly linked to success in high school.



Why attendance matters:

- **Every day counts.** Students who are absent or frequently late miss more than just classroom work. They also miss meaningful learning experiences and opportunities that are difficult to fully replicate.
- **Connections matter.** Students build friendships, confidence, and a sense of belonging through regular attendance.
- **Good habits last.** Consistent attendance and punctuality help develop responsibility and readiness for future learning.
- **Frequent absences and late arrivals can impact both academic progress and social-emotional development.**

Thank you for helping your child be at school, on time, and ready to learn each day.

HEALTHY HABITS FOR HAPPY SMILES

health CORNER

Children begin losing their baby teeth around age 6, with the last ones typically falling out by age 12. 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

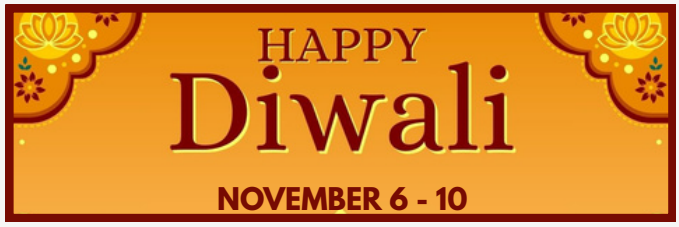
Frequent snacking or sipping on sugary foods and drinks can increase the risk of cavities. Aim for 2–3 healthy snacks per day and encourage water between meals.

Developing strong oral hygiene habits early supports not only healthy teeth, but overall wellbeing.

ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE AT LARSON

Students and staff showed off their creativity and Halloween spirit at school today! **Check out the photos below and all the fun we had together.**





SCHOOL PHOTOS RETAKES - NOV 3



A Photo Retake Form was sent home with each student's photo package last week. If your child requires a retake, **please complete and return the form to your child's teacher by Monday, November 2,** if you have not already done so. We ask families to carefully consider whether a retake is truly necessary, as photographer time is limited and we cannot accommodate unnecessary retakes. **Students who have not yet had their photo taken should attend the retake session.**

Returning the form in advance helps teachers identify students requiring retakes and assists the photographer in locating those students on retake day. ***Please note that students cannot have their photo retaken without a completed Photo Retake Form.**

NOTICE: LOST AND FOUND



Please take a few moments during Student-Teacher-Family Conferences to check the Lost and Found. **Any unclaimed clothing will be donated at the end of next week.**













HAPPY HALLOWEEN



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 MEETING THIS THURSDAY**
Join us on Thursday, November 5 at 6:30 PM in the Larson School Library. Come hear what's happening and share your ideas! Looking ahead, the next meeting dates are Dec 3, Jan 7, Feb 4, Apr 1 (no joke), and May 6.



CLASS REPS NEEDED
We're still looking for Class Reps for E06, E07, F05, F07, F08, F10, F11 and F12.
It's an easy way to support PALS! Help share occasional updates with class families via email and coordinate teacher gifts twice a year. Interested? Email watsonjenv@gmail.com with your name, teacher's name and division.

🖌️ **ARTMANIA WINTER TERM**
Artmania is back with a new after-school program for **Grades K–5!** Kids will explore cartooning, character design, sculpture and claymation, with activities adapted for different ages and abilities.



Tuesdays, 2:50–5 PM from January 12–March 9
9 classes for $315
👉 Register Here

🍫**PURDY'S FUNDRAISER**
Get a head start on holiday chocolates while supporting our Grade 7 Grads.

- **Order by:** November 30
- **Free school pick-up:** December 10
- Shipping to Canadian addresses also available

👉 Order here

🍿**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT — NOVEMBER 27**
Mark your calendars! We will be showing Arthur Christmas. More details coming soon.



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