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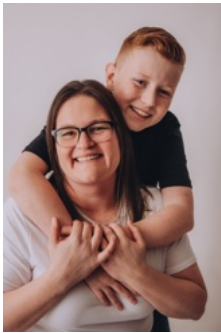
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Monthly Newsletter

April 2025

Principal's Message



Happy April, Ladner families! I hope that you all had a chance to unwind and enjoy some quality time together over Spring Break. April is a very meaningful month for my family, as it is Organ Donation awareness month. Since I have been at LE, the school community has participated in Green Shirt Day on April 7. This day was created to honour one of the Humboldt Broncos bus crash victims, Logan Boulet, who signed up as an organ donor just months before the tragic accident. My oldest son Jack received a life saving liver transplant at 6 years old in the summer of 2018 from an anonymous donor, so sharing our family's story and volunteering with BC Transplant is very important to us.

Please feel free to check out the link to read more about Jack's story that was published last summer: <http://www.transplant.bc.ca/about/news-stories/organ-donation-transplant-stories/langley-boy-starts-high-school-next-week-thanks-to-an-organ-donor>

Autism Awareness



Every year, on April 2nd, the world celebrates World Autism Awareness Day. It is a chance to raise awareness for people who have autism, and it is a chance to celebrate the creative minds of people with Autism Spectrum Disorder. At Ladner, we are committed to keep learning as a community and to help all

children recognize their great potential. "When you meet someone with autism, you meet a person, not a diagnosis" - National Autistic Society.

Tsawwassen First Nation Treaty Day - April 3



On April 3, Tsawwassen First Nation (TFN) will be celebrating Treaty Day. This is the 15th anniversary of the TFN Treaty, the first urban treaty in British Columbia. This treaty restored land ownership and self-government jurisdiction to the Tsawwassen people after many years of negotiation. You can read about the treaty process on the TFN website under the [Timeline of History](#) both Pre & Post-Treaty. We also encourage you to read the newly released [Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act](#)

[Action Plan 2022-2027](#). Within the 89 actions listed in this plan, there are a number specific to the district's continued work.

Track and Field



Track season is about to begin! Students in grades 4-7 will be given the opportunity to sign up to participate, and permission forms will be distributed soon and need to be returned to the office. Please note: practice times will vary and we expect all participants to show up to each practice and put their best foot forward! We are grateful to the many staff members who are helping to coach our students in preparation for the Track Meet this year! The Regional Track Meet is scheduled for Tuesday, May 6 and the District Track Meet (for those students who qualify) is scheduled for Thursday, May 15.

Student Led Conferences



We are thrilled to welcome parents and caregivers to our Student-Led Conferences on April 16th. There will be an early dismissal at 1:52pm. This is an opportunity for your child to show you what they have been learning, and share what goals they may have for themselves for the remaining term. We encourage parents and caregivers to sign-up on Parent Connect for a time-slot. **Sign-up will be made available on-line later this week.** April 17th will also be a 1:52pm early dismissal. Classroom teachers will reach out to those families that they feel an in person interview would be necessary at this time.

Jump Rope for Heart



We are excited to be participating in Jump Rope for Heart this year throughout the month of April. Our Jump Rope Assembly is scheduled for April 9th and our school wide jump celebration will take place on May 9th. As a school we are fundraising both through online donations and cash donations that can be sent in to school with your child. If we fundraise \$2000, both Mrs. Matheson and Mr. Wortley have agreed to be duct taped to the wall at an upcoming assembly. Please see our fundraising page:

<https://jumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/89156>

Student Information



Starting next month, the school will be in the preliminary planning stages of next year's classes. In order to assist us in planning for your child's placement next year, **IF** you have information you would like to share with the school about how your child(ren) best learn and play, we ask that you complete the Student Information Form **that will be emailed home later this month.** This form will be due May 15th to the office. Class placement for each child is a complex task, requiring teachers to collaborate closely in order to consider a multitude of factors such as learning styles, social, emotional and physical needs, maturity, and more. Our goal and the values that guide our process is to ensure that we create balanced classes where all students can be successful. We appreciate and value your input and we will keep the information you provide in mind where possible.

Ladner Stingrays



Please check out www.ladnerstingrays.com if your child is interested in joining this local swim club. The Stingrays are a not-for-profit organization for kids ages 4-18 that runs May through August, at the Ladner Outdoor Pool. Registration is currently open.

April is Oral Health Month



April is oral health month and it's time for @theCDHA's Attack the Plaque colouring contest! It's also a great time to remind everyone to brush their teeth at least twice a day with a fluoride toothpaste (2x2 minutes). #oralhealth4totalhealth www.cdha.ca/colouringcontest

BC Interschool Chess Championship



Location: H.D. Stafford Middle School, 20441 Grade Crescent, Langley, BC V3A 4J8
Main playing area: Main Gym

- Ample indoor waiting area for parents/ visitors.

Section A. Grade 1 to 4 (Rapid - 6 rounds): Format: 15 min + 10 sec increment per move.

Section B. Grade 5 to 8 (Classical - 6 rounds): Format: 55 min + 5sec increment per move (notating games is required for this section).

Section C. Grade 9 to 12 (Blitz - 12 rounds): Format: 5 min + 2 sec increment per move.

Tournament Fee:

- Section A (G1-4 Rapid): \$40 + GST per player.
- Section B (G5-8 Classical): \$80 + GST per player.
- Section C (G9-12 Blitz): \$40 + GST per player.

Guaranteed prizes worth \$2000 plus medals & trophies for individual/ best school positions. Various other door prizes and certificates of participation for all players.

Link to register/ full details: <https://fraservalleychess.com/3rd-annual-bc-inter-school-chess-championship-registration-page>

Registration closes May 29th, 2025 at midnight. No onsite registration. No refunds after registration closes/ for no-shows or withdrawals.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

April 2	World Autism Awareness Day
April 3	Tsawwassen First Nation Treaty Day
April 3	Grade 7 Parent meeting 6pm in the gym
April 7	Green Shirt Day
April 9	Jump Rope for Heart Assembly
April 11	Read All Day @ LE
April 14	Hot Lunch
April 15	Delta School District Reading Link Challenge hosted at LE
April 16	Student Led-Conferences - Early Dismissal 1:52pm
April 17	Teacher requested parent conferences - Early Dismissal 1:52pm
April 18	Good Friday (No School)
April 21	Easter Monday (No School)
April 22	Earth Day
April 25	Character Day
April 25	PAC hosted Spring Dance
April 28	PAC Meeting 7pm on Teams