



### Week at a Glance: January 27 - 31

**What's happening at Larson?**  
**January 27 - 31, 2025**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	Homework Club 8:15am in the Library Crochet Club Rm 006 at 12:25	Lunar New Year 		Homework Club 8:15am in the Library <b>TROPICAL DAY</b> Hot Lunch Pizza / TCBY

### Upcoming Dates:

- Feb 01 - Black History Month
- Feb 05 - Kindergarten Hearing Test

- Feb 07 - Hot lunch (Subway/Booster Juice)
- Feb 13 - Red & Pink Day
- Feb 14 - Valentine's Day
- Feb 14 - District Professional Day **(NO SCHOOL)**
- Feb 17 - Family Day **(NO SCHOOL)**
- Feb 21 - Hot Lunch (Well Fed)

### Intention of the Week:



## Information & Updates:



### LUNAR NEW YEAR

Lunar New Year, also known as Chinese New Year, is celebrated annually. The actual date varies each year, as it follows the Chinese lunisolar calendar. Each year, one of the 12 zodiac animals is paired with an element from the Chinese Five Elements theory (wood, fire, earth, metal and water). For 2025, the associated element is wood, which is traditionally linked to the color blue. In 2025, it will be the Year of the Snake. **To everyone who celebrates, Happy Lunar New Year!**

Click [HERE](#) to learn more.



### TROPICAL DAY

Students are encouraged to wear tropical outfits or bright clothes on January 31st! Some ideas are clothing with tropical/floral prints, Hawaiian leis, sandals (please bring a change of shoes for outside time), and any brightly coloured outfits. This is a great way to beat the January blues and make school a little bit more fun on the last Friday of the month.



### **RETURN-IT! AN ONGOING FUNDRAISER**

Larson is excited to announce another great fundraiser for our school. Please consider collecting and saving your recyclables to donate as proceeds will go directly to PALS so they can continue to support students and classrooms.

- **Return your recyclables and help out our school!**
- Put your containers in clear plastic bags (no sorting needed)
- Enter the school's phone # **604-903-3570** at ANY Return-It drop-off location
- The refund will be deposited into the PALS Return-It account

Click [HERE](#) to learn more or donate!



**BEGINNING BAND FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

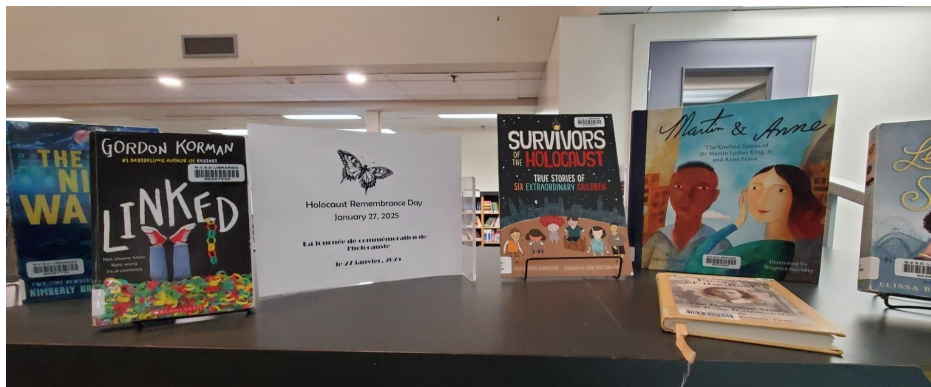
We are excited to announce that Larson has the opportunity to offer Beginning Band for next year. Registration is open on January 13 for students in grades 5-7. Please note that the ability to offer a program at Ecole Larson is contingent on several factors:

- Enrolment - The Band and Strings program operates on a cost-recovery basis, meaning it is funded directly by registration fees.
- Staffing - Within the NVSD, equity within our schools is a priority. To ensure all schools receive programming, those requesting a second program may not be granted both Band and Strings, regardless of enrollment.
- Physical Space and Scheduling - Each school must have the physical space and scheduling capacity.

This registration process will include Beginning Band only at Larson. Details of this wonderful program, including the ability to register, can be found on the [Elementary Band and Strings' webpage](#).

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

## Celebrating Student Learning:



1 - A collection of curated books from Mme. Patterson in honour of Holocaust Remembrance Day on January 27th, 2025.





2 - A collection of curated books from Mme. Patterson to celebrate the Lunar New Year.



3 - Artwork from Division E03 (Ms. Hollingsworth)



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5 - Artwork from Division F09 (Mme. Robitaille/Mme. Cynthia)



6 - Artwork from Division E06 (Mr. Brown)



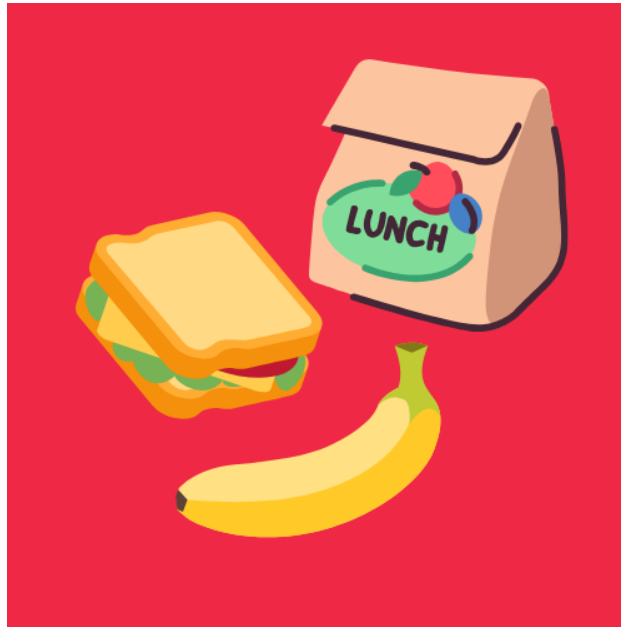
7 - Artwork from Division F04 (Mme. McCurrach/Mme. Terrillon)



