



ÉCOLE LARSON ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter

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WEEKLY INTENTION



UPCOMING DATES

- Police and Peace Officers' National Memorial Day**
September 27
- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (school is not in session)**
September 30
- Thanksgiving Day (school is not in session)**
October 12



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Ownership / Obligation
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LARSON'S WEEK AHEAD

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Yom Kippur	Yom Kippur Autumn Equinox X-Country Practice 3:00-3:30pm	Fire Drill	X-Country Practice 8:15-8:45am Larson Open House 5pm PALS Slice Night 5:30-6:30pm	Terry Fox Run

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

September is flying by, but as they say, time flies when you're having fun! It has been wonderful to see students settling into their new classrooms, building relationships, and embracing the opportunities that a new school year brings.

Cross Country season is now underway, with practices taking place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and we are excited to see our runners in action. **On Wednesday**, staff and students will participate in a **school-wide fire drill** as part of our ongoing commitment to safety.

A friendly reminder that **Larson's Open House takes place on Thursday evening**. We hope families can join us for one of our two classroom sessions, followed by Slice Night, generously organized by our PALS team.

On Friday, students will come together for our **annual Terry Fox Run** as we celebrate Terry's legacy of courage, perseverance, and hope.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a wonderful week ahead!

Dean Yeo
Principal

Cynthia Zhu
Vice Principal



CROSS COUNTRY SEASON IS BACK!

Cross Country season is underway! Information packages, including meet dates and details, were sent home with interested students last week.

Consent forms are due by **September 25**. Practices begin this week and will take place **rain or shine** on **Tuesdays from 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:15 to 8:45 a.m.**

We look forward to another great season of running, fitness, and school spirit!

NEW DISTRICT-WIDE ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FEE

Beginning this school year, a district-wide athletic participation fee will be in place for all school sports. **A fee of \$5 per sport will be added to School Cash Online for each sport a student participates in.**

Thank you for supporting our school athletics programs and the opportunities they provide for students to stay active, build skills, and represent our school.

**ORANGE SHIRT DAY
SEPTEMBER 29****IMPORTANT REMINDER: CELEBRATIONS**

At Larson, we love recognizing special occasions and helping students feel included. To support a safe and inclusive environment for all, we ask that families do not send food, treats, or party items to school for birthdays or other celebrations.



Our staff have many fun and meaningful ways to celebrate students, while ensuring all children can participate safely and comfortably. Thank you for helping us create a welcoming school community where everyone belongs.

BE HEALTH AWARE

A friendly reminder to families about keeping our school community safe and preventing the spread of illness.



Please keep in mind that students should stay home if they have the following symptoms:

- **Fever** – are too sick to take part in all normal school activities.
- **Suspected or known communicable disease** (i.e. strep throat, chicken pox, measles).
- **Vomiting or has diarrhea** – **Students should be symptom free for at least 24 hours before returning to school**

Thank you for helping us keep our school community healthy.

TERRY FOX SCHOOL RUN**TERRY FOX RUN – SEPTEMBER 25**

Larson Elementary is proud to kick off the school year with our annual Terry Fox Run! This meaningful event honors the legacy of one of Canada's greatest heroes and supports vital cancer research. **This year's theme is "Finish It."**

We invite families to support our students as they fundraise through **"Toonies for Terry"**— classroom teachers will be collecting donations **throughout the week**. Our school goal is \$1,300, and we'll be tracking our progress daily!

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

Thanks so much for your support—every little bit helps us make a big impact!



LARSON OPEN HOUSE

**THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 24
5-6PM**

WHAT TO EXPECT AT OUR OPEN HOUSE?

- ✓ Classroom sessions open from 5:00 - 5:30pm or 5:30 - 6:00pm. Please attend the session that is most convenient for you.
- ✓ Students can show parents their new classrooms and explain daily routines.
- ✓ Teachers will be in their classrooms and families are encouraged to explore, connect, and see what students are learning.
- ✓ Teachers are looking forward to meeting their students' families! This will be an excellent opportunity to start building the important relationship between families and teachers.
- ✓ If teachers choose to set up their open house in a more structured manner, they will reach out to their classroom parents/guardians directly.
- ✓ The Open House will end at 6:00pm. Families are invited to gather in the gym from 5:30 - 6:30pm to socialize and enjoy a slice of pizza.



**PALS SLICE
NIGHT**

**This year PALS will be
organizing Slice Night as part of
the Open House.**

**Place your order on the PALS
website!**

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.



OPEN HOUSE SLICE NIGHT SEPT 24

Welcome back Orcas. We are excited to invite you to Slice Night, a fun way to connect with other families and enjoy an easy dinner during the Open House. Pre-ordering your pizza and drinks guarantees you dinner as very limited quantities are available at the event.

👉 [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!](#)

STAY CONNECTED WITH LARSON PALS

👉 Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/larson.pals>

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

👉 Facebook: [Larson Pals Facebook](#)

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