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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The month of September has come and gone and as we begin October, there is a real productive, positive feeling around the school. Thanks to everyone in the Ladner community for all you have done to get this school year off to such a great start!

On behalf of everyone here at Ladner Elementary, I would like to wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving weekend. I hope everyone is able to take some time to get together with family and friends and to be grateful for all the positive things in your lives. We all do have so much to be thankful for.



SCHOOL INFO & REMINDERS

Parent/Teacher Conferences

On **Wednesday October 18th** or **Thursday October 19th** you are invited to meet with your child's teacher. The purpose of these early conferences is to provide an opportunity for you to share in your child's education and for the teacher to explain his/her expectations. Together you may wish to discuss:

- 1) Goals for your child's learning, defining areas of concern and success.
- 2) Homework expectations.
- 3) Communication between home and school.
- 4) Work habits and attitudes towards learning.
- 5) Appropriate behaviour expectations and consequences.



These conferences **do not include students or siblings**. Therefore, we request that childcare arrangements be made at home. Ten-minute conferences will be scheduled as follows:

Wednesday October 18th - 2:00 - 5:50 P.M.

Thursday October 19th - 2:00 - 3:50 P.M.

To provide time for the conferences, students will be dismissed at 1:49 p.m. on both days.

Once again, we will be using the simple **online** booking system for all of our conferences. Please follow these directions:

1. Go to our school appointments web site: <http://ladnerelementary.schoolappointments.com/>
2. You will need to register for an account by clicking the "REGISTER" menu tab and filling in the on-line form. Choose a user ID and password for yourself and then click the "Register Now" button.
3. Add your children into the system by clicking the "Manage Participants" button. Click "Insert New" button to add more children.
4. Select the time slot you wish and the "Book Appointments" button.
5. PLEASE BOOK APPOINTMENTS USING YOUR CHILD'S NAME (not parent's name).

The system will open for bookings of Wednesday, October 11th at 9:00am and remain open til 12:00 on noon Thursday the 19th.

Full instructions on using this system can be found here:

<http://le.deltasd.bc.ca/sites/default/files/Full%20Parent%20Instructions%20On-line%20Booking.pdf>

Conferences have been scheduled for 10 minutes. If additional time is required, please arrange for another meeting with your child's teacher at a mutually convenient time. Thank you for being a part of our community of learners and I hope everyone can join us on one of these days.

Way to Go Ladner!



On Thursday, September 21st we held our annual Terry Fox Assembly and Run. This year's event was awesome! Students from Division Two led the assembly sharing information about Terry's life and his accomplishments. They also led the school through a warm-up to get ready for the run. The weather was fantastic and I was really proud of how hard all of

our students worked to try and achieve their personal best on the run. I am also proud to say that our community raised just over \$741.50 that we will be forwarding to the Terry Fox Foundation!

Parent Connect - Permission is Required for Every Child



Even if you think you have already completed these steps, please log on and double-check ...

Please log onto Parent Connect [https:// web.deltasd.bc.ca/content/resources/forparents/parentconnect](https://web.deltasd.bc.ca/content/resources/forparents/parentconnect) using your email account (this is the easiest way to get in), Password (if you have forgotten your password click on “forgot my password” and your password will be emailed to you. You must allow for ‘Pop Ups’ on your computer. You can then access all your children at the school. You will need to do this for each of your children attending Ladner Elementary School.

Under the “Basic” tab you should update Demographic Information (phone numbers, email addresses and emergency contacts). Click on the “Select” button to the left of the line you need to update and make updates on the right side of the screen.