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## Reminders:



### **STUDENT LUNCHES - DO'S AND DON'T'S**

Ensuring your child has a nutritious and sufficient lunch is key to their success at school. Please take a moment to ask your child if they feel they have enough food to last through the day and if they are happy with the lunch options you provide. Understanding their preferences can help ensure they enjoy their meals and don't need to ask for replacement food at school.

- **please do not send your child with ramen noodles as they do not have access to hot water or if you do, please include a thermos of hot water for them**

At Larson, we are committed to supporting our students' nutritional needs. We have fruit bowls available throughout the school for easy access, and we can provide additional food if necessary or in emergencies. Let's work together to ensure our children are well-fed and ready to tackle their day with enthusiasm!

[Click here for quick and easy ideas to provide healthy packed lunches for your children.](#)



**PLEASE...NO DOGS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY**

While we would love to welcome our four-legged friends onto the school grounds, please be reminded that there is a no-dog policy in place on any school district property throughout the province. Some children are allergic to dogs, while others can often be frightened of them. Even when leashed or tethered, dogs can be unpredictable. We have had several “calling cards” left on the playgrounds before or after school hours - not pleasant for anyone who may step or slide into them.

**Thank you in advance for helping us maintain a safe and pleasant environment for all members of our school community.**



**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;

- Have a fever - are too sick to take part in all normal school activities.
- Have a suspected or known communicable disease (i.e. strep throat, chicken pox, measles).
- Is vomiting or has diarrhea. It is recommended that students be **symptom free for at least 24 hours** before returning to school.

Click [HERE](#) for more information on what to do if your child is sick.

## Message from PALS:



### LEARN MORE ABOUT PALS ONGOING FUNDRAISERS!!

Support Larson PALS by shopping with these companies throughout the year – they give back a portion of sales to our school community! COBS Park & Tilford, Return It, Tru Earth and more!

Click [HERE](#) for more details.

### TWO RIVERS MEAT FUNDRAISER NOW OPEN FOR ORDERS!

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



#### **TIME TO ORDER FRIDAY HOT LUNCH!**

- Go to [MUNCHALUNCH.COM](http://MUNCHALUNCH.COM)
- Orders can be placed for lunches through to the end of the school year.
- **What is Munchalunch Hot Lunch?** These are pre-ordered meals delivered to your child's class every Friday. There are lots of options from pizza to subway sandwiches to sushi including many snacks and drinks.
- Check it out! Saves you from making yet another lunch!
- Deadline to order is always the Thursday one week prior.

#### **PALS EXECUTIVE: VOLUNTEER POSITION OPENINGS!**

Join Our Small, but Mighty Team! We're looking for parents to join the Larson PALS Executive team and help organize events and fundraisers. Your support provides essential resources for our kids, like new technology, supplies, field trips, and special events. These roles require minimal time and can be done from home. Interested? Email us at: [larpals1@gmail.com](mailto:larpals1@gmail.com)

#### **TRAFFIC SAFETY COORDINATORS**

Responsibilities:

- Help improve school traffic safety and coordinate activities like “Bike to School Week”
- Communicate with the City, District, and school administration on safety issues.

Commitment:

- Flexible, about 1-2 hours per month, plus time for key events

Why Join?

- Make a meaningful impact on student safety and work with a supportive team.

## **COMMUNICATION COORDINATORS**

Responsibilities:

- Assist with emails, social media, and updates for events and programs.
- Update the parent database annually in September/October.

Commitment:

- Around 1 hour per week, more during busy times (holidays, major events).
- Perfect for parents who can volunteer from home and respond to requests promptly.

What We're Looking For:

- Strong written communication and attention to detail.
- Experience with social media and email management.

Why Join?

- Perfect for parents who love writing, organizing, and connecting with the community.

## **FUN LUNCH TEAM COORDINATORS**

Are you free on Fridays and want to support our school? The Fun Lunch program is one of our largest fundraisers each year, and they're looking for new volunteers as some of our long-time helpers are moving on. *There are roles that can be done from home or at the school on Fridays!*

**It's a great way to meet other parents and be part of the school community!**





## KEEPING KIDS SAFE ONLINE – FREE WEBINAR

- [SECURE YOUR SPOT NOW!](#)
- What You'll Learn: Tips to keep children safe on apps, social media, and gaming platforms.
- Note: This presentation is for adults only and is NOT intended for children.
- **When: Wednesday, January 29**
- **Time: 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM PST (1 hour 15 minutes)**



[STAY UPDATED BY JOINING LARSON PALS FACEBOOK!!](#)

Feel free to ask any questions anytime! [larpals1@gmail.com](mailto:larpals1@gmail.com)



