



ÉCOLE LARSON ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter

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WEEKLY INTENTION



UPCOMING DATES

● **Staff Collaboration (Early Dismissal @ 1:50pm)**

October 28

● **PALS Halloween Howl**

October 29

● **Halloween**

October 31

● **Student-Teacher-Family Conferences (Early Dismissal @ 1:50pm)**

Nov 2-5

LARSON'S WEEK AHEAD

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Basketball Practice 12:20pm Basketball Game vs. Braemar @ Larson 3:30pm	X-Country Meet @ Loutet Park (Gr. 4 & 6) 3:30pm	Basketball Practice 3:00pm X-Country Meet @ Loutet Park (Gr. 5 & 7) 3:30pm	X-Country Practice 8:15am	District-wide Professional Day (Students do not attend)

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we move further into October, there is a wonderful energy throughout the school as students stay engaged in learning and taking part in a variety of extracurricular activities.

This week is a busy one for our student-athletes, **with both basketball games and cross-country meets on the schedule**. Thank you to our coaches, staff, and families for supporting these opportunities, and good luck to all of our athletes as they represent Larson.

We are also gearing up for Halloween and the excitement that comes with it. As you prepare for upcoming celebrations, **please take a few moments to review our Halloween guidelines on the next page**. These expectations help ensure a safe, inclusive, and enjoyable experience for all students.

Finally, a **friendly reminder that Friday is a district-wide professional development day. School will not be in session for students.**

Thanks for your ongoing support. Have a wonderful weekend!

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Principal

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Vice Principal



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HALLOWEEN AT SCHOOL

As we get closer to our Halloween festivities, **please take a moment to review the guidelines below and remind students that kindness, respect, and inclusion are always part of our school expectations.**



Friday, October 30

Students are welcome to wear costumes throughout the day. To help create a positive and respectful environment, **please ensure costumes are:**

- Age-appropriate, inclusive and respectful of culture and gender identity
- Designed so students remain easily identifiable (face paint should not completely cover the face)
- No masks (except during the parade)
- Costumes can not include weapons, blood, or gore
- No inflatable or blow-up costumes, as these can create safety concerns and make it difficult for students to move comfortably through learning spaces

Students may be asked to modify or remove costume elements, including face paint, if they do not meet these guidelines. All classes will also take part in a school-wide costume parade filled with music, fun, and school spirit!

Halloween Treats

To support a comfortable and enjoyable learning environment, **please do not send home-baked goods, candy, or treats to school to share with the class.** This helps ensure that all students can enjoy the celebration, regardless of allergies, dietary restrictions, or other food-related needs. Sweets and sugar can also affect some children's behaviour, focus, and well-being during the school day. Our teachers have lots of fun activities planned to make the day festive and memorable.

Thank you for your support. We can't wait to enjoy the festivities together. **Happy Halloween!**

DOGS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

Dogs and pets are not allowed on school district property, as per municipal bylaws. Should you observe someone not complying with these rules, please report it to the municipality: City of North Vancouver [Bylaw Enforcement](#)

- 604-982-8302 (Monday to Friday, 8:30am – 5:00 pm)
- bylaw@cnv.org

STAY HOME IF YOU ARE UNWELL



A friendly reminder to please follow our school health guidelines.



Please note: Students who have experienced vomiting or diarrhea should be symptom free for at least 24 hours before returning to school.

Additional symptoms include:

- **Fever** – are too sick to take part in all normal school activities.
- **Suspected or known communicable disease** (i.e. strep throat, chicken pox, measles).

Thank you for your support!

LUNCH CONTAINERS

A quick reminder to families to allow hot food to cool down a little before sealing it in insulated food containers. We have noticed that some containers can be extremely difficult to open when sealed with hot food inside.

Please help us out by allowing food to cool slightly before sealing the containers and checking that your child can open their lunch container independently.



Thank you for your attention to this!

TECH-SAVVY CAREGIVER TIPS - OCTOBER

Being safe online is an important part of being a responsible digital citizen.



October's theme is Privacy and Security, with a focus on helping students and families develop healthy and safe technology habits. Families are encouraged to explore practical ways to protect personal information, strengthen passwords, understand online privacy, and help children recognize potential risks online.

Media Literacy Week takes place October 26–30, making this a great opportunity to continue conversations at home about making safe, responsible, and thoughtful choices in our digital world.

Check out these helpful links for [resources](#) and [practical tips](#) to support safe and responsible technology use at home.

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.

APPLE PICK UP

🍏 Thank you for your support on the Apple Fundraiser. **The apples will be available for pick-up on October 20th after school.** We will be set up by the basketball hoops in the front of the school.



🎃 HALLOWEEN HOWL VOLUNTEERS

The dance tickets are now sold out. Thank you for the support.

We're looking for volunteers to run the dance, concession and donations of baked goods.

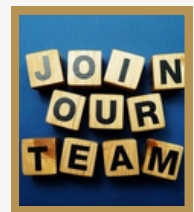
Sign up here 🍷 [Bake Sale & Volunteer Sign Up](#)



CLASS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Class Representatives are needed for E06, E07, F05, F07, F08, F10, F11, F12.

This is an important way to support our teachers and school community. Time commitment is minimal with the main responsibilities being forwarding occasional PALS communication via email to class parents and organizing a group class gift during the holidays/end of the year. To volunteer or inquire please email watsonjenv@gmail.com and **include your name, your teachers name and division.**



🍕 FUN LUNCH ORDERS REMINDER

A quick reminder that Fun Lunch orders close at 11:59 PM, 9 days before each lunch date — that's Wednesday night for the following Friday's lunch. Cutlery is not provided, please send what your child will need. Milk is now available and can be added to your orders. Don't forget to get those orders in before the deadline!

🍷 [Order here](#)



NEXT PALS MEETING — NOVEMBER 5

Our next PALS meeting is Thursday, November 5 at 6:30 PM in the Larson School Library.

All Larson parents and guardians are welcome to attend. Come hear what's happening, share ideas and get involved in our school community



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