



Ladner Elementary School

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians:

It is hard to believe that we are six weeks into the school year. There is so much great learning happening here. Thank you to the Ladner community for all of your support and all you have done to get this year off to a good start.



I hope that everyone enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend and was able to take some time to get together with family and friends and to be grateful for all the positive things in your life. We all do have so much to be thankful for.

SCHOOL INFO & REMINDERS

Parent/Teacher Conferences

We are preparing for our conferences with parents next week. On Wednesday, October 21st or Thursday, October 22nd you are invited to meet, via Zoom, with your child's teacher. Conferences will be 10 minutes in length.

To book your conference time please sign in to **Parent Connect**. Once you are in your account, you will see the heading PTI (parent teacher interview), click there to book your slot. You will be able to book your conference time on Wednesday, October 14th after 12:30 pm.



To access by using parent/guardian e-mail (as defined in the student's record): https://cimsweb.deltasd.bc.ca/schoolconnect/parentsignone.aspx

The link below will take you directly to the Parent Connect sign in page. If you have not signed on to parent connect yet it is extremely important that you do.

After selecting a conference time, Teachers will be sending out their conference Zoom codes. If you do not have a Zoom account, please refer to these instructions: https://tinyurl.com/yxfmta4o

Reports Cards 2020-2021 School Year



This year Ladner Elementary will once again be joining other Delta Elementary schools and all of the high schools to deliver digital report cards. All report cards are currently available in digital form on Parent Connect. For the 2020-2021 school year report cards will be online only.

More information will be sent home closer to the December date.

Way to Go Ladner!





On Monday, September 28th we held our annual Terry Fox Run. This year's event, like many of our events, had to be modified to be safe. We started the day with a virtual kickoff in the gym by Ms. Carleton and I with the help of Div.17. I shared a story over Zoom with the whole school called Terry and Me which was my first virtual story telling session. I am also proud to

say that our community raised just over \$1555.00 that went directly to the Terry Fox Foundation! Thank you to all of you who donated to this very worthy cause and helped keep Terry's dream alive.

Parent Connect - Permission is Required for Every Child

Parent Connect

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

Please log onto Parent Connect here using your email account (this is the easiest way to get in), Password (if you have forgotten your password or if this is your first time signing in, 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. To connect all your children to one sign on, ensure that all passwords are the same.

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 Walking Field Trip

❖ Emergency Release Information up-to-date
❖ Mac Computer Permission form
Fruit and Veggie Permission
Outside Media Consent form

- ❖ Photographs/Video/Website Consent (in addition to returning the signed consent form)
- ❖ GAFE Permission (Google Apps for Education)

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.

Library News



Virtual Book Fair! It will run from October 19th til November 2nd in conjunction with Student Led Conferences. Please check out the following link to see what books will be available.

Virtual Book Fair link

October is Emergency Preparedness Month



On October 15th our students will participate in "Shake Out BC". During this earthquake, 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 will remain in this position for 60 seconds and then await further instruction from their teacher.

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. After school, supervision is provided until 3:05. If parents/childcare providers are unexpectedly delayed beyond 3:05, students can wait outside 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 teachers name or 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!**

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 Day



This year our Photo Day is being held on Wednesday, October 28th. This year we will be going with Artona for our individual photos.

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 14, 2020 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. Everyone is welcome to attend virtually. 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! For full list of fundraisers, visit our PAC online website at https://ladner.hotlunches.net

Friday, October 16 will be the last day to get your LE Spirit Wear!

Created By Kids Fundraiser will be coming home this week. This is a way for you to order items with your child's artwork on it. Forms for this fundraiser need to be returned to school by **October 27.**



OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

"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 go to www.nochildwithout.ca.

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.

MESSAGES FROM YOUR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

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 <u>cannot</u> 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.

Please remember to consult the Daily Health Check Form, as this will help to prevent the spread of viruses



CALENDAR REMINDERS

Monday, October 12	Thanksgiving Day (No School in session)
Wednesday/Thursday,	Parent Conferences via Zoom, 1:50 Dismissal
October 21 & 22	
Friday, October 23	Provincial Pro D Day, No school in session
Wednesday, October 28	Student Photo Day
Tuesday, November 10	Virtual Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45 am
Wednesday, November 11	Remembrance Day, No School
Monday, November 30	Pro D Day, No school in session
Monday, December 14	Term 1 Report Cards Available
December 21 – January 1	Christmas Break
Monday, January 4, 2021	School Re-Opens