

Week at a Glance: February 10 - 14



Upcoming Dates:

- Feb 17 Family Day (NO SCHOOL)
- Feb 21 Hot Lunch (Well Fed)
- Feb 25 Reading Link Challenge

- Feb 26 Pink Shirt Day
- Feb 26 Staff Collaboration Day (Early Dismissal 1:51 pm)
- Feb 28 Ramadan begins
- Feb 28 Hot Lunch (Sushi)

Intention of the Week:



Information & Updates:



RED & PINK DAY

On Thursday, February 13th, Larson will have another spirit day and the theme is Red & Pink! Students are encouraged to join in on the fun and wear their best red and pink gear. Clothing, shoes and fun accessories are the perfect way to celebrate with the school.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month, observed annually in February, honours and celebrates the diversity, history and culture of Black people in Canada. February was officially recognized as Black History Month in 1995 by the House of Commons. Students have been sharing interesting facts on the morning announcements which help spread understanding and start important conversations.

One fun fact from last week, The Super Soaker water gun was invented by Lonnie Johnson, a Black engineer and NASA scientist.

Click HERE to learn more!



PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICE (PDD) CHECK-IN

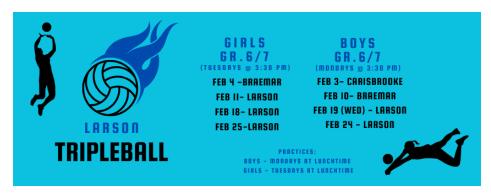
On Wednesday, February 12, 2025, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., the North Vancouver School District (NVSD) will host a virtual Personal Digital Devices (PDD) Community Check-In to reflect on the

use of PDD in schools, examine the current landscape, and discuss future plans. Please refer to the NVSD policy on person digital devices here.

Click **HERE** to register for this event!

TRIPLE BALL

Tripleball season at Larson has begun! This fun variation of volleyball is a great way for students to stay active, learn about teamwork and develop a new skill.





CLASS GROUP PHOTO DAY

Class group photos have been booked for **Tuesday, May 20th**! Please mark this on your calendar as students love to be part of this fun school activity and do not want to miss out! **There are no retakes for this photo day.**



HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED

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

There are secondary school international students in need of a homestay placement for the school term beginning September 2025. 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@sd44.ca. More information about the homestay program is available on the InternationalEducation section of the school district website.

Reminders:



SCHOOL CLOSURES (WEATHER WARNINGS)

With the arrival of snow and the wet weather, please consider the following:

Snowy weather at school - safety first:

- 1. Students should come to school in outside clothing appropriate for wet snowy weather and should have a change of clothing available at school. They will be going outside at recess and lunch.
- 2. Remind your children that there is to be no snow throwing or snow kicking. They are encouraged to play in it, make snow sculptures, etc., but safety is most important and throwing snow is often dangerous with so many children playing.

Possible School Closures:

- 1. If the Superintendent decides that schools are to close, the announcement will be made by 6:30 am. An email will be sent out to all district, along with an announcement on the school district website. www.sd44.ca.
- 2. In preparation for this, please ensure that you have alternate childcare arrangements made.

Stay safe Orcas!



PLEASE BRING CUTLERY

If you are sending your child with a lunch that requires cutlery, please keep in mind that we do not have any disposable cutlery that we can provide to students. **This includes Hot Lunch days.**

They should bring the appropriate cutlery from home. We suggest keeping a reusable set in their backpacks year round.

We appreciate your support with this!



ABSENCE REPORTING - SAFE ARRIVALS

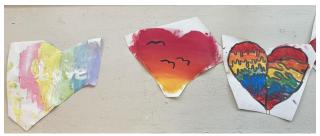
The Safe Arrivals system through School Messenger is a quick and easy way to report if your student will not be attending school due to illness, vacations or appointments. It is easier than calling in and only takes a minute to submit an absence which greatly helps staff with the daily attendance. It will also ensure you do not receive notifications from the school in the event they are not present.

Click **HERE** to learn how to set up the app!

Celebrating Student Learning:

Artwork from Division F04 (Mme. McCurrach/Mme. Terrillon) - Students worked with volunteers from Family Services BC on the Helping Hearts Project.







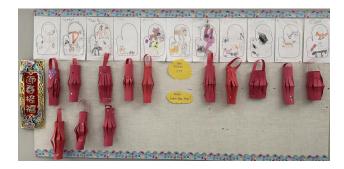
Artwork from Division F09 (Mme. Robitaille/Mme. Cynthia) - Students worked hard on this art project reflecting all the different skin colours.







1 - Artwork from Division E03 (Ms. Hollingsworth)



2 - Artwork from Division E09 (Ms. Kam/Ms. Boutin)

Message from PALS:



FRIDAY HOT LUNCH!

- Order Here: MUNCHALUNCH.COM
- What is Munchalunch Hot Lunch? Pre-ordered meals delivered to your child's class every Friday. Lots of options! Pizza, subway sandwiches, sushi and many snacks and drinks.
- The deadline to order is always Thursday one week prior.

TWO RIVERS MEAT FUNDRAISER - ORDER NOW!!

- Click Here to Place Your Order!!
- Order Deadline: Sunday, February 23, at midnight
- Support our school by purchasing local, quality meats. A portion of every order goes directly to Larson PALS!
- Pick-Up: March 10-14 (Monday-Friday) at Two Rivers (180 Donaghy Ave, North Vancouver)





MABEL'S LABELS – AN ONGOING FUNDRAISER

- Order labels at MABEL'S LABELS
- Select 'Support a Fundraiser' and search for Larson PALS (North Vancouver).

• 20% of the proceeds will be given to PALS to help our school!



RED CROSS FIRST AID COURSES - AN ONGOING FUNDRAISER

- Stay Safe Course (age 9-13)
- Babysitting Course (age 11-15)
- Home Alone Course · Course information can be found <u>HERE</u>
- Enter code LARSON when you register, and the school will earn \$8

STAY UPDATED BY JOINING LARSON PALS FACEBOOK!!

Feel free to ask any questions anytime! larsonpals1@gmail.com



