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News Letter March 2025

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Our second term report cards will be coming out in March before the spring break. It is important to remember that the assessment reflected on the report cards are sign posts indicating where the student currently stands on their learning journey. They are not intended to be destination markers. Learning is a dynamic exercise where one continues to reflect on previous knowledge, develops questions for what one would still like to know more about and make personal meaning of the learning that one does acquire. Too often in the past we have viewed intelligence as a static entity, something that one possesses or lacks. I don't believe this. There has been much brain research recently that names something called neural plasticity, which basically outlines the brains' ability to grow, adapt and connect. However, to do so it needs to be active and exercised, much the same way our muscles do. We may not know something or be able to do something, but it is vitally important to add the word 'yet' to the end of this statement. With intended practice, exposure and learning opportunities, we can all learn and accomplish amazing things. Our brains are the most powerful tools in the universe.

REPORT CARDS

March 11th, Report Cards will be going home with students. Please take this time to review the Report Card, and discuss with your child the ways on how you as Parents/Guardians can support them in their learning.

The Provincial Proficiency Scale

Dear Parents and Guardian,

Please note that to demonstrate that learning does not stop when a student hands in an assignment or completes a test, the Ministry of Education has adopted the four-point assessment scale listed below.

Emerging: Emerging means your child is beginning to understand something in an area of learning. They are still learning but may need more support to move ahead. Emerging doesn't mean your child is unsuccessful in this area.

Developing: Developing means your child understands some things in an area of learning but still has other areas to work on. Like Emerging, it does not mean your child is unsuccessful in this area.

Proficient: Proficient is the goal for your child. It is also the goal for all students. When your child is Proficient, it means they fully understand the required learning. But it does not mean their learning stops.

Extending: Extending is when students show a deeper understanding. It is when your child is able to apply their learning in new and different ways. Extending is not the goal for all student in every area of learning.

I hope that you find the narratives and assessment ratings helpful in this term report card and helps you to better understand and appreciate where your child stands on their learning journey.

Regards,
Mark Lewis
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Mar 4th Water Wise Presentation
- Mar 6th Gr 6 Basketball Tournament
- Mar 6th Hot Lunch – Hot Dogs
- Mar 7th Friday Skate.
- Mar 10th Indigenous Assembly
- Mar 11th Report Cards Go Home.
- Mar 12th School of Choice Closes
- Mar 13th Gr 7 Basketball Tournament
- Mar 13th Hot Lunch – Pizza
- Mar 14th Last Friday Skate
- Mar 14th Last Day before Spring Break
- Mar 17 -28th **School will be closed.**
- Mar 31st First day back after Break.

LLH FRIDAY SKATE



Lac La Hache Elementary Friday Afternoon last skate for the season will be on **March 14th, 2025**. Please make sure your child(ren) come dressed with the following: **Helmet, Skates, Jacket, Snow pants, Gloves**. (There are skates available at the arena, for those students that need them). If parents would like to come help with the tying of skates or to go out on the ice with the students, please contact the office. Your assistance is always appreciated.

SPRING BREAK

March 14th is the students last instructional day before Spring Break. ***The school will be closed from March 17th – March 28th***. Will reopen on March 31st.



JUMP ROPE FOR HEART MONTH

February was Heart Month, Lac La Hache Elementary will continue their campaign through March and will have the School Jump Rope For Heart Activity Day on April 16th, 2025.

If anyone would like to donate to the Heart and Stroke Foundation you can do so by going to the following website that is set up for La La Hache Elementary.

Your school's fundraising page is: <https://jumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/89244>

INDOOR AND OUTDOOR SHOES

The weather is changing and we would like to remind Parents/Guardians that students need to have Indoor/Outdoor Shoes. This helps in the maintenance and cleanliness of our school. If you need help with the purchasing of shoes, please contact the office at 250-396-7230 or send an email to mark.lewis@sd27.bc.ca.

COLD WEATHER REMINDERS



- Dress warmly, we want the students to be outside.
- School is always open, there is no temperature in which we automatically close.
- Cold weather conditions may stop busses from running, or deem the roads to be unsafe, please check the the District Website for current morning updates.
- If you can get your children to school. We want them to have a consistent attendance, for it is important for optimal learning.

PAC NEWS

Our next PAC Meeting will be on February 13th, at 2:15pm. We would like to strongly encourage parents/guardians to come to the meetings, for your input and ideas are always needed to help support this great school.

Meal Program

Lac La Hache Elementary is still offering our Grab-and-Go Breakfast Program. Our Hot Lunch Program that runs every Thursday will commence on Thursday October 10th. We do look forward in offering this wonderful program for the students of Lac La Hache Elementary.



SCHOOL WEBSITE PICTURES

Parents who would like to look at some pictures of the events that the students of Lac La Hache have been to you can do so by going to:

[Lac la Hache Pictures \(sd27.bc.ca\)](https://sd27.bc.ca) or go to:

1. School Website (Lac La Hache Elementary School)
2. News (Top Tab)
3. Lac La Hache Pictures



We are pleased to announce that the Kindergarten Registration for the 2024/2025 school year will start on January 29th, 2024. Please come fill out your application form today, and be sure to bring with you the following:

Enrollment ID Checklist **2025-2026**

Indicators in support of establishing that parent(s)/guardians(s) are 'ordinarily resident' in BC. Two indicators are from the list below would strongly support ordinarily resident. Must have address listed on these indicators. *Childs: Birth Certificate or Passport and Care Card (Must Have) **

*Must be at least one of these for first ID

1. Ownership of dwelling or long-term lease/rental agreement*
2. Employment within community or elsewhere in BC (pay statement) *
3. Any legal documents indicating British Columbia residence (utility bill) *
4. Parent/guardian files income tax returns as BC resident*
5. Canadian bank accounts/credit cards associated to BC address*

Second piece only

1. Spouse, children, other dependent family members in same dwelling**
2. BC Driver's License
3. BC Provincial registration of automobile**
4. Subscription for life or health insurance, particularly MSP**
5. Business relationships in the community**
6. Links to community through religious organizations, recreational clubs, unions and/or professional organizations**

**Accepted as second piece only.

School Of Choice

Families wishing to attend a school outside their catchment area must first register at their designated catchment school, only then you are able submit a School of Choice Application Form. The forms can be obtained and filled out at your catchment school or on the School District Office or on the School District's website (www.sd27.bc.ca).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office @ 250-396-7230