To add Emergency Release information click on the light blue button “**Emergency/Out of Prov/Other Contacts.**” Click on the “Select” button on the left side of the screen and add contact on the right side of the screen. Add no more than 3 names using *type ER-Emergency Release* and add 1 name using *type OP-Out Of Province Contact.*

Once you have completed your changes/additions to your child’s Demographic and Emergency Release information click on the “**Bulletin**” tab on the screen and give your consent/permission to **ALL** of the following:

- ❖ Demographic Information up-to-date
- ❖ Emergency Release Information up-to-date
- ❖ Mac Computer Permission form
- ❖ **Photographs/Video/Website Consent (in addition to returning the signed consent form)**
- ❖ GAFE Permission – (Google Apps for Education)
- Walking Field Trip
- Fruit and Veggie Permission
- Outside Media Consent form

These show on two screens, once you have **SAVED** the first three the other one will show. Repeat for all children attending Ladner Elementary School.

When you log on to Parent Connect, please read the rules about outside media in schools. If you do **NOT** want your child involved with outside media activities, please print off the form to fill out.

Please take a few minutes to complete all of these important forms as soon as possible.

Extra Curricular Elementary Band 2017-18 starts in October



Once again, starting, Thursday, Oct 19, two extra-curricular band programs will be offered to all Ladner children taught by experienced Band teachers, Curt Jantzen and Margaret Behenna.

Beginner Band will be offered at the following time/location

Hawthorne Elementary 3:15-4:15 p.m. Thursdays

This Beginner program is mainly for children in Grades 4 & 5 with no previous band experience but any child in Grades 4 and up interested in learning a band instrument can participate.

Advanced Band, will be offered at the following time/location

Hawthorne Elementary 4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursdays

The Advanced program is for any student with one year or more of Band experience. The Advanced Band typically has children in Grades 5 – 8 who are looking to further develop their skills and for an enrichment experience in instrumental music.

Tuition for the year is \$295 payable to Hawthorne Elementary on or before the first class.

Mr. Jantzen and Mrs. Behenna will visit your child’s school earlier in October. They will demonstrate all the instruments that are taught in the program and will hand out registration information. Children need to provide their own instrument and these are available for rent at the **Rental Night, Wednesday evening, Oct. 19 at Hawthorne.**

If you wish further information, please contact Mrs Behenna (604 946 7304 [/mbehenna@dccnet.com](mailto:mbehenna@dccnet.com)) or Mr Jantzen (604 946 2309 / cjband7@gmail.com)

October is Emergency Preparedness Month



On October 19th our students will participate in an earthquake drill. During this drill students will be taught / reminded that in the event of an earthquake, the best way to keep themselves safe would be to “Duck, Cover, Hold”. This means that students should duck under their desk, cover their heads, and hold on to the legs of their desk. Students would remain in this position for 60 seconds and then await further instruction from their teacher. Please note that in the **spring**, we will be holding an

Earthquake Drill that will include a full release of students to parents or someone else identified as an emergency pick-up person on Parent Connect. More details on that drill will be sent home closer to that time.

Medical Alerts & Medication at School



We are required to maintain a safe and efficient procedure for all students who attend school. If your child has a medical condition that requires precautionary treatment or medication at school, and you have not filled out the required "Medical Alert Card" (Form 317-2) and/or the "Request for Administration of Medication at School" form (Form 317-1), please contact the school and complete the required forms. Please have the form completed by and signed by your doctor, sign it yourself, and return it to the school as soon as possible. This procedure complies with Board Policy. If there are any questions, please leave a message at the school, and the school will return your call.

Supervision of Students Before & After School



Before school, supervision of students on the playground begins at 8:25 a.m. Therefore children should not arrive at school prior to that time unless they are participating in a specific, supervised activity (e.g. running club) or have made a pre-arrangement with their teacher to come in for extra help. After school, supervision is provided until 3:05. If parents/childcare providers are unexpectedly delayed beyond 3:05, students can wait by the office until they are picked up or another arrangement is made. Parents, please review with your children afterschool routines and expectations (e.g. walking home, going to daycare, etc...), so that your child knows ahead of time what to do. A reminder note in the planner works well, too.

