



ÉCOLE LARSON ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter

September 9 -13, 2024

Intention of the Week:



Information & Updates:

Important Upcoming Dates:

- September 17 First PALS Meeting
- September 19 Meet the Teacher Night 5:30pm and 6:30pm
- September 20 Terry Fox Assembly and Run (after lunch)
- September 20 Consent Forms returned to Classroom Teacher
- September 25 Staff Collaboration Early Dismissal at **1:51pm (new time)**
- September 26 PALS Ice Cream Social 6:00pm - 8:00pm
- September 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - Schools closed

Welcome Back Orcas!

It has been a wonderful first week of school at Larson. There was a lot of excitement to start the day when we moved students into their new classrooms. Our Grade 7 students were amazing helpers with our younger students during this time. We were very proud of them!

With the excitement of new classrooms, also comes nervousness and worry. It is not uncommon for some students to be sad because they may not be in the same class with other students who they wanted to be in class with. Teachers work very hard to build classes and hope that all students will be happy. We know that, over time, students will adjust and have a great year, but sometimes the start can be challenging. Our goal is to support students to work through these feelings. This is an important skill for them to develop. We ask for your assistance in supporting your children to work through any sadness they have and reassure them that everything will be OK. Please let your child's new teacher know if they are experiencing this so that we can best support them.



Important Information:

Traffic Safety: Please demonstrate respect for the traffic rules that are in place. Traffic out front of Larson continues to be a safety concern and source of frustration for many before and after school. If there are issues, we ask that you respond with kindness, especially in front of children. This will ensure that everyone is safe, particularly students.



Absences/Lates: If your child is going to be absent, please make sure to let the school know using the Safe Arrival Program through School Messenger. The Safe Arrival Program is an app that allows parents to quickly indicate that their child will be absent. We encourage you to use the app. If you encounter a challenge with the app, please phone 604-903-3570 to leave a message with your child's name, teacher, division number and reason for absence. If your child is late, they must come to the office to sign in. This is for safety reasons and there are no exceptions. Thank you for your cooperation.

Students Leaving Early: If a student needs to leave school for any reason, they must be picked up and signed out by a parent at the office. If a student is in Grade 7 only, they may sign themselves out if the office receives written consent from parents. When picking up students, please do not go directly to their classroom. Students will meet you at the office.

Personal Digital Devices (PDD): Students are expected to leave personal digital devices (cell phones, tablets, etc) at home or in their bag/backpack when at school. PDD use is not permitted at school. This includes the use of smart watches. They may be worn and used to tell time only. They are not to be used to play games or communicate with anyone. Should an urgent situation arise and you need to contact your child, please call the main office. Students are not able to answer calls or texts during the school day. We will contact you if there is an emergency with your child.



School Supplies: School supply lists for students in grades 2-7 are [available on the Larson website](#). We collect a fee of \$50 for supplies for students in Kindergarten and Grade 1 payable with School Cash Online. You will receive an email from School Cash Online when the fee is ready to be paid. Please ensure you "check out" to complete your free transaction.

Consent Forms: This year, there are three forms to be completed using School Cash Online. We will also be sending a paper package home with your children that require your attention. Thank you for returning those to your classroom teachers as soon as they are complete. All forms must be returned by September 20. If you have any questions regarding these forms, please call the office at 604-903-3570.

Message from PALS:

Ice Cream Social - Call for Volunteers!

Event Details:

Date: Thursday, September 26th

Time: 6 - 8 PM

Location: Outside the gym (weather permitting) or inside the gym.

We Need Volunteers!

- **Please email us:** larpals1@gmail.com
- **10 volunteers** needed for set-up, scooping, and clean-up.
- **1 volunteer** needed to purchase toppings
- **Meeting Point:** 5:15 PM

Cost: \$2 per person

What to Bring:

- **Volunteers:** Ice cream scoopers.
- **Participants:** Bowls and spoons.

Let's make this event a sweet success!

