



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The seasons are changing and we have snow forts and enormous snow balls covering the field at LPES! With classroom norms and routines established and Halloween behind us, we are ready to settle into an excellent period of learning.

At this point in the year, we are just over half-way through our first term, with literacy and numeracy assessments completed to help guide classroom instruction. In many classes, structured literacy programs are underway and thinking tasks in numeracy are happening. Learning is also going on outdoor on walking field trips. Please flip the page to learn how you can support our outdoor learning initiatives at LPES.

All the best,

Dan Clark

## FAMILY SESSIONS: ESTABLISHING SAFE, CARING, & RESPECTFUL DIGITAL COMMUNITIES

Everyone Welcome! Recommended for Parents ,Caregivers, Grandparents and youth aged 10 and up as a way to facilitate the conversation of safe and caring use of technology at home and in the community. This session covers all things digital, from how to be a good digital citizen, the criminal consequences of cyberbullying, and how to report and receive support in cases of sexting/sexortion. Some of the most prominent concerns currently surrounding use of social media platforms, smartphones, and artificial intelligence will be discussed.

November 8, 2023: 6:30pm – 7:30pm [login online here](#)

November 28, 2023: 7:00pm – 8:00pm [login online here](#)

November 30, 2023: 6:30pm – 7:30pm [login online here](#)

## OUTDOOR LEARNING AT LPES

Outdoor learning is an important aspect of our programs at LPES. Time outside may be used by teachers to access various parts of the curriculum, or encourage the development of competencies that promote learning. Outdoor learning allows staff and students to enhance our values of wellbeing, relationships and creativity.

## OUTDOOR LEARNING GUIDELINES

As part of our school start-up package, parents and caregivers completed an Outdoor Learning and Walking Field trip form. Short outdoor trips near the school are covered by this form and specific parent permission forms are not required each time a class goes out of the class for learning.

Classes at LPES regularly visit Lois Creek for learning in a natural setting, 'Little Lois Creek' immediately north of the outdoor classroom, McDougall Park, and the residential streets adjacent to the school.

You can help make outdoor learning opportunities a success by doing the following:

- Notify your child's teacher and the office in advance of any appointments or alternate plans for pick-up, so that your child's teacher can make plans to accommodate your child.
- If you need to pick up your child on short notice, please be aware that it might take some time to contact the teacher and walk back to the school. Your patience in these situations is appreciated.
- Ensure that your child has clothing, footwear, a warm hat, and gloves so they are comfortable for extended periods outside. If you need help providing any of these items for your child, please contact the office and we can help.
- If you are interested in joining your child's class during an outdoor learning opportunity, please reach out to your child's teacher in advance. Sometimes an extra adult can support students on these trips and your help is much appreciated.

## TAKE ME OUTSIDE DAY OCTOBER 18

On October 18, students took part in stations as part of Take Me Outside day. They learned about aquatic ecosystems in Lois Creek, the impact of fire on our forests, how they can help clean up our local environment, and the impact of invasive species.

Our staff are working to develop partnerships with Wildsight and the Friends of Lois Creek to act as stewards for the areas around our school. Future projects could include well pulling in the spring near the Lois Creek trailhead, trail restoration, and learning about wetlands.



Students learning about Lodgepole pine cones and fires.



Wildsight staff teaching about aquatic ecosystems in Lois Creek



## LPES SCHOOL CALENDAR

Please remember to check our [LPES School Calendar](#) or this newsletter for updates to activities or changes to our regular schedule.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### NOVEMBER

- Sat night. Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> – Clocks are set back one hour
- Fri. Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Day assembly
- Mon. Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Day (No School)
- Wed. Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> – Child Protection Training 5:45 pm in library
- Wed. Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> – PAC Meeting 6:00pm in library
- Thurs. Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> – Hot Lunch

### DECEMBER

- Fri. Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> – Recycled Shopping event in gym
- Fri. Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> – Winter Variety Show at McKim Theatre  
5:00pm
- Wed. Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> – Child Protection Training 5:45 pm in library
- Wed. Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> – PAC Meeting 6:00pm in library
- Thurs. Dec. 21<sup>th</sup> – Hot Lunch
- Fri. Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Last day of school before Winter Break

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Our school purchases the school supplies for the year in bulk so that all students in each class have what they need. Please send your child's school supply fees (\$50 per child) ASAP. If you require financial assistance for supply costs, please contact the office.

## ONLINE PAYMENT FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We now have SchoolCashOnline available to all parents to make payments on line. Registering for a SchoolCash Online account is free and easy. Any future fees can be paid through this account. Register to get started by visiting <https://sd6.schoolcashionline.com/> and clicking "Register." You may also pay for supplies by cheques made out to Lindsay Park. Please note your child's name in the memo line and what the funds are for.

## PAC NEWS

### CARP TRAINING

This 15 minute training will be offered just before our PAC meetings at 5:45pm. A Criminal Record Check is also required on file, but these are valid for five years. If you need to check on the status of your CRC, kindly contact the office.

### PAC MEETING

Our next PAC Meeting is Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in our library – all parents and caregivers are welcome! Please use the front entrance. You may also join us virtually here: [Click here to join the meeting](#)  
 Meeting ID: 272 292 790 853 and Passcode: qKJU Ae