Absentee Line



If your child is going to be late or absent, please call **604-946-4158** and leave a message on the answering machine. Leave your child's division number and reason for absence. For students' safety, if a child does not report to class for attendance and we have not received a call regarding the absence, we must try all contact numbers (including emergency release contacts) in order to confirm the safe whereabouts of the child. ***Parents have been doing a great job of remembering to call in when their child is going to be away. Thank you!***

Visitor Sign-In



Parents, guardians and all other visitors are asked to enter the school using the main entrance and to check in at the office. **Please do not proceed directly to a classroom.** All visitors are asked to sign-in and wear a "visitor" identification badge while in the school. This is for the safety of our students, staff, and visitors and identifies our visitors as belonging to our school community. It is important that students, parents and staff feel safe in our building, and that the school is not readily accessible to strangers. Aside from the daily security of our building, we are required to account for each and every child and adult who is in our school during a fire drill, emergency preparation drill, earthquake drill and lockdowns –as well as in the event of an actual emergency situation. For this reason, it is also important that you sign-out when leaving. Your cooperation with this matter is greatly appreciated.

Term 1 Previews Home



Communication with parents about what our students are learning is a key component of the partnership between school and home. The Term 1 Previews have now been sent home; the purpose being to let parents know the curriculum objectives your child's teacher has planned to cover in the first term. The preview should be regarded as an evolving document outlining the major concepts and skills to be developed over the course of the term. Because a preview is developed for each teacher's use, its format will vary from teacher to teacher. Should you have any questions about your child's preview, please contact his/her teacher.

Please Label Everything



Each year, many, many valuable items and articles of clothing are left unclaimed in our Lost and Found. To increase the likelihood of lost and found items making it back to their rightful owners, please take the time to label your child's items. Our lost and found hooks are already full and we are only 1 month into the new school year. If you are noticing any of your child's clothes or other articles missing, please have them check our lost and found. The primary hooks are located at the south end of the main hallway by the covered area and the intermediate hooks are at the bottom of the centre stairs.

Weather Reminder



We are approaching the time of year when it is cooler and can be very rainy. Please ensure your children comes to school dressed accordingly for playing outside at recess and lunchtime (e.g. boots and a coat), and perhaps also pack an extra pair of socks and pants into their backpacks for really rainy days! In the case of **extremely poor** weather, a decision will be made by staff to designate the recess and/or lunch hour as an "in day", which means that students are to stay inside and play quietly in their classrooms rather than venture outdoors. ***We refrain from doing this unless absolutely necessary, as the children need the opportunity to get out in the fresh air*** and be physically active before heading back into the classroom (and besides, rain is just a fact of life of our West Coast climate).

Photo Retakes



If you missed our Photo Day or are not happy with the photos you will receive our Photo Retake Day is being held on Wednesday, October 25th. The photographer will be here at 9:00 but only for a short time to take any retakes.

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Do You Bring Your Pet to School?



We know that many families enjoy walking the family dog when they accompany their children to and from school. At Ladner Elementary, **we request that all pets are kept well away from the students.** If you walk your dog to the school, **please arrange to meet your child either off the grounds at the front of the school or on the grass field well away from the entrances and exits.**

Please clean up after your pet

PAC NEWS



The next PAC meeting will be Wednesday, October 18, 2017 in the Staffroom. Babysitting will be provided. Everyone is welcome to attend. Our PAC does a wonderful job enhancing the learning opportunities for our school in many different ways. Please consider being an active member of this very important school committee!

The PAC Budget meeting will be held October 6th. If you are interested in joining the meeting please email Tonii at lepacinfo@gmail.com for details.

