

# ÉCOLE LARSON ELEMENTARY Weekly Newsletter

May 20-24, 2024

# Week at a glance

MON	Victoria Day Statutory Holiday. School is closed today.
TUE	Class photos 9 –11 am Zone Field Qualifications 3:30 pm @ Highlands Elementary
WED	Homework Club 8:15-8:45 am Library
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FRI	Homework Club 8:15-8:45 am Library

# Intention of the Week:



Lost & Found - our Lost & Found area is exploding with so many articles of winter clothing. Students leave a lot of jackets behind on the playground never to be picked up.

All this week, tables will be set up out front of the school for students and families to have a look though. There are some really nice jackets that are missing their home. Please take the time to stop by and look through the clothing before school or after school. This is greatly appreciated.

# Information & Updates:

## Larson BIPOC student group

Our School's mission is to inspire all learners to reach their full potential and create a positive legacy for the future. We believe students need to feel valued, know they belong, and see themselves reflected within the schools they attend in order to be successful. Our school has taken initial steps in our anti-racism journey including our work with Truth and Reconciliation and our work with Table Talk - Park Johnson. However, we are learning that more work is necessary for our students as often Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour (BIPOC) have been, and continue to be, disadvantaged because of these systems and structures which are often not visible. As such, we have decided to start a BIPOC lunch group were students who identify as BIPOC are welcome to come eat lunch with other educators from the BIPOC community.

## Why only have a BIPOC group?

Although, we are for inclusivity and for allyship, often our students from the BIPOC community have similar experiences in the forms of racism and different struggles. School has, and often continues to be, an unsafe place for the BIPOC community due to them being a minority. Creating a group that is only for this community gives these voices a chance to be their authentic selves without feeling like they have to fit in with their other peers or feel that they have to be the teacher of the group.

### TRACK and FIELD

The **Zone Field Qualifying meet is on Tuesday, May 21** at Highlands Elementary from 3:30 - 5:30pm. This meet will determine the students who will be going to the District Track Meet at Swangard on June 4. Parents, if your grade 4-7 child has been invited to participate in this qualifying meet at Highlands, you will need to arrange transportation of students. **Please ensure your child has a ride to Highlands right after school and then to be picked up by 5:30pm.** 

If you have any questions, please email Mme. Stephania at <a href="mailto:sgalante@sd44.ca">sgalante@sd44.ca</a>

Track & Field practices continue this week as per schedule for students who qualify for Swangard on June 4th.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00 - 8:45 am	Long Distance gr. 4-5	Sprints & Relays gr. 6-7	Shot Put gr. 4-7		
12:25 – 12:55 pm		High Jump gr. 6-7		High Jump gr. 4-5	Long Jump gr. 4-5
3:15 - 3:45 pm	Possible additional gr.4-7 long jump practice here		Long distance gr. 6-7	Long Jump gr. 6-7 Sprints & Relays gr. 4-5	

## **Celebrating Student Learning:**



E08 Lanzi



F04 Arnold







Thank you to Mme Camille for bringing some newborn energy into the school. She sourced 12 fertilized eggs from an egg farmer, Tamara, in Langley. She helped Farmer Charlotte to incubate, hatch and care for 12 chicks. Surprisingly, all 12 hatched over Mother's Day weekend at Mme Davidson, and Farmer Charlotte's house. The first chick hatched during Colleen's celebration of life, and was named Colleen. Colleen is a little fighter, whose egg had previously cracked by accident, and against all odds, Colleen Chick hatched and is the leader of the Chicks! Some of the chick's names are Cupcake, Troy, Rupert, Potato, Turtle, and many, many other names! The chicks have had many visits from all the classes and staff, and have brought so much joy while watching their antics, and hearing the happy cheeps. Mme Camille, Charlotte and Mme Davidson brought the chicks back to the farm where they will live their lives as egg laying hens.

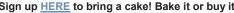






# Message from PALS:

#### **MUSICAL CAKES - BAKE OR BUY A CAKE!**



Sign up HERE to bring a cake! Bake it or buy it.
We need about 50 cakes for this super fun Musical Cakes activity at Larsonpalooza. Drop off: 1-3pm on the day of Larsonpalooza, Sat. June 8th at the school.

#### Reminders:

- Nut-free.
- On a disposable plate (something you don't want back.)
- Kid friendly!

## WALK/BIKE TO SCHOOL WEEK - JUNE 3-7th

We need your help! Sign up HERE
2 parent volunteers for each morning from 8:20-8:55am.
Your job: Provide stickers to kids who ride/walk to school and manage the sticker board. An easy way to help. Just pick one day and bring your kids with you.

#### Prizes!



Your child needs to check-in with the parent volunteers at the front of the school to get their sticker and make sure their ride/walk to school is counted. Daily chances to win a sport store gift card!

The top 2 classes with the highest number of participants at the end of the week will win prizes.

Live far away? No problem. Park 3 blocks from the school and walk the rest of the way.

#### LARSONPALOOZA - TIME TO BUY TICKETS!

Saturday, June 8th 3-6 pm! Bring the whole family!

Get your tickets NOW & pre-order food at munchalunch.com
Why buy now? Avoid line-ups! It will cost less! (Prices are a bit higher at the door.) Helps us

Rides: Wipe-Out Inflatable, Extreme Obstacle Course, TWO bouncy castles (1 each for primary & intermediate grades)

**Activities:** Silent Auction, **NEW** Photo Booth, **NEW** Playzone, Face Painting, **NEW** Charity Art Project, Musical Cakes, Lollipop Pull, Bean Bag Toss, **NEW** Donut on String, Bottle Ring Toss and More!

#### SILENT AUCTION! - WE NEED YOUR HELP!



Consider donating an item! Email larsonspringfair@gmail.com Ideas!

- **Experiences:** Tour of a police station, fire hall or any other neat location.
- Services: Professional massage, nails, eye lashes, etc.
- Tickets: Concerts, sporting events, entry fees to an activity park or recreational area
- Gift cards, art, sports equipment, household items, etc.



For any questions regarding PALS events, please email <a href="mailto:larsonpals1@gmail.com">larsonpals1@gmail.com</a>