



ÉCOLE LARSON ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter

June 28, 2024

Dear École Larson Elementary families,

As we approach the end of another incredible school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on our collective achievements and extend my heartfelt gratitude to each member of our École Larson community.

Students: Your hard work, creativity, and resilience have been truly inspiring. Whether you were tackling new challenges in the classroom, excelling in extracurricular activities, or simply being a good friend to your peers, you have embodied our ORCA values of Kindness, Intelligence, Protector, and Compassion. Each one of you has grown in unique and meaningful ways, and I couldn't be prouder of your accomplishments.

Parents and Guardians: Your unwavering support and involvement have been instrumental in creating a nurturing and productive environment for our students. Your partnership with our teachers and staff has made all the difference, and I am deeply grateful for your dedication and commitment to your children's education. We particularly want to express sincere appreciation to the PALS executive. You have all worked hard this year to ensure that we had a wonderful partnership focused on improving student learning and experiences.

Teachers and Staff: Your passion, patience, and professionalism have been the backbone of our school. You have gone above and beyond to ensure that every student receives a quality education, especially during these challenging times. Your efforts to instill the ORCA values in our students have not gone unnoticed, and I am continually amazed by your ability to inspire and guide our students.

Community Members and Partners: Your contributions have enriched our educational programs and provided our students with valuable experiences and opportunities. Your support helps us to expand our horizons and achieve our goals, and we are fortunate to have such strong and engaged community partners.

As we look back on the year, we celebrate not only the academic achievements but also the growth in character, kindness, and community spirit that defines École Larson Elementary. We have faced many challenges, but together we have overcome them and emerged stronger, living out the ORCA values in everything we do.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer break. Take this time to relax, recharge, and cherish moments with your loved ones. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the fall, ready to embark on another exciting year of learning and growth.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support and commitment to our school. Have a wonderful summer.

We Are Orcas!



What to Expect for School Start-up

Grades 1—7:

The first day of school is Tuesday, September 3 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Students are to return to their classes that they were in this year.

Wednesday, September 4 is the first full day.


Our plan is to move students into their new classes on Wednesday, unless there are significant enrollment changes. Your child's new teacher will email you to welcome your child into their class the afternoon before we move them.

Kindergarten:

The gradual entry schedule will be emailed to you next week. First full day of school will be Monday, September 16.

The Government of British Columbia is pleased to inform you that children between the ages of 6 and 9 may be able to receive the \$1,200 B.C. Training and Education Savings Grant. Please see the document below for more information or check out the following link.

[B.C. Training & Education Savings Grant 2024 \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/education-savings-grants/bctesg)



BRITISH COLUMBIA

June 2024

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Government of British Columbia is pleased to inform you that your child may be able to receive the **\$1,200 B.C. Training and Education Savings Grant**.

Children may be eligible if:

- ✓ The parent or guardian, and the child, are B.C. residents, and
- ✓ The child is between the age of 6 and the day before turning 9.


Once you open an account, known as a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP), and apply for the B.C. Training and Education Savings Grant (BCTESG), \$1,200 will be deposited into the RESP for your child. Students can then use the money to pay for post-secondary education or training expenses.

Plan today: you don't have to put any money into the RESP to receive the \$1,200.

Step 1: Get Social Insurance Numbers (SINs) for you and your child. Go to <http://www.canada.ca/social-insurance-number> to find out how.

Step 2: Make an appointment with one of 56 financial organizations that offers the BCTESG. A list of partners is available here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/canada-education-savings/resp-promoters-list.html>

Bring the **SINs for you and your child and proof of B.C. residency** and say: **"I want to open an RESP and get the B.C. Training and Education Savings Grant for my child."**

Learn more:	BCTESG homepage QR Code 	BCTESG homepage URL https://www2.gov.bc.ca/BCTESG
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HOMESTAY FAMILIES URGENTLY NEEDED

Each year the North Vancouver School District welcomes students from around the world to live and study in our vibrant community in the International Program. We strive to place secondary school international students with families who live close to school to support each student's integration into the school and wider community.

We still have several secondary school international students in need of a homestay placement for the school term beginning September 2024. If you are interested in hosting an international student, please reach out to our International Education program office at international@sd44.ca.

More information about the homestay program is available on the [International Education](#) section of the school district website.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We are offering families for students in grade 2 - 7 the opportunity to purchase School Supplies through [School Start](#). The kits will be delivered directly to your home.

Students in **Kindergarten and grade 1** - the school will order the supplies for the students and a charge of \$50.00 will be added to your School Cash Online account.



Have a Wonderful Summer!