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Weekly Newsletter

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WEEKLY INTENTION

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UPCOMING DATES

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

Nov 2-5

Diwali

Nov 6-10

Remembrance Day (**School is not in session**)

Nov 11

Curriculum Implementation Day (**Students do not attend**)

Dec 4



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LARSON'S WEEK AHEAD

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Basketball Practice 12:20pm Basketball Game vs. Upper Lynn @ Larson 3:30pm		Early Dismissal for Staff Collaboration 1:50pm Gr. 6 Outdoor School Parent Meeting 5:45pm	PALS Halloween Dance 5:45pm	Halloween Parade

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The excitement around Larson is certainly building, and the energy throughout the school is palpable as students look ahead to a week filled with learning, teamwork, and Halloween fun.

We kick off the week with basketball practices and a **game on Monday** as our athletes continue their season.

A friendly reminder that students will be **dismissed early at 1:50pm on Wednesday to support staff collaboration**. Grade 6 families are also invited to attend the **Outdoor School Parent Information Meeting** that evening to learn more about this exciting upcoming experience.

As the week continues, Halloween festivities will be in full swing. Families can look forward to the **PALS Halloween Howl on Thursday evening, followed by our annual Larson Halloween Parade on Friday**. Please take a few moments to review the Halloween guidelines and tips later in this newsletter.

We hope everyone has a fun, safe, and happy Halloween on Saturday. Thank you for your continued support, and have a wonderful weekend!

Dean Yeo
Principal

Cynthia Zhu
Vice Principal



HALLOWEEN AT LARSON – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

Students are welcome to wear costumes to school! Please ensure costumes are age-appropriate, inclusive, and respectful. Students must remain easily identifiable, and costumes should not include weapons, blood, gore, or inflatable/blow-up elements. Masks may only be worn during the costume parade. Students may be asked to modify or remove costume elements that do not meet these guidelines.



All classes will take part in a school-wide costume parade filled with music, fun, and school spirit!

Halloween Treats

Please do not send home-baked goods, candy, or treats to share with the class. This helps us support students with allergies, dietary restrictions, and other food-related needs. Teachers have plenty of fun activities planned to make the day festive and memorable.

Thank you for helping us celebrate Halloween with kindness and respect. Happy Halloween!

**CONCUSSION AWARENESS, PREVENTION & MANAGEMENT**

Concussions are complex injuries that school-age children and youth are at greater risk for than the general population.



Young brains take longer to heal than adult brains and concussive injuries can permanently change the way a child or youth talks, walks, learns, works and interacts with others.

Concussion Awareness Training Tool (CATT) a

The [Concussion Awareness Training Tool](#) is a free, online resource that can be used to better understand concussion care. CATT was developed by the BC Injury Research and Prevention Unit at BC Children's Hospital and the University of British Columbia.

Learn more about concussions: [Parent / Caregiver Resources](#)

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY AT LARSON

Student safety is a high priority. We need the cooperation of all families to follow parking and traffic regulations around the school. Failure to do so creates unnecessary safety risks for students, staff, and families.

Please note the following:

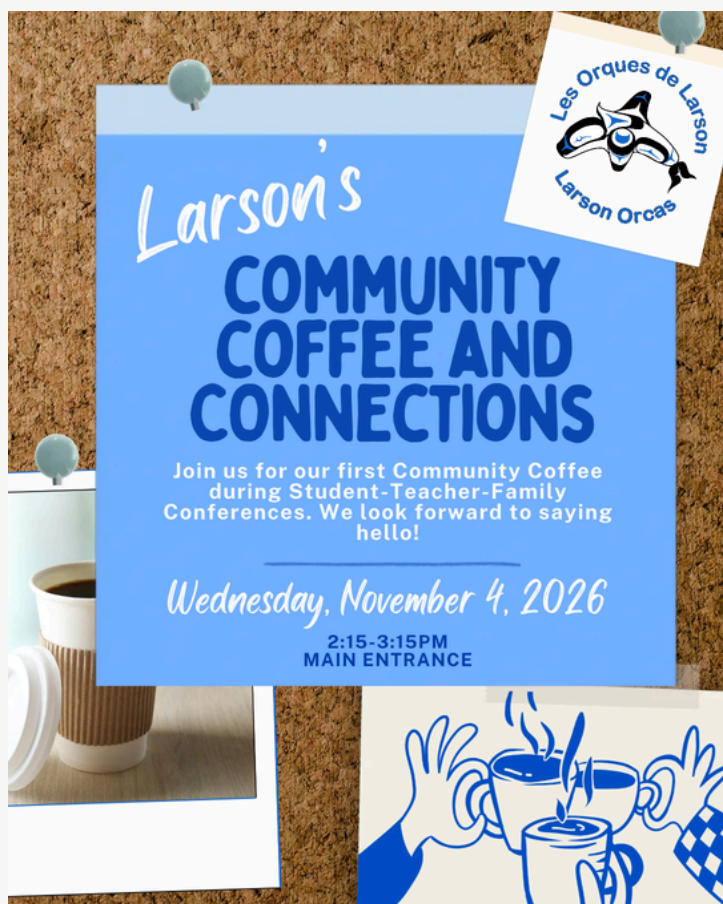
- **Do not stop or park in the designated "No Stopping" zone** at the front of the school.
- **Do not leave your vehicle unattended in "No Parking" areas** at any time.
- These designated zones must remain clear to ensure:
 - Safe access for emergency vehicles
 - Safe pedestrian movement around the school
 - Efficient student drop-off and pick-up procedures
- **Do not park in accessible parking spaces** near the kindergarten classrooms unless you have a valid accessible parking permit displayed.



