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Weekly Newsletter

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WEEKLY INTENTION

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UPCOMING DATES

● **Thanksgiving Day (School is not in session)**

October 12

● **Photo Day**

October 16

● **District-wide Professional Day (Students do not attend)**

October 23

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

October 29



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LARSON'S WEEK AHEAD

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Orange Shirt Day National Day of Truth and Reconciliation Assembly Cross Country Meet @ Mahon Park 3:30pm	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (school is not in session)	X-Country Practice 8:15-8:45am	

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We made it...September is officially behind us! It has been a positive start to the school year, and we are so proud of how quickly students have settled into their routines, built new friendships, and embraced learning across the school.

A heartfelt thank you to families for joining us at our Open House last week. Events like these are an important part of strengthening the connection between home and school.

Tuesday is Orange Shirt Day, and we encourage everyone to wear orange as we recognize the importance of truth, understanding, and reconciliation. Students will participate in our Truth and Reconciliation Assembly later in the day as we reflect and deepen our understanding together. **Our first Cross Country meet will take place after school at Mahon Park.** Good luck to all our runners!

A friendly reminder that **Wednesday, September 30 is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, and school will be closed.**

Bring on October! Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another great month of learning together.

Dean Yeo
Principal

Cynthia Zhu
Vice Principal





On Tuesday, we encourage all students and staff to wear orange as we recognize Orange Shirt Day and reflect on the importance of Truth and Reconciliation.

At Larson, we believe it is important to teach students about the history and lasting impacts of Residential Schools in age-appropriate ways. Throughout the day, classrooms will engage in age-appropriate learning activities and discussions, followed by a thoughtful school-wide assembly to honour Survivors, their families, and Indigenous communities.

We encourage families to continue these important conversations at home. Here are some events taking place on the North Shore where families can take time to learn and reflect: [**North Shore Truth and Reconciliation Events.**](#)

Reminder: There is no school on Wednesday.

BASKETBALL SEASON AT LARSON

Ms. Zhu has been gauging student interest in basketball and, after visiting classes, we are pleased to share that Larson will have a **Grade 6/7 boys' team competing in the Grade 7 league this season.** Unfortunately, there was not enough interest to form a girls' team; however, any girls who are interested are welcome and encouraged to join the boys' team.

Games will take place on Mondays after school, and the practice schedule is still being finalized.

Permission forms will be sent home next week and must be returned by October 5.

We encourage parents and caregivers to check in with their children and discuss whether basketball might be a fun opportunity for them. Participating in school sports is a great way to build skills, stay active, and be part of a team.

We look forward to an exciting season ahead!

HEAD LICE PROCEDURES FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES



Head lice are common in schools but do not spread disease and are not a public health risk. Our focus is on managing lice effectively while minimizing disruption and stigma.

- Learn more about head lice [click here](#)
- Check your child's hair regularly in a well-lit area using conditioner and a fine-toothed comb. Pay close attention to the scalp, behind the ears, and the nape.
- **Notify the school if your child has head lice.**



IMPORTANT WEATHER NOTICE

As the weather becomes wetter and cooler, please ensure your child comes to school dressed for the conditions and has a change of clothes in their backpack.

Waterproof jackets, boots, gloves, and toques are recommended, and on particularly rainy days, rain pants or full rain gear are encouraged.

Staying warm and dry helps students remain comfortable, focused, and ready to learn.



TERRY FOX RUN – SEPTEMBER 25

We had a fantastic Terry Fox Run at Larson this year! Our students and staff truly showed up and embraced the spirit of this year's theme, "Finish It."

We are already over half way to our goal of \$1,300! Families are still welcome to contribute through donations (**Toonies for Terry**), and we will continue accepting donations until **October 2.**

Prefer to donate online? We gratefully accept contributions through our [Larson Elementary Fundraising Page.](#)

Thank you to everyone who has supported this meaningful cause. Every contribution, big or small, helps carry Terry's dream forward and makes a difference in the lives of those affected by cancer.

LAST WEEK'S FIRE SAFETY DRILL

Our fire drill last week was a great success! Students and staff demonstrated calmness and a strong understanding of our safety procedures.

A special shout-out to our Kindergarten students, who did an excellent job during their very first safety drill at Larson!



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 OCT 1

PALS is Larson's parent-led group that helps support events, fundraisers, programs and community initiatives throughout the year. All parents and caregivers are encouraged to attend. Join us for this year's first meeting and learn what's happening, share ideas and find ways to get involved!

Thursday October 1st at 6:30PM in the school library.



FUN LUNCH ORDERS OPEN

Friday Fun Lunch returns October 2, with three new vendors joining this year's lineup - Parse Persian Restaurant, White Spot and Mr. Sushi - alongside Fresh Slice, Subway, TCBY Frozen Yogurt and Booster Juice. New this year: Orders close at 11:59 PM, 9 days before each lunch date – Wednesday night for the following Friday's lunch.

 [Order here](#)



APPLE FUNDRAISER

Stock up on fresh BC Apples while supporting Larson. A simple and delicious way to help raise funds for our school while enjoying some of the best of the fall harvest. **Order by October 6th** with delivery mid October.

 [Click here to order!](#)



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

LarsonPalooza needs a volunteer lead to help bring our biggest event of the year together. Without someone stepping into this role, Larsonpalooza won't be able to run this year. Please email larsonpals1@gmail.com if you can help

Hot Lunch team is looking for a few more volunteers to help keep this program running. Whether you can help occasionally or regularly, we'd love to have you. Please email larsonfunlunch@gmail.com



Class Representatives are needed for each class. 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.

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS – FALL 2026

There are still spots left in the afterschool programs! Sign up for the fall term now. This is 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)

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

Sports Explorers (Grades 1–4)

Lights Up Musical Theatre (Grades K–7)

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

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 Website: <https://www.larsonpals.com>

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LARSON AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS - FALL 2026			
TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			
Artmania	3D Printing (Steamoji)	Sports Explorers	Lights Up Theatre
★	★	★	★
Grades K-7	Grades 2-4	Grades 1-4	Grades K-7