MESSAGES FROM YOUR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Lice

Head lice do exist in our school as it does in most schools. In fact, some lower mainland schools are dealing with it in epidemic proportions. Head lice are parasites that only infect human scalps. They are spread by head to head contact but do not cause disease. However, they do “cost” families in terms of having to buy and spend time on treatment, generate frustration, unnecessary embarrassment and sometimes education time lost. Here are some “facts of lice”:



- Having lice does not mean a lack of cleanliness. Lice love clean human hair!
- Lice do not jump or fly
- Lice bites make the scalp itchy
- Nits are lice eggs, which are attached to the hair, close to the scalp. They are as tiny as dandruff or about 1/3 the size of a sesame seed
- You can't get rid of nits by brushing, or with a hair dryer
- After the head lice hatch, the shell of the nit stays stuck to the hair. If it is more than 12 mm (1/2 inch) away from the scalp, it is probably empty
- Lice are spread by head-to-head contact and by sharing brushes, hats, or other items that come in contact with the head
- Head lice are common where children play or work closely together
- **Lice do not cause disease....they just bug us!**

How to prevent lice/the spread of lice?

- Routinely check your child for lice even if he/she is not scratching their head
- Check your child for lice if a friend/classmate has head lice
- Teach your child to not share hats, brushes, helmets, hair barrettes and towels
- Keep long hair tied back
- If you discover that your child has lice, it is important that you notify the school. This way, we can send a notice home with students in your child's class, advising their parents to also check their children for lice. Your child will not be identified. Confidentiality will be respected, as this can be a sensitive issue for many families.

As we are now back in school, this is a good time to check your child for lice. Please check http://www.fraserhealth.ca/your_health/school_health/head_lice or the HealthLinkbc.ca home page for more information on lice.

Cold Prevention

As the weather begins to get cooler, and children are confined to indoor activities, children are more susceptible to the **common cold**. Most children have several a year. Occasionally a cold can lead to complications such as ear infections and pneumonia. Colds are caused by viruses and so cannot be treated with antibiotics.

Colds are easily spread from person to person in the following ways:

- through the air by a cough or sneeze
- through direct contact, via runny noses
- through indirect contact, when hands touch a runny nose and then an object such as a toy or furniture.



Things parents can do to prevent colds:

1. **Keeping your child at home if he or she is sick with a bad cold**, helps to reduce the spread of cold viruses to classmates and teachers. A sick child cannot learn.
2. **Handwashing is extremely important to decrease the spread of colds.** Parents also need to wash their own hands after wiping noses and especially before preparing or eating food.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Active In Delta

Grade 5 Students



You can drop by any Delta Recreation Facility and activate your one year Grade Five Pass. Bring a birth certificate and proof of address to the customer service office at any of Delta's recreation facilities, have your photo taken for the pass card and you'll be able to swim or skate right away.

With your pass, you will be able to attend any public SKATE or SWIM. And you can bring along a youth, young adult or adult for free, each time you use your pass!

Grade 6 Students

Grade Six "10 admission pass" extends the free admission period to grade six students who live in Delta. Students can pick up the free cards at their local recreation facility, and can use the ten free admissions at any time aft



"No Child Without" Program



Our school is involved in the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation's No Child Without program. There is no cost for students who attend our school and are between the ages of 4 up to their 14th birthday to join MedicAlert through this program. If your child has a medical condition, allergy or is required to take

medication on a regular basis, then you should consider this program. A child's MedicAlert identification can alert school staff, friends, coaches and others about your child's medical condition should an emergency occur.

For further information come to the office for a brochure or go to www.nochildwithout.ca. To register your child you will need a No Child Without brochure from the office.

If your child is already part of the No Child Without program and there have been changes to their medical condition, medications or emergency, contact information, call MedicAlert at 1-800-668-1507 to update your child's file.



CALENDAR REMINDERS

Wed Oct. 4 – Fri Oct 6	Gr. 7's to Evan Lake
Monday, October 9	Thanksgiving Day (No School in session)
Wednesday/Thursday, October 18& 19	Parent/Teacher Conferences, 1:49 Dismissal
Friday, October 20	Pro D Day, No school in session
Monday, October 23	Pro D Day, No school in session
Wednesday, October 25	Student Photo Re-Takes
Friday, November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45 am
Monday, November 13	Remembrance Day, No School
December 19	Term 1 Report Cards Home
December 22 – January 5	Christmas Break
January 8, 2018	School Re-Opens