École Ladner Elementary

Monthly Newsletter

Principal's Message

October 2023



Happy October, Families! It is my absolute honour to take on the role of Acting Principal at Ladner El. As the VP for the last two and a half years, I have taught most of your children in the gym, and feel a deep connection to the whole school community. It was great to see those of you who were able to attend the Welcome Back event, put on by our incredible PAC, and a lot of fun to see the joy in the eyes of the students who got to pie a teacher. Stay tuned, as there will be more school community events to come! On Friday, our whole school engaged in a reflective story walk outside, followed by an assembly to honour the historical significance of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. We are grateful to the team of teachers who organized such a deep and meaningful learning experience.

PAC Hot Lunches

Families are once again able to order Hot Lunches, organized by our PAC. If you are not subscribed to receive news/notifications from our PAC, please visit their website www.ladnerelpac.com and click the subscribe button. Alternatively, you can send them an email at lepacinfo@gmail.com. Hot Lunch orders are available at www.ladner.hotlunches.net . Please note that we are not taking any lunch drop offs at the office, so please remember to pack a snack and lunch each day for your child.



Parking and Road Safety

We are asking that all parents/caregivers who use the drive thru during pick up and drop off do not get out of their vehicles. This is a no parking zone, and even for a quick minute, leaving your vehicle causes major problems for others who are trying to pick up/drop off their children. We also remind everyone that our staff parking lot is not for parent use. Thank you for your cooperation with this.



Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on Wednesday, **October 18th** and Thursday, **October 19th**. There will also be an **early dismissal for both days at 1:52pm**, so please do arrange for early pick up on those days. Appointments to meet with your child's teacher will be available starting Wednesday, <u>October 11th at 9am</u>. To access Parent Connect and book appointment(s), please visit: https://cimsweb.deltasd.bc.ca/schoolconnect/parentsignone.aspx

Dogs on School Grounds

For many people, dogs are important members of the family and we know that many enjoy walking to and from school with their fur kids! However, we do have some important reminders about dogs at school:

- Dogs must be leashed at all times our school grounds are not an offleash area on the fields or around the blacktop areas.
- Please be mindful that not everyone is comfortable with dogs (kids and adults alike). If your dog can be overly excitable or feels threatened/ anxious easily, please avoid busy times such as pick-up and drop-off times and have a good handle of your pet at all times.
- Please clean up after your dog! If you have forgotten/run out of dog poop bags, we have some in the office! Please come ask!





Scholastics Book Fair

From October 18-19, the Scholastic Book Fair will be coming to Ladner Elementary's Library. Students will have a chance to browse during their library time, and parents are welcome to browse before and after Parent Teacher conferences. You can also purchase online, and browse the catalogue virtually! Thank you to Mme Turner for organizing, and all of our parents and students who have volunteered to help.

World Teacher Day - October 5

World Teacher's Day is this Thursday! Please join us in thanking all of our dedicated educators who commit to making a positive difference in the lives of all our students!



Cross Country Team

Our Cross Country Team is made up of students from Grade 3-7, coached by Mr. Gregg. They are all training hard in preparation for the Holly "Pumpkin Run" on October 12 and the Sunshine Hills Run on October 25.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

October 2	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No School)
October 4-6	Grade 7s at Evans Lake Camp
October 9	Thanksgiving (No School)
October 16	Individual Photos
October 19	Parent Teacher Conferences 2-6pm 1:52 Dismissal Parent Teacher Conferences 2-4pm 1:52 Dismissal
October 18-19	Scholastic Book Fair
October 19	BC Great Shakeout
October 20	Pro-D Day (No School)
October 23	PAC Hot Lunch
October 25	Grade 6 Immunizations
October 26	PAC Meeting 7pm on Teams
October 31	Halloween
November 1	Panama Day