

# École Ladner Elementary

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## Monthly Newsletter

April 2024

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. I'd like to extend a huge thank you to our Carnival Committee who put together a wonderful morning of French Cultural celebrations for the whole school on March 7. 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. We are grateful that Jack has fully recovered from his illness and recovery and is a very healthy and happy 12 year old boy!

### **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**



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TSAWASSEN FIRST NATION

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 has begun! Students in grades 4-7 will be given the opportunity to sign up to participate, and permission forms will be distributed 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! Grade 3 students can participate in practices but will not be able to participate in the actual track meet event until grade 4. We are grateful to the many staff members who are helping to coach our students in preparation for the Track Meet this year!

## **Student Led Conferences**



We are thrilled to welcome parents and caregivers to our Student-Led Conferences on April 10th. 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 online later this week.** April 11th 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.

## **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.

## **Royal Soccer Club- Summer Camp**



The Royal Soccer Club, a registered non-profit community organization, is proud to host their 32<sup>nd</sup> annual popular grassroots summer soccer day camps. The program is designed to promote personal development, team building and of course, FUN! Uniquely designed to offer a soccer focus in the morning and leisure swim with other organized activities in the afternoons to all children aged 5 to 13, the program

operates during all weeks in July and August. For more information or to register, visit [royalsoccerclub.com](http://royalsoccerclub.com) or call 1-800-427-0536.

## **Ladner Stingrays**



Please check out [www.ladnerstingrays.com](http://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.

## **Saleema Noon Body Science Presentations**

The LE PAC has generously paid for Saleema Noon Body Science presentations for our school this year. The presentations will take place on April 29, May 1 and May 2. There will be a parent information session on April 24 via zoom. Please see the information below if you would like to attend. **This session will not be recorded.**

Topic: Talk Sex Today with Dee Stacey - Ladner Elementary Parents

Time: Apr 24, 2024 06:30 PM Vancouver

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82010936258?pwd=cjZmZitxdUEyN3plSkZZdy9nbIVsQT09>

Meeting ID: 820 1093 6258

Passcode: 900414

## **Erase Family Sessions**

The Ministry of Education has announced new dates for online **Family Sessions on the topic of Social Media Awareness**. These sessions are meant for caregivers and children aged 10 and up.

**Dates: Wednesday, April 10. Tuesday, April 16.**

**Time: All sessions take place from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.**

The sessions can be accessed at the following link: [erase Family Sessions \(saferschoolstogether.com\)](https://saferschoolstogether.com)

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

April 1	Easter Monday - No School
April 2	World Autism Awareness Day
April 3	Tsawwassen First Nation Treaty Day
April 3	Popcorn Sale at recess
April 7	Green Shirt Day
April 8	Hot Lunch
April 10	Student Led-Conferences - Early Dismissal 1:52pm
April 11	<b>Teacher requested parent conferences</b> - Early Dismissal 1:52pm
April 18	Schoolwide Performance - Metaphor 1:15pm
April 18	PAC Meeting 7pm on Zoom
April 19	Frozen Yogurt Treat Day
April 24	Popcorn Sale at recess
April 24	Salem Noon Body Science Parent Session on Zoom
April 29	Hot Lunch
April 29	Salem Noon Body Science Presentations