Traffic congestion before and after school continues to be a significant concern. We ask all drivers to plan accordingly, follow posted signage, and exercise patience during busy times.

If concerns arise regarding parking or traffic, please address them respectfully. Children are watching and learning from the adults around them. As Larson Orcas, we expect all members of our community to model kindness, compassion, and respectful communication.

Thank you for your immediate attention and cooperation in helping keep our school safe.



STUDENT-TEACHER-FAMILY CONFERENCES

Student-Teacher-Family Conferences will take place November 2-5, 2026, and bookings are now open. Please use the following link to reserve a conference time that works for your family:

 [Book Your Conference](#)



Students will be dismissed early at 1:50pm during conference week (Monday - Thursday). These conferences provide an important opportunity for students, families, and teachers to work together in supporting student learning and goal setting.

Families are also invited to join us for our first Community Coffee and Connections on Wednesday, November 4, from 2:15-3:15pm.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support!

THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

Get ready, Larson readers! **Our annual Book Fair is coming the week of November 16**, and we're excited to fill the library with amazing stories, new discoveries, and books for every type of reader.



The Book Fair is a wonderful opportunity for students to explore new titles, build their home libraries, and help support literacy in our school. We can't make this event happen without the support of our incredible volunteers!

If you're able to lend a hand during the week, we'd love your help. **Please sign up using the volunteer link below.**

[Larson Book Fair Volunteer Information – Fill out form](#)



EARLY DEPARTURES & THE SAFE ARRIVAL PLATFORM



If you need to pick up your child before the end of the school day, **please enter their early departure in the School Messenger App (SafeArrivals) and then come directly to the office.** Office staff will call your child from their classroom to meet you.

We also kindly ask families to be mindful of pick-up times that fall during outdoor recess. With students spread throughout the school grounds, it can take additional time to locate your child and bring them to the office. Advance notice is greatly appreciated and helps make the pick-up process smoother.

For Grade 7 students only, self-sign-out is permitted with written parental consent provided to the office in advance. Please email larson@sd44.ca.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

LOOKING AHEAD TO OUR SPRING CONCERT

As the winter season can be an especially busy time for families, we have decided once again to hold our school concert in the spring rather than during the winter holiday season.

Our Spring Concert will take place the last week of April. More details will be shared with families closer to the event.

We hope you can join us for this fantastic concert!



IMPORTANT NOTE FROM THE NORTH SHORE BLACK BEAR SOCIETY

With shorter daylight hours and increased bear activity across the North Shore, the North Shore Black Bear Society encourages families to review bear safety practices. **As bears prepare for winter, they spend much of their day searching for food and are most active at this time of year.**

Black bears are generally calm animals that prefer to avoid people. When walking to and from school, students should stay together, talk, sing, or make noise so wildlife is aware of their presence and can avoid them.

If you encounter a bear:

- Stop and stay calm.
- Gather together as a group.
- Speak in a calm voice.
- Slowly back away. Do not run.



Never leave food, backpacks containing snacks, or food scraps unattended outdoors, as these can attract bears.

Families can find more information about living safely alongside bears at [North Shore Black Bear Society](http://NorthShoreBlackBearSociety.ca).



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.

🎃 HALLOWEEN HOWL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We're still looking for volunteers to help with the dance and concession, as well as donations of baked goods! **If you're attending and can lend a hand, please sign up here:** 🍌 [Bake Sale & Volunteer Sign Up](#)

CLASS REPS NEEDED

We're 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 and coordinate teacher gifts twice a year. Interested?

Email watsonjenv@gmail.com with your name, teacher's name and division.

🍕 FUN LUNCH ORDERS REMINDER

Fun Lunch orders close at 11:59 PM, nine days before each lunch (Wednesday night for the following Friday).

A few reminders:

- Cutlery is not provided, so please send what your child needs.
- Milk is now available to add to orders.

🍌 [Order here](#)

NEXT PALS MEETING — NOVEMBER 5

Join us on Thursday, November 5 at 6:30 PM in the Larson School Library. Come hear what's happening and share your ideas!

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT — NOVEMBER 27

Mark your calendars! More details coming soon.

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