



## Welcome Back to School, Larson Elementary!

Dear Larson families,

I'm excited to welcome you all back to another incredible year at Larson Elementary! I hope your summer was filled with relaxation, fun, and plenty of time to recharge. As we gear up for the new school year, I'm thrilled to see our school come alive again with the energy and enthusiasm of our amazing students and staff.

This year promises to be an exciting one, filled with opportunities for learning, growth, and building strong connections. Whether you're returning to familiar faces or joining us for the first time, I want you to know that you are a vital part of what makes Larson Elementary such a special place.

As we embark on this new academic journey, let's focus on kindness, inclusivity, and curiosity. Every day is a chance to discover something new, build lasting friendships, and achieve great things—both inside and outside the classroom.

I'm confident that this year will be filled with achievements, joy, and countless memorable moments. Thank you for being a part of our Larson family. Together, we're going to make this year one to remember!

Welcome back, and let's get started on an amazing school year!

Dean Yeo

Principal, École Larson Elementary

### 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 last year. New students will meet in the library.

Wednesday, September 4 is the first full day from **8:46 am - 2:51 pm**. Please wait until Wednesday to send school supplies with your students.

Your child's new teacher will send an email on Tuesday evening to welcome them to their new class. Your new teacher will provide the location of where your child should line up on Wednesday morning.

#### Kindergarten:

Please refer to the gradual entry schedule sent out in early summer.

### Roadwork around Larson

FYI - There is a significant amount of roadwork in the neighbourhood around Larson. Please ensure you give yourself enough time to get to school on time.



### 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.



**School Start**  
Back to School with School Start

Order your back to school supplies online at [schoolstart.ca](http://schoolstart.ca)

Call Centre is Available  
Call 1-800-580-1868 to order over the phone or if you need assistance with online orders.

**Dear École Larson Elementary families,**

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, we must address some important changes regarding using personal digital devices (PDD). A PDD is any personal electronic device that can be used to communicate or access the Internet, such as a cell phone or a tablet.

For the safety and well-being of students and to create a more focused learning environment, the Ministry of Education requires all schools in the province to restrict student use of cell phones and other personal digital devices while at school.

As previously communicated by the Superintendent of Schools, the North Vancouver School District (NVSD) is focused on “devices off, learning on.” In preparation for the 2024/2025 school year, I would like to share the changes made to the NVSD Code of Conduct and École Larson’s Code of Conduct related to PDDs.

The following guidelines will be in place for September and part of École Larson’s Code of Conduct:

- All students in the school community are expected to leave personal digital devices at home and/or in their bag/backpack while at school.
- Across all NVSD elementary schools, there is no student access to or use of PDD at any time on the school campus during the school day. This is essentially a “bell-to-bell” restriction from the beginning of school to the end of the day. Parents are reminded that elementary students are always under direct supervision and that the school will communicate with home for emergent needs if they arise.

If you need to contact your child during the day, please call (604) 903-3570.

École Larson staff are committed to enabling focused instructional time, and we appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we strive to create the best possible educational environment for all students. Last year, we began this by communicating to students and parents that students cannot use their cell phones while on school property.

We look to parents, families and community members to also model, support and educate students on what it means to be a responsible digital citizen. Please find listed below some resources that may be helpful for continued conversations about the safe and responsible use of technology:

- [Digital media: Promoting healthy screen use in school-aged children and adolescents | Canadian Paediatric Society \(cps.ca\)](#)
- [Online safety - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)
- [Welcome to MediaSmarts | MediaSmarts](#)

Please reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dean Yeo

Principal, École Larson Elementary

*Welcome